

## FAST FACTS ABOUT THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

- Nonprofit organizations employed more than 10.6% of the workforce in 2013 (14.4 million workers).<sup>1</sup> More individuals work for nonprofit employers than are employed in national defense, construction, real estate, and space research *combined*.<sup>2</sup>
- The nonprofit sector contributed \$634 billion in wages and salaries, 8.9% of all wages and salaries paid in the United States in 2013.<sup>3</sup>
- The nonprofit sector contributed an estimated \$937.7 billion to the US economy in 2014, which made up 5.4 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).<sup>4</sup> The nonprofit sector would rank as the sixteenth largest economy among the 199 nations tracked by the World Bank.<sup>5</sup>
- As of December 2016, there were 1,202,719 public charities and private foundations in the United States.<sup>6</sup>
- Governments at all levels paid \$130 billion to nonprofit organizations for services in 2014, but government did not pay the full costs of the services performed.<sup>7</sup>
  - More than half of nonprofits reported that they are reimbursed less than 10 percent for their organizational costs by governments (federal 54%, state 57%, local 58%); almost all reported they are reimbursed 15 percent or less (federal 84%, state 90%, local 89%). Approximately one third reported decreases in contracts as a percentage of the organization's revenues.<sup>8</sup>
  - Of nonprofits that provide programs and services for governments, over one-quarter (26%) have found that the federal government pays more than 30 days late. The problem is worse at the state and local level, where government late payments affected approximately one-third (30-35%) nonprofit contractors.<sup>9</sup>
- About 62.6 million people, or 24.9% of Americans age 16 and older, volunteered through or for a nonprofit organization at least once between September 2014 and September 2015, averaging 52 hours annually per person.<sup>10</sup> The estimated value of volunteer time for 2016 is \$24.14 per hour, equaling an estimated \$1.5 trillion.<sup>11</sup>
- Nonprofits work in *every* community: caring for returning soldiers, rebuilding cities, educating children, supporting the workforce, nursing the sick, supporting our elders, elevating the arts, mentoring our youth, protecting natural resources, and more.

<sup>1</sup> Brice McKeever and Marcus Gaddy, "[The Nonprofit Workforce](#)," *NPQ*, October 24, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> [Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey](#), Bureau of Labor Statistics, February 8, 2017.

<sup>3</sup> Brice McKeever and Marcus Gaddy, "[The Nonprofit Workforce](#)," *NPQ*, October 24, 2016.

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<sup>5</sup> [Gross Domestic Product 2015](#), World Bank, World Development Indicators Database, April 28, 2017.

<sup>6</sup> [Quick Facts About Nonprofits](#), Urban Institute, accessed June 15, 2017.

<sup>7</sup> Brice S. McKeever, [The Nonprofit Sector in Brief 2015](#), *Urban Institute*, Urban Institute, October 2015.

<sup>8</sup> [2015 State of the Nonprofit Sector](#), Nonprofit Finance Fund.

<sup>9</sup> [2015 State of the Nonprofit Sector](#), Nonprofit Finance Fund, 2015.

<sup>10</sup> [Volunteering in the United States, 2015](#), Bureau of Labor Statistics News Release, February 25, 2016.

<sup>11</sup> [The Value of Volunteer Time](#), Independent Sector, May 21, 2016.