One in 10 workers in Montgomery County is employed by a nonprofit. This number is in line with the national average. In 2014, nonprofit workers in the County earned $6.3 million in total wages.

The nonprofit workforce is highly educated and highly skilled. Nationally, 45% of full-time nonprofit employees have a college or advanced degree. Professional specialty occupations account for 38% of nonprofit jobs.

Our member nonprofits provide jobs to more than 4,000 employees (full-time equivalent).

86% of nonprofits in the county are 501(c)3, the IRS designation for a nonprofit with charitable purposes. Donations to 501(c)3 nonprofits are tax-deductible. Just like for-profit businesses, nonprofits come in all sizes.

556 (10%) budget over $1 million
904 (17%) budget between 100,000 and $1 million
3,896 (73%) budget under $100,000

Our nonprofit alliance represents the depth and breadth of the County’s nonprofit sector.

The nonprofit sector is a major player in the local economic landscape. In 2013, nonprofits in Montgomery County had more than $30 billion in assets and $7.6 billion in expenditures. In 2014, nonprofits paid 8% of total wages in the County. Nonprofits in DC, MD and VA contribute more than $112 billion per year to the regional economy – an amount equivalent to 12.4% of the region’s gross domestic product.

Nonprofit Montgomery’s nearly 150 members manage more than $300 million in resources.

Nonprofit providers account for most of the contracts awarded by Montgomery County’s Department of Health & Human Services. Nonprofits are essential partners in delivering DHHS services to County residents. About 72% of DHHS contracts (700+) are with nonprofit organizations. These nonprofit contracts total –$100 million, or about 1/3 of the DHHS budget.

Learn more about Nonprofit Montgomery
The nonprofit sector is a tapestry that includes many types of organizations, large and small. Nonprofits exist to serve a wide variety of populations, from the general public to groups with specialized needs.

Many nonprofits focus on human needs and provide a social safety net for our most vulnerable neighbors – including children, seniors, families living in poverty, and individuals with mental or physical disabilities. Montgomery County has around 700 public charities delivering human services, as well as 400+ health nonprofits (including five nonprofit hospitals).

Nonprofits also strengthen community and help us fulfill our potential, individually and collectively. In Montgomery County, more than 700 nonprofits work in education and more than 200 focus on environmental issues. Another 460 enrich and enlighten through arts and culture.

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Here are a few examples from Nonprofit Montgomery members of how nonprofit programs make a difference by addressing critical needs in our community.

- Each Friday in the school year, Manna Food Center provides 2,800 low-income elementary students in 59 MCPS schools with weekend bags of food for their families.
- Montgomery Housing Partnership provides housing to more than 3,500 individuals, including more than 1,200 children.
- In the last 5 years, Greater DC Diaper Bank provided more than 625,000 diapers to Montgomery County nonprofits to strengthen programs for vulnerable families.
- Graduates from Interfaith Works Vocational Services program earned more than $2.6 million in combined annual income last year.
- Last year, a fleet of ElderBuses operated by the Jewish Council for the Aging provided 57,173 passenger trips, traveling a total of 179,136 miles.

ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

Nonprofit Montgomery’s annual budget advocacy has increased HHS contracts with nonprofit providers for the past three years and increased the County grants pool.

MORE (Metrics, Outcomes, and Responsible Evaluation) training has encouraged a shared understanding of the importance of evaluation. The MORE curriculum has been used to align internal HHS training for contract monitors and County grant applications.

Our Health and Human Services Advisory Committee has provided feedback on multiple issues related to contracting and procurement, including "rounding pennies", background checks, and ways to streamline contracts for County grants under $25,000.

View our member roster at nonprofitmoco.org/members