

California Nonprofit Employers

Introduction

Research data on employment and wages for the nonprofit sector for 2022 1st quarter are now available by industry sector, county, nonprofit type, and size. These data provide insight into this important segment of the State and U.S. economy.

These data are the result of a research project and may be updated periodically, as resources permit. They are not an official QCEW published series. Quarterly data tables beginning with 2022 1st Quarter are available on the Labor Market Information Nonprofit Sector webpage.

Key Findings in 2022 1st Quarter

- There are **30,525 nonprofit firms** in California
- Nonprofit Firms employ **1.55 million employees**
- Total California nonprofit wages (subject to unemployment insurance) are **\$21.8 billion**
- Nonprofits employ **10%** of the California workforce
- **51** nonprofit firms each employ over 3,000 employees
- The largest type of nonprofit entity are **501(c)(3) organizations** which employ 1.15 million employees
- The top three counties that employ the largest number of nonprofit employees are **Los Angeles** (381,745), **Riverside** (282,512), and **San Diego** (126,166).

Data Elements Available

Nonprofit data are available for the number of firms, number of employees, and wages (subject to Unemployment Insurance).

Data are aggregated in 4 tables:



Nonprofit tables are shown for 2022 1st quarter:

(1) NAICS Industry Sector of Nonprofit Employers				
Time Period:	2022 1st Quarter			
Area:	California –Statewide			
Industry:	Total, all industries			
Size:	All establishment sizes			
NAICS Sector	Industry Sector Description	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	58	410	\$3,356,665
22	Utilities	38	935	\$45,296,514
23	Construction	122	1,250	\$20,938,207
31-33	Manufacturing	39	629	\$13,030,131
42	Wholesale Trade	87	528	\$8,803,733
44-45	Retail Trade	305	13,407	\$76,326,760
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	60	3,795	\$43,101,922
51	Information	301	4,504	\$66,381,882
52	Finance and Insurance	181	71,820	\$214,728,561
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	200	4,555	\$57,131,709
54	Professional and Technical Services	1,179	36,863	\$909,368,517
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	13	5,719	\$118,339,564
56	Administrative and Waste Services	375	8,758	\$109,334,437
61	Educational Services	3,323	276,436	\$3,448,888,218
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	5,010	614,029	\$9,818,887,227
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,571	33,614	\$277,982,583
72	Accommodation and Food Services	182	2,293	\$12,063,691
81	Other Services (except Public Admin)	15,537	191,987	\$1,141,446,923
92	Public Administration	17	256,410	\$5,159,056,371
99	Unclassified	1,927	19,939	\$305,198,036
	CALIFORNIA TOTAL	30,525	1,547,881	\$21,849,661,651

The QCEW program uses the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) to assign firms to industries and to report industry data at highly detailed as well as at aggregated levels. For a complete list of NAICS 2022 codes, titles, descriptions, and index items, please access the [BLS QCEW Industry Finder](#).

(2) County Location of Nonprofit Employers

Time Period: 2022 1st Quarter
Area: California –Statewide (58 counties)
Industry: Total, all industries
Size: All establishment sizes

County	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
ALAMEDA	1,857	104,238	\$769,827,846
AMADOR	48	322	\$2,327,010
BUTTE	202	11,635	\$141,490,836
CALAVERAS	41	751	\$8,368,828
COLUSA	17	37	\$167,164
CONTRA COSTA	772	24,973	\$317,777,979
DEL NORTE	29	567	\$8,588,182
EL DORADO	155	4,556	\$66,982,020
FRESNO	614	29,392	\$352,207,076
GLENN	24	584	\$6,539,124
HUMBOLDT	178	3,022	\$28,882,914
IMPERIAL	89	1,755	\$16,581,690
INYO	29	224	\$1,646,422
KERN	425	13,591	\$146,296,580
KINGS	53	2,904	\$34,811,264
LAKE	46	1,261	\$14,290,697
LASSEN	16	319	\$4,155,039
LOS ANGELES	7,926	381,745	\$5,084,418,266
MADERA	71	5,410	\$86,100,552
MARIN	474	12,937	\$191,825,762
MARIPOSA	17	167	\$1,476,169
MENDOCINO	126	3,928	\$45,898,000
MERCED	113	1,526	\$11,109,336
MODOC	11	44	\$119,344
MONO	26	325	\$1,149,428
MONTEREY	313	10,084	\$163,869,538
NAPA	162	4,322	\$50,951,660
NEVADA	178	1,829	\$10,601,885
ORANGE	2,235	89,333	\$962,548,143
PLACER	322	13,576	\$142,244,683
PLUMAS	42	782	\$8,370,362
RIVERSIDE	1,119	282,512	\$5,378,047,855
SACRAMENTO	1,226	42,402	\$574,076,083

County	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
SAN BENITO	34	453	\$3,327,455
SAN BERNARDINO	1,024	48,335	\$605,992,170
SAN DIEGO	2,594	126,166	\$1,643,992,991
SAN FRANCISCO	1,492	100,486	\$1,691,347,067
SAN JOAQUIN	400	13,388	\$132,551,997
SAN LUIS OBISPO	300	7,574	\$49,695,595
SAN MATEO	667	43,839	\$964,752,057
SANTA BARBARA	572	18,694	\$211,052,879
SANTA CLARA	1,458	68,476	\$1,214,300,087
SANTA CRUZ	340	6,740	\$57,348,723
SHASTA	178	3,998	\$28,509,174
SIERRA	7	38	\$79,496
SISKIYOU	70	618	\$3,989,228
SOLANO	247	7,142	\$104,096,380
SONOMA	515	10,129	\$105,579,480
STANISLAUS	300	5,204	\$33,384,583
SUTTER	60	1,725	\$18,043,835
TEHAMA	38	4,056	\$46,246,133
TRINITY	8	236	\$3,201,916
TULARE	223	5,542	\$54,426,023
TUOLUMNE	54	2,140	\$28,315,270
VENTURA	635	12,314	\$100,441,559
YOLO	197	3,129	\$27,768,288
YUBA	36	2,387	\$40,166,849
UNCLASSIFIED	120	4,019	\$47,304,679
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County classifications are determined by the establishment's physical location address. County data consists of the 58 California counties.

(3) Employer Types of Nonprofit Employers			
Time Period:	2022 1st Quarter		
Area:	California –Statewide		
Industry:	Total, all industries		
Size:	All establishment sizes		
Nonprofit Type	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
Churches	10,103	191,552	\$278,683,539
Nonprofit 501(c)(3)	11,107	1,154,143	\$19,204,476,594
Nonprofit school	759	58,247	\$746,458,863
Nonprofit (other)	8,556	143,939	\$1,620,042,655
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A nonprofit organization is a type of organization that is organized and operated for the benefit of the public or a specific group of individuals, rather than for the benefit of its owners or shareholders. Nonprofit organizations are often organized around a particular social cause or issue, such as education, health care, the arts, or the environment. They may be charitable organizations, which rely on donations and other forms of philanthropic support to fund their activities, or they may generate revenue through the sale of goods or services.

A 501(c)(3) organization is a type of nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. They may also be eligible for other tax benefits, such as exemption from sales tax on certain purchases and reduced postage rates. Examples of 501(c)(3) organizations include charitable foundations, religious organizations, educational institutions, medical research organizations, and social advocacy organizations.

(4) Employment Size of Nonprofit Employers			
Time Period:	2022 1st Quarter		
Area:	California –Statewide		
Industry:	Total, all industries		
Size:	All establishment sizes by size range		
Employment Size	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
0	4,033	0	\$0
1-4	12,631	25,567	\$205,011,297
5-9	4,734	31,311	\$211,150,150
10-19	3,449	47,255	\$313,902,713
20-49	2,899	88,544	\$677,642,303
50-99	1,193	83,350	\$825,653,029
100-249	899	136,684	\$1,467,443,575
250-499	334	116,596	\$1,321,783,008
500-999	172	123,076	\$1,496,946,017
1000-2999	130	215,080	\$3,011,856,648
3000+	51	680,418	\$12,318,272,911
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Employment size tables generally utilize 9 size ranges. This table contains two additional categories: 0 (zero) to show the number of firms with zero employees receiving wages subject to unemployment insurance, and 3000+ to show data on very large nonprofit firms.

Data Source

The data source is the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Tax Branch.

Definition of Terms

The definitions of terms used in this report are as follows:

Nonprofit refers to organizations that are neither for-profit businesses nor government agencies. Nonprofits are a subset of private industry. Nonprofit organizations may generate revenue, but this revenue cannot be distributed to owners or employees as they might be in a for-profit business. Nonprofits include, but are not limited to, hospitals, churches, educational institutions, social welfare organizations, and charitable organizations such as disaster relief, civil rights, community development, environmental advocacy, and the arts. Charitable organizations also include hospitals and private schools.

Number of Firms is the number of active firms. A firm is an economic unit that may consist of multiple establishments.

Number of Employees is the total number of wage items (SSN count) reported on employer's quarterly tax wage report.

Subject Wages are the sum of all UI-covered wages paid by businesses during the identified quarter.

NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) Sector is the two-digit classification for an establishment's business activity.

Confidentiality. Data are suppressed (*) because confidential data could be extrapolated if these data were included. The totals include the suppressed values.

The QCEW program is releasing these nonprofit data on a research basis. Future releases will be based on upon continued demand for the data and availability of resources.

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