

# California Nonprofit Employers

## Introduction

Research data on employment and wages for the nonprofit sector for 2023 1<sup>st</sup> quarter are 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 2023 1st Quarter

- There are **31,201 nonprofit firms** in California
- Nonprofit Firms employ **1.65 million employees**
- Total California nonprofit wages (subject to unemployment insurance) are **\$28.4 billion**
- Nonprofits employ **10%** of the California workforce
- **54** 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** (383,744), **Riverside** (296,698), and **Santa Clara** (152,018).

## 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:



Examples of nonprofit tables are shown for 2023 1<sup>st</sup> quarter:

**(1) NAICS Industry Sector of Nonprofit Employers**

Time Period: 2023 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	56	351	\$4,284,848
22	Utilities	40	941	\$54,452,031
23	Construction	117	1,343	\$24,419,148
31-33	Manufacturing	39	647	\$10,830,269
42	Wholesale Trade	76	551	\$13,615,587
44-45	Retail Trade	305	13,592	\$86,813,208
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	57	3,784	\$49,798,086
51	Information	324	4,109	\$66,490,153
52	Finance and Insurance	187	9,299	\$224,504,469
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	191	5,636	\$78,858,640
54	Professional and Technical Services	1,177	36,810	\$1,006,040,345
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	12	6,219	\$133,182,093
56	Administrative and Waste Services	358	5,776	\$75,428,469
61	Educational Services	3,374	286,124	\$3,838,957,827
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	5,149	734,164	\$14,030,921,732
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,607	37,794	\$342,088,822
72	Accommodation and Food Services	188	2,735	\$15,613,164
81	Other Services (except Public Admin)	16,711	212,999	\$1,347,019,811
92	Public Administration	18	270,307	\$6,706,112,324
99	Unclassified	1,215	14,773	\$316,217,255
	<b>CALIFORNIA TOTAL</b>	<b>31,201</b>	<b>1,647,954</b>	<b>\$28,425,648,281</b>

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: 2023 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	1,870	51,061	\$743,660,127
AMADOR	35	368	\$3,325,084
BUTTE	200	12,541	\$160,189,025
CALAVERAS	39	650	\$9,046,280
COLUSA	14	46	\$231,520
CONTRA COSTA	790	21,378	\$369,440,674
DEL NORTE	26	571	\$9,078,260
EL DORADO	158	4,732	\$75,033,434
FRESNO	626	34,643	\$447,178,640
GLENN	25	655	\$8,207,061
HUMBOLDT	183	3,234	\$34,586,903
IMPERIAL	83	1,744	\$18,744,966
INYO	27	200	\$1,830,900
KERN	418	13,817	\$163,576,884
KINGS	55	3,023	\$38,075,610
LAKE	48	1,364	\$15,600,522
LASSEN	15	333	\$4,248,866
LOS ANGELES	7,932	383,744	\$5,968,627,757
MADERA	76	5,057	\$79,881,881
MARIN	443	12,678	\$211,126,844
MARIPOSA	16	180	\$1,769,012
MENDOCINO	121	4,124	\$51,916,440
MERCED	111	1,265	\$8,567,827
MODOC	11	59	\$162,911
MONO	22	108	\$886,507
MONTEREY	306	10,397	\$188,656,669
NAPA	148	4,490	\$58,263,923
NEVADA	174	1,886	\$12,912,274
ORANGE	2,282	90,401	\$1,045,500,596
PLACER	322	13,333	\$155,208,241
PLUMAS	44	862	\$9,695,504
RIVERSIDE	1,117	296,698	\$6,928,625,034
SACRAMENTO	1,230	43,192	\$562,611,581

County	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
SAN BENITO	36	533	\$5,160,471
SAN BERNARDINO	1,043	49,991	\$655,207,409
SAN DIEGO	2,653	133,674	\$1,894,074,287
SAN FRANCISCO	1,502	106,575	\$2,059,630,415
SAN JOAQUIN	411	14,198	\$154,968,616
SAN LUIS OBISPO	309	8,187	\$59,939,157
SAN MATEO	656	47,394	\$1,101,629,394
SANTA BARBARA	563	15,964	\$172,336,967
SANTA CLARA	1,501	152,018	\$3,708,998,400
SANTA CRUZ	349	7,827	\$81,833,998
SHASTA	186	4,290	\$31,783,681
SIERRA	4	36	\$80,417
SISKIYOU	65	689	\$4,383,446
SOLANO	252	7,398	\$110,089,467
SONOMA	533	10,532	\$121,407,297
STANISLAUS	293	5,469	\$38,257,079
SUTTER	57	1,747	\$21,159,720
TEHAMA	40	4,069	\$51,234,190
TRINITY	8	250	\$3,617,437
TULARE	225	4,309	\$33,623,642
TUOLUMNE	59	2,212	\$32,453,397
VENTURA	645	16,427	\$162,345,551
YOLO	195	3,072	\$27,318,150
YUBA	33	2,399	\$46,135,191
UNCLASSIFIED	616	29,860	\$461,512,745
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County classifications are determined by the establishment's physical location address. County data consists of the 58 California counties.

<b>(3) Employer Types of Nonprofit Employers</b>			
Time Period:	2023 1st Quarter		
Area:	California –Statewide		
Industry:	Total, all industries		
Size:	All establishment sizes		
<b>Nonprofit Type</b>	<b>Number of Firms</b>	<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Subject Wages</b>
Churches	10,139	145,565	\$310,418,695
Nonprofit 501(c)(3)	11,756	1,303,963	\$25,444,283,875
Nonprofit school	754	59,895	\$824,813,104
Nonprofit (other)	8,552	138,531	\$1,846,132,607
<b>CALIFORNIA TOTAL</b>	<b>31,201</b>	<b>1,647,954</b>	<b>\$28,425,648,281</b>

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.

<b>(4) Employment Size of Nonprofit Employers</b>			
Time Period:	2023 1st Quarter		
Area:	California –Statewide		
Industry:	Total, all industries		
Size:	All establishment sizes by size range		
<b>Employment Size</b>	<b>Number of Firms</b>	<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Subject Wages</b>
0	4,074	0	\$0
1-4	12,879	26,206	\$216,053,701
5-9	4,826	31,977	\$234,335,127
10-19	3,569	48,803	\$361,973,391
20-49	2,952	90,163	\$751,450,671
50-99	1,243	87,112	\$887,240,885
100-249	940	143,918	\$1,654,501,590
250-499	352	122,146	\$1,490,219,310
500-999	185	132,235	\$1,722,267,822
1000-2999	127	213,796	\$3,243,386,279
3000+	54	751,598	\$17,864,219,505
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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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