

Maryland Nonprofits

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REPORT SHOWS NONPROFITS EMPLOY 10 PERCENT OF STATE'S WORKFORCE NUMBER OF NONPROFITS SHOWS TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN LAST 10 YEARS

A report released yesterday by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Civil Society Studies and the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations, **Nonprofits and Recessions: New Data from Maryland**, found that despite the recession, nonprofit employment in Maryland increased by 2.7 percent in 2008. By contrast, for-profit employment in Maryland decreased by 3.3 percent during this same period.

Also according to the report, Maryland's nonprofit workforce grew to 256,618 jobs by the end of 2008. This represented 10.1 percent of all jobs in Maryland (or about one out of every 10 jobs) and 12.5 percent of total private-sector jobs in the state (or about one out of every eight private jobs), which is well above the United States average. These numbers make Maryland's nonprofit sector the second largest employer among Maryland industries, behind only retail trade.

"This growth continues a long term trend," said Darryl A. Jones, Sr., CEO of Maryland Nonprofits, "Nonprofits not only provide critical services across our state's communities, but they also play a key role in the state's economy."

Maryland Nonprofits also just released its annual **Nonprofits by the Numbers 2009: Analysis of Maryland's Nonprofit Sector** report. The report found tremendous growth in the number of nonprofits in the last ten years. Charitable nonprofit organizations (those with 501(c)3 designations), have grown from 15,178 in 1999 to 24,094 in 2009, a jump of 59 percent over the ten year period and an 11 percent two-year growth rate since 2007's total of 21,759 charitable nonprofits. When looking at all categories, the report found over 27,000 nonprofit organizations serving the state.

The **Nonprofits by the Numbers** report also found that counties with the largest growth in nonprofit employment from 1998 to 2008 were: Harford (78 percent), St. Mary's (77 percent), Cecil (68 percent), Queen Anne's (61 percent) and Howard (57 percent). This reflects a continuing suburbanization of nonprofit jobs in the state, with nonprofits in the Washington and Baltimore suburbs employing well over half of all nonprofit workers in the state.

Both reports demonstrate that Maryland's nonprofit sector is a critical economic engine in the state—adding workers despite the economic downturn and accounting for all of the state's private employment growth between the end of 2007 and the end of 2008.

"Maryland's nonprofit sector is essential to job growth in our state, as well as to the state's overall economy, yet the challenges the sector faces continue to worsen as the recession drags on and state fiscal problems deepen," states Darryl A. Jones, Sr., CEO of Maryland Nonprofits. "We hope these reports reinforce the impact of the nonprofit sector in our state, and bring attention to the challenges it

is facing. We urge policymakers and the public to consider alternatives to continued cuts to the essential services the nonprofits in our communities provide.”

To view both reports, *Nonprofits by the Numbers* and *Nonprofits and Recessions: New Data from Maryland*, visit Maryland Nonprofits website:

http://www.marylandnonprofits.org/html/explore/07_01.asp

Maryland Nonprofits is one of the largest state associations of nonprofits in the United States with more than 1,650 nonprofit members, nearly 400 associate members, and 22 staff. Membership is representative of the sector as a whole, running the gamut from start-up nonprofits to long-established giants of the nonprofit world, from all volunteer community-based organizations to multi-million dollar employers. All are working to meet the educational, physical, emotional, cultural and spiritual needs of the people and communities they serve. Each year, more than 300,000 nonprofit professionals and board members utilize Maryland Nonprofits’ resources.

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