

## NCCS: NONPROFIT DATA AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

The National Center for Charitable Statistics, a program of the Urban Institute's Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy, is the national clearinghouse of data on the nonprofit sector in the United States. NCCS data are available to researchers, government officials, reporters, and others interested in the nonprofit sector.

### **What can the NCCS database tell me about the nonprofit sector generally?**

NCCS summarizes key data on nonprofits in a research brief based on the 270-page Urban Institute Press volume [The Nonprofit Almanac 2008](#). The brief includes statistics on

- The size of the nonprofit sector in the United States, both in number of organizations and in dollars
- Annual charitable giving and its growth over the last 10 years
- Taxpayers' time spent volunteering at nonprofits
- View the brief and read more about the [Almanac](#) on the NCCS Web site at [nccs.urban.org](http://nccs.urban.org).

### **What can the NCCS database tell me about specific categories of nonprofits, such as children's organizations or the arts?**

The NCCS Table Wizard can generate tables of data on 655 kinds of nonprofits, from research institutes to zoos. The tables display

- The number of registered organizations in the category selected
- How many of these file the IRS's Form 990 (a document completed by most nonprofits that receive at least \$25,000 in gross receipts)
- The cumulative revenue and assets of those that file the 990
- Find the Table Wizard at <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/nccsTools.php> and select how you want the report organized, a date, a geographic region, and a major purpose or activity from the drop-down menus. Or, choose a major category and a focused category, identified by a classification code.
- The NCCS database also can display "top ten" lists of the nation's largest public charities, both generally and in eight broad categories, such as health and social services. Go to <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/nccsTools.php> and select "Top 10 Lists."

### **What can the NCCS database tell me about nonprofit organizations in my area?**

Summary data are tabulated in key tables, including

- The growth in the number of nonprofits per state between 1996 and 2006
- The number of nonprofits, by state, and their total revenue and assets
- Go to <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/nccsTools.php> and choose "State Tables."

The database also can generate lists of the largest nonprofits in a given state or county.

- How to: Visit <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/nccsTools.php> and choose “Largest Public Charities by State” for states and “NCCS County Browser” for counties.

More detailed information is available two ways:

- The NCCS Table Wizard can summarize the size of the nonprofit community—whether by the number of organizations or financial resources—dedicated to a particular purpose or activity in your state or county.
- How to: Visit <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/nccsTools.php>, use the “Table Wizard” and select whether you want the report organized by county or state, a date, a geographic region, or a “major purpose or activity.”
- The NCCS database also can retrieve a list of all nonprofits registered in a zip code or state, and the list can be narrowed by the purpose or activity. The list will include links to more detailed financial information about each organization.
- Visit <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/nccsTools.php> and select “Search Active Organizations.”

### **What can the NCCS database tell me about charitable giving in my zip code, city, or state?**

NCCS geographic searches produce tables with detailed demographic information—such as an area’s population and unemployment rate—as well as data on how many households itemize their taxes and what percent of itemizers report charitable contributions. The tables also summarize the total household giving in an area, and calculate the value of contributions as a percentage of adjusted gross income.

- Visit <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/nccsTools.php> and select “Geo Search” to enter a zip code, city, county, major metropolitan area, or state.

### **What can the NCCS database tell me about a specific organization’s finances, activities, and leadership?**

- The NCCS database contains the following information about each nonprofit organization that files IRS Form 990: gross receipts, total assets, primary purpose of the organization, summary of its programs, the type of nonprofit as defined by the IRS, and the year the organization was recognized by the IRS as a nonprofit.
- NCCS database users can retrieve copies of completed 990 forms, which include the data described above as well as details on the organization’s sources of income, names and salaries of key employees, and names of board members.

- How to: Go to <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/nccsTools.php>, select “Search Active Organizations” and enter the organization’s name. Or, search by zip code, city, state, or code representing the group’s activities and choose an organization from the list of results. Codes representing different nonprofits’ work are called NTEE codes and are available at:  
<http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/PubApps/nteeSearch.php>.

Additional raw data is available in NCCS’s database for registered users, and data extracts can be purchased from NCCS. Key files in the database can be combined to create a detailed portrait of the revenues, expenses, balance sheets, and programs of nonprofit organizations filing Form 990s.

For more information, visit NCCS on the Web at <http://nccs.urban.org> or call 1-866-518-3874.