

# California Nonprofit Employers

## Introduction

Research data on employment and wages for the nonprofit sector for 2022 4th 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 4th Quarter

- There are **30,781 nonprofit firms** in California
- Nonprofit firms employ **1.65 million employees**
- Total California nonprofit wages (subject to unemployment insurance) are **\$26.7 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** (390,988), **Riverside** (287,092), and **Santa Clara** (151,919)

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter:

<b>(1) NAICS Industry Sector of Nonprofit Employers</b>				
Time Period:		2022 4th Quarter		
Area:		California –Statewide		
Industry:		Total, all industries		
Size:		All establishment sizes		
<b>NAICS Sector</b>	<b>Industry Sector Description</b>	<b>Number of Firms</b>	<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Subject Wages</b>
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	58	411	\$4,569,996
22	Utilities	39	914	\$28,755,940
23	Construction	113	1,315	\$22,586,046
31-33	Manufacturing	38	656	\$11,607,769
42	Wholesale Trade	77	646	\$26,294,036
44-45	Retail Trade	307	13,491	\$83,851,885
48-49	Transportation and Warehousing	58	4,908	\$95,701,837
51	Information	318	4,661	\$72,557,636
52	Finance and Insurance	190	9,007	\$163,918,052
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	189	5,244	\$71,639,933
54	Professional and Technical Services	1,163	37,539	\$957,644,948
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	11	5,672	\$148,047,289
56	Administrative and Waste Services	366	9,229	\$134,242,662
61	Educational Services	3,339	289,609	\$4,031,007,728
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	5,039	736,980	\$14,442,225,835
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,583	39,672	\$349,237,870
72	Accommodation and Food Services	186	2,921	\$16,324,714
81	Other Services (except Public Admin)	16,497	210,611	\$1,328,283,176
92	Public Administration	18	260,500	\$4,432,779,645
99	Unclassified	1,192	14,690	\$289,776,789
	<b>CALIFORNIA TOTAL</b>	<b>30,781</b>	<b>1,648,676</b>	<b>\$26,711,053,786</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: 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
Area: California –Statewide (58 counties)  
Industry: Total, all industries  
Size: All establishment sizes

County	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
ALAMEDA	1,841	55,726	\$890,342,832
AMADOR	35	366	\$2,462,547
BUTTE	198	12,612	\$166,216,427
CALAVERAS	39	724	\$11,028,501
COLUSA	14	41	\$218,197
CONTRA COSTA	782	25,979	\$348,371,955
DEL NORTE	26	579	\$9,222,314
EL DORADO	156	4,877	\$75,424,547
FRESNO	612	33,132	\$430,811,177
GLENN	25	638	\$9,929,767
HUMBOLDT	180	3,322	\$36,245,809
IMPERIAL	84	1,807	\$18,854,255
INYO	28	216	\$1,991,356
KERN	410	14,029	\$169,969,534
KINGS	54	3,043	\$42,234,059
LAKE	48	1,383	\$17,217,597
LASSEN	16	323	\$4,505,457
LOS ANGELES	7,858	390,988	\$6,078,813,158
MADERA	75	5,448	\$105,328,606
MARIN	439	12,526	\$202,714,858
MARIPOSA	16	186	\$1,777,026
MENDOCINO	120	4,127	\$54,778,949
MERCED	113	1,351	\$8,612,567
MODOC	11	79	\$353,156
MONO	22	120	\$904,352
MONTEREY	302	10,393	\$171,700,345
NAPA	149	4,511	\$61,176,097
NEVADA	171	1,889	\$13,054,591
ORANGE	2,235	90,148	\$1,121,088,390
PLACER	317	13,249	\$161,131,936
PLUMAS	44	819	\$9,576,326
RIVERSIDE	1,105	287,092	\$4,675,844,478
SACRAMENTO	1,214	42,216	\$513,742,132

County	Number of Firms	Number of Employees	Subject Wages
SAN BENITO	32	525	\$4,742,582
SAN BERNARDINO	1,020	52,053	\$716,333,430
SAN DIEGO	2,601	131,390	\$1,851,081,258
SAN FRANCISCO	1,478	105,387	\$2,212,435,021
SAN JOAQUIN	403	14,264	\$147,967,014
SAN LUIS OBISPO	305	8,185	\$62,787,355
SAN MATEO	648	45,034	\$1,204,410,914
SANTA BARBARA	564	16,014	\$172,333,009
SANTA CLARA	1,476	151,919	\$3,684,205,556
SANTA CRUZ	344	8,238	\$79,315,375
SHASTA	180	4,218	\$33,799,377
SIERRA	4	36	\$90,116
SISKIYOU	65	648	\$4,362,664
SOLANO	248	7,330	\$121,295,932
SONOMA	524	10,606	\$123,291,079
STANISLAUS	293	5,650	\$39,344,112
SUTTER	57	1,751	\$19,165,133
TEHAMA	38	4,170	\$61,738,687
TRINITY	8	263	\$3,595,432
TULARE	222	6,042	\$68,085,805
TUOLUMNE	57	2,267	\$36,369,875
VENTURA	630	13,442	\$108,393,459
YOLO	196	2,941	\$26,906,628
YUBA	32	2,470	\$49,567,448
UNCLASSIFIED	617	29,894	\$463,793,227
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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:	2022 4 <sup>th</sup> 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	10,106	151,631	\$324,486,919
Nonprofit 501(c)(3)	11,488	1,300,154	\$23,766,162,924
Nonprofit school	760	59,813	\$828,006,320
Nonprofit (other)	8,427	137,078	\$1,792,397,623
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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.

<b>(4) Employment Size of Nonprofit Employers</b>			
Time Period:	2022 4th 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	3,605	0	\$0
1-4	12,978	26,399	\$222,314,897
5-9	4,729	31,264	\$232,265,275
10-19	3,596	49,330	\$371,934,767
20-49	2,964	90,951	\$757,058,471
50-99	1,251	87,811	\$915,173,078
100-249	925	140,440	\$1,623,112,009
250-499	367	126,607	\$1,545,607,206
500-999	184	131,722	\$1,761,570,682
1000-2999	127	216,634	\$3,274,714,721
3000+	55	747,518	\$16,007,302,680
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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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