

Nonprofits in Washington – Update September 2006

This page updates key statistics about nonprofit organizations serving Washington communities. The full report *Nonprofits in Washington: 2004* is available online at <http://www.exec-alliance.org/NPInWA>.

Broad Patterns in Growth and Finances

Number of Nonprofit Corporations (Registered with the Secretary of State)		Increase in number of nonprofits per day in the interval
10/6/06	51,432	5.1
8/19/05	49,317	3.5
3/8/04	47,480	4.4
5/1/99	39,677	4.3
5/1/94	31,835	-

Source: Corporations Division, Office of the Secretary of State, Olympia, WA

Number of Public Charities (501(c)(3)s not classified as private foundations – includes nonfilers)		Increase in number of public charities per day in the interval
May 2006	22,320	1.5
Nov. 2003	20,980	2.5
Sept. 1998	16,286	1.7
June 1993	13,002	-

Source: NCCS Data Web, the Urban Institute

IRS payroll expense data collected in 2004 show a total of 3,181 public charities that paid wages to one or more employees; the total amount paid came to \$7.3 billion. (The corresponding figures for 2001 are 3,252 and \$6.4 billion.)

Organizational Size

The number of large 501(c)(3)s in Washington has been growing rapidly. In 2001, 442 had assets of over \$10 million and a total of just over \$40 billion in assets; in IRS records for 2006, this number has grown to 525, with total end-of-year assets of \$80 billion. It is still true, however, that the overwhelming majority of nonprofits are small; 80% have assets under \$100,000 and those assets total less than \$186 million for all 26,355 organizations (an average of a little over \$7,000 each). (The figures in this paragraph include public charities, private foundations and other tax-exempt entities that report to the IRS; courtesy of The National Center for Charitable Statistics, the Urban Institute.)