

California Nonprofit Employers

Introduction

Research data on employment and wages for the nonprofit sector for 2022 3rd 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 3rd Quarter

- There are **30,979 nonprofit firms** in California
- Nonprofit firms employ **1.65 million employees**
- Total California nonprofit wages (subject to unemployment insurance) are **\$28.6 billion**
- Nonprofits employ **10%** of the California workforce
- **55** nonprofit firms each employ over 3,000 employees
- The largest type of nonprofit entity are **501(c)(3) organizations** which employ 1.3 million employees
- The top three counties that employ the largest number of nonprofit employees are **Los Angeles** (395,575), **Riverside** (284,778), and **Santa Clara** (148,123)

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 3rd quarter:

(1) NAICS Industry Sector of Nonprofit Employers				
Time Period:		2022 3rd 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	60	514	\$4,498,041
22	Utilities	38	920	\$32,161,386
23	Construction	118	1,372	\$21,933,792
31-33	Manufacturing	42	720	\$13,714,727
42	Wholesale Trade	86	626	\$15,473,530
44-45	Retail Trade	310	13,952	\$86,613,855
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	59	4,865	\$95,523,510
51	Information	317	4,764	\$69,273,758
52	Finance and Insurance	189	8,521	\$148,135,340
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	200	5,168	\$67,272,060
54	Professional and Technical Services	1,179	38,305	\$969,962,375
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	12	5,672	\$142,330,889
56	Administrative and Waste Services	375	9,565	\$133,934,705
61	Educational Services	3,358	286,956	\$3,844,308,707
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	5,070	733,430	\$14,278,634,838
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,599	38,992	\$311,894,595
72	Accommodation and Food Services	186	4,872	\$19,897,138
81	Other Services (except Public Admin)	16,599	220,501	\$1,315,405,889
92	Public Administration	17	258,609	\$6,682,029,143
99	Unclassified	1,165	15,253	\$306,940,131
	CALIFORNIA TOTAL	30,979	1,653,577	\$28,559,938,409

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 3rd Quarter
 Area: California –Statewide (58 counties)
 Industry: Total, all industries
 Size: All establishment sizes

County	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
ALAMEDA	1,853	56,533	\$840,622,464
AMADOR	34	351	\$2,276,001
BUTTE	200	12,464	\$169,697,489
CALAVERAS	38	730	\$10,353,071
COLUSA	16	32	\$127,444
CONTRA COSTA	788	25,847	\$362,417,824
DEL NORTE	26	578	\$9,317,214
EL DORADO	157	3,357	\$43,828,065
FRESNO	609	33,692	\$414,202,893
GLENN	25	635	\$8,115,897
HUMBOLDT	180	3,336	\$34,544,864
IMPERIAL	86	1,759	\$18,368,779
INYO	27	208	\$1,720,371
KERN	414	13,922	\$166,091,511
KINGS	53	2,992	\$39,429,530
LAKE	45	1,362	\$17,584,752
LASSEN	16	340	\$4,565,409
LOS ANGELES	7,895	395,575	\$6,098,314,045
MADERA	75	5,546	\$92,505,798
MARIN	444	12,633	\$205,443,478
MARIPOSA	17	199	\$1,683,509
MENDOCINO	125	4,159	\$54,925,211
MERCED	113	1,333	\$8,119,598
MODOC	11	87	\$457,928
MONO	24	143	\$1,144,556
MONTEREY	312	10,774	\$182,061,506
NAPA	152	4,489	\$60,058,605
NEVADA	171	2,049	\$12,963,010
ORANGE	2,240	90,602	\$1,069,323,307
PLACER	316	13,803	\$165,523,238
PLUMAS	45	972	\$10,475,419
RIVERSIDE	1,106	284,778	\$6,899,107,844
SACRAMENTO	1,240	45,954	\$549,689,065

County	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
SAN BENITO	33	564	\$3,868,475
SAN BERNARDINO	1,027	50,933	\$706,022,791
SAN DIEGO	2,624	133,586	\$1,840,890,178
SAN FRANCISCO	1,495	107,385	\$2,108,733,822
SAN JOAQUIN	400	14,286	\$151,441,483
SAN LUIS OBISPO	300	7,453	\$63,604,329
SAN MATEO	656	45,355	\$1,118,911,336
SANTA BARBARA	568	16,591	\$176,379,020
SANTA CLARA	1,479	148,123	\$3,688,096,978
SANTA CRUZ	341	7,565	\$61,133,735
SHASTA	182	4,339	\$31,880,242
SIERRA	4	42	\$88,351
SISKIYOU	65	711	\$4,544,407
SOLANO	248	7,064	\$117,255,452
SONOMA	528	10,783	\$119,677,685
STANISLAUS	296	5,395	\$35,296,934
SUTTER	60	1,736	\$20,906,038
TEHAMA	38	711	\$6,087,258
TRINITY	8	264	\$3,644,846
TULARE	224	6,338	\$65,418,171
TUOLUMNE	56	2,233	\$34,700,547
VENTURA	633	13,824	\$109,000,093
YOLO	199	3,127	\$29,193,651
YUBA	33	2,405	\$49,950,191
UNCLASSIFIED	629	31,530	\$458,152,701
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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 3 rd Quarter		
Area:	California –Statewide		
Industry:	Total, all industries		
Size:	All establishment sizes		
Nonprofit Type	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
Churches	10,122	152,743	\$289,111,991
Nonprofit 501(c)(3)	11,466	1,296,654	\$25,743,373,012
Nonprofit school	765	61,733	\$804,010,215
Nonprofit (other)	8,626	142,447	\$1,723,443,191
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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 3 rd 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	3,902	0	\$0
1-4	12,728	25,822	\$208,381,257
5-9	4,722	31,404	\$212,443,287
10-19	3,558	48,845	\$335,420,537
20-49	3,088	94,218	\$726,127,546
50-99	1,278	89,405	\$857,944,350
100-249	951	144,742	\$1,587,183,367
250-499	383	133,279	\$1,570,786,905
500-999	185	133,202	\$1,725,747,723
1000-2999	129	217,194	\$3,287,753,808
3000+	55	735,466	\$18,048,149,629
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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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