

California Nonprofit Employers

Introduction

Research data on employment and wages for the nonprofit sector for 2023 2nd 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.

Key Findings in 2023 2nd Quarter

- There are **31,290 nonprofit firms** in California
- Nonprofit Firms employ **1.7 million employees**
- Total California nonprofit wages (subject to unemployment insurance) are **\$27.7 billion**
- Nonprofits employ **10%** of the California workforce
- **57** 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 (403,908)**, **Santa Clara (157,175)**, and **San Diego (118,540)**.

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 2nd quarter:

(1) NAICS Industry Sector of Nonprofit Employers				
Time Period:		2023 2 nd 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 and Hunting	58	436	\$4,345,442
22	Utilities	40	930	\$30,560,921
23	Construction	114	1,366	\$23,608,349
31-33	Manufacturing	39	641	\$10,325,311
42	Wholesale Trade	73	514	\$14,084,797
44-45	Retail Trade	296	11,342	\$87,224,377
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	55	3,779	\$45,037,435
51	Information	316	4,133	\$68,185,542
52	Finance and Insurance	155	8,278	\$182,382,245
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	190	5,690	\$78,245,497
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1,174	38,082	\$948,039,795
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	12	6,577	\$165,124,387
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	360	6,333	\$84,996,869
61	Educational Services	2,931	271,701	\$3,883,251,000
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	4,953	737,595	\$14,363,492,151
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,629	43,113	\$366,535,116
72	Accommodation and Food Services	165	2,941	\$17,427,494
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	17,682	267,281	\$1,476,840,214
92	Public Administration	15	273,025	\$5,510,499,062
99	Unclassified	1,033	15,464	\$304,909,907
CALIFORNIA TOTALS		31,290	1,699,221	\$27,665,115,911

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 2nd Quarter
 Area: California –Statewide (58 counties)
 Industry: Total, all industries
 Size: All establishment sizes

County	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
ALAMEDA	1,873	54,567	\$828,020,797
ALPINE	0	0	\$0
AMADOR	36	360	\$2,449,571
BUTTE	203	13,068	\$169,420,619
CALAVERAS	38	701	\$10,590,881
COLUSA	13	50	\$250,013
CONTRA COSTA	788	23,759	\$369,819,851
DEL NORTE	26	599	\$10,831,919
EL DORADO	158	5,027	\$75,482,881
FRESNO	628	36,477	\$436,177,654
GLENN	25	668	\$9,070,258
HUMBOLDT	184	3,451	\$38,409,958
IMPERIAL	85	1,775	\$18,128,869
INYO	27	190	\$1,603,321
KERN	419	14,778	\$185,738,525
KINGS	57	3,450	\$47,660,523
LAKE	51	1,492	\$18,584,382
LASSEN	16	358	\$5,076,596
LOS ANGELES	7,983	403,908	\$6,029,527,151
MADERA	81	5,089	\$96,558,610
MARIN	447	12,890	\$208,194,480
MARIPOSA	16	210	\$1,794,525
MENDOCINO	123	4,347	\$58,389,805
MERCED	108	1,309	\$8,904,720
MODOC	11	80	\$268,637
MONO	23	135	\$985,837
MONTEREY	304	10,994	\$184,519,272
NAPA	149	4,800	\$63,712,029
NEVADA	177	2,130	\$14,778,726
ORANGE	2,287	95,438	\$1,144,676,496
PLACER	323	13,439	\$182,322,136
PLUMAS	44	995	\$11,444,873
RIVERSIDE	1,119	29,266	\$279,657,567

County	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
SACRAMENTO	1,246	48,821	\$593,223,767
SAN BENITO	33	577	\$4,868,768
SAN BERNARDINO	1,047	54,118	\$737,532,657
SAN DIEGO	2,664	118,540	\$1,447,763,373
SAN FRANCISCO	1,498	109,293	\$2,174,208,196
SAN JOAQUIN	405	15,134	\$155,834,647
SAN LUIS OBISPO	310	8,685	\$64,940,049
SAN MATEO	661	49,485	\$1,128,755,221
SANTA BARBARA	562	16,730	\$180,205,097
SANTA CLARA	1,492	157,175	\$3,855,160,529
SANTA CRUZ	347	8,697	\$82,923,074
SHASTA	186	4,444	\$35,413,795
SIERRA	4	39	\$103,799
SISKIYOU	66	775	\$4,726,393
SOLANO	252	8,262	\$126,426,301
SONOMA	537	11,373	\$128,677,072
STANISLAUS	293	5,666	\$41,658,594
SUTTER	57	1,815	\$22,852,827
TEHAMA	39	790	\$6,523,593
TRINITY	8	260	\$4,209,827
TULARE	225	6,440	\$72,008,471
TUOLUMNE	60	2,379	\$38,250,565
VENTURA	647	17,228	\$179,242,774
YOLO	198	3,228	\$29,096,186
YUBA	32	2,614	\$54,566,413
UNCLASSIFIED	599	300,853	\$5,982,892,441
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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:	2023 2 nd Quarter		
Area:	California –Statewide		
Industry:	Total, all industries		
Size:	All establishment sizes		
Nonprofit Type	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
Churches	10,110	149,875	\$323,090,414
Nonprofit 501(c)(3)	11,885	1,341,843	\$24,661,686,296
Nonprofit school	749	61,940	\$853,118,266
Nonprofit (other)	8,546	145,563	\$1,827,220,935
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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:	2023 2 nd 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	3,771	0	\$10,283
1-4	12,966	26,385	\$215,332,357
5-9	4,827	32,048	\$231,019,971
10-19	3,664	50,231	\$373,757,624
20-49	3,040	93,406	\$761,487,342
50-99	1,286	89,952	\$882,623,632
100-249	988	151,153	\$1,713,717,247
250-499	368	129,496	\$1,585,784,643
500-999	187	133,822	\$1,732,728,226
1000-2999	136	228,011	\$3,408,063,537
3000+	57	764,717	\$16,760,591,049
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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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