

Allegheny County's Nonprofits

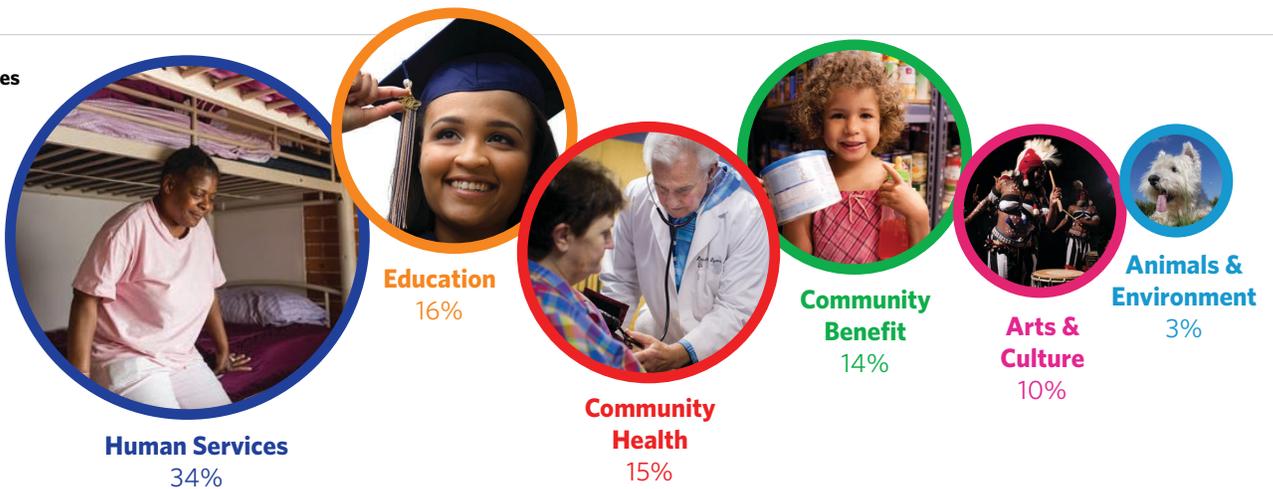
Good for the community and the economy

In 2014, The Forbes Funds, The Pittsburgh Foundation and United Way of Allegheny County set out to sharpen their understanding of the social and economic significance of one nonprofit sub-sector: community-focused nonprofits. There are over 2,000 such organizations in Allegheny County.

Some of these organizations provide food and shelter to needy families, mental health services, job training and employment assistance. Others offer educational opportunities, enrich our cultural experience, or strengthen the vitality of our neighborhoods. Still others provide services for the elderly and the infirm.

What follows are some surprising facts about the collective impact these organizations have on quality of life in Allegheny County. Our conclusion is that community-focused nonprofits are essential to who we are and to the vitality of where we live. They are key economic partners, and also caring contributors of services that save tax dollars and improve lives.

Leading categories of nonprofits represented in the study:



Annual Economic Impact

\$4.5 Billion
Annual Revenues

\$9 Billion
Total Economic Output

100,000+
Direct and Indirect Jobs

\$377 Million
State and Local Taxes Generated

Preventive Programs Save Lives and Taxpayer Dollars

\$16 -vs- **\$54**
Short-term vs. Long-term*
Cost per day of Allegheny County inmates (2011)

Crime Prevention · These services result in fewer jail-bed days, shorter probation, decreased number of court appearances, and fewer arrests.

**Includes correctional officer salaries*

12% -vs- **41%**
TIP Students vs. PA population

Re-arrest · Training Institute of Pittsburgh's (TIP) re-arrest rate is 29% below PA's average, a massive improvement due to the livable wages and long-term employment encouraged by the career skills program.

\$48 -vs- **\$206**
Foster Care vs. Group Home
Cost per day, per child

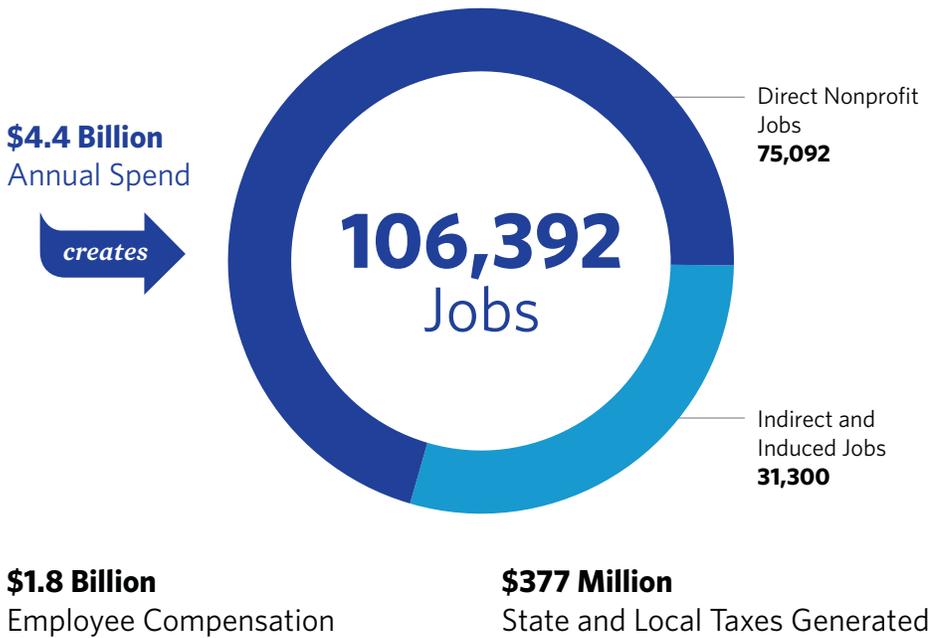
Foster Care · Success in foster care often avoids the more substantial cost of group homes and residential settings.

\$3,462
Average Savings per Family

Domestic Violence · Preventing domestic abuse saves families money in the form of medical care for injured victims, targeted education and counseling services for affected children, and law enforcement resources.

Vital Employer to Allegheny County Residents

Community-focused nonprofits are responsible for providing 8.7% of local residents with jobs that make the community a better place, and salaries that help sustain local jobs in a variety of industries such as restaurants, hospitals and grocery stores.

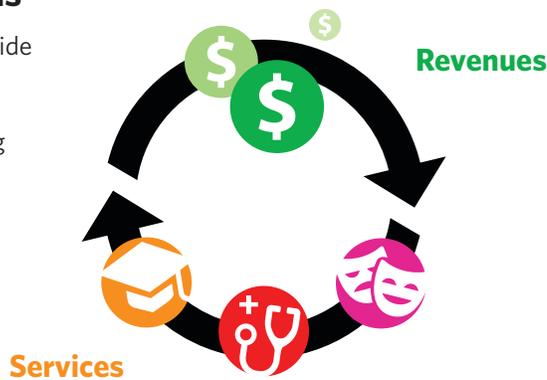


Nonprofit spending and employee salaries support 31,300 jobs. Just like manufacturing industries, the nonprofit sector supports local jobs in the professions such as real estate, finance and hospitality.



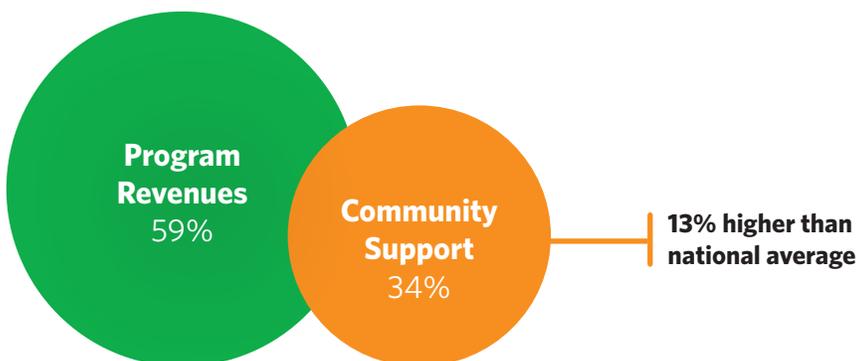
Operating on Thin Margins

Revenues brought in are used to provide essential services. With little (if any) surplus left at the end of the year, organizations must find other funding sources to maintain their services.



of PA nonprofits had to use **emergency funding** to maintain 2013 service levels

Breakdown of Key Revenue Sources



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