

Study: Valley lags in nonprofit services

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The San Joaquin Valley has among the highest poverty rates in the state, and yet accounts for relatively few nonprofits to serve them, a new report showed.

In its [report](#) titled, "Causes Count: The Economic Power of California's Nonprofit Sector," CalNonprofits showed that more than 72,000 nonprofits in the state generate some \$260 billion in economic activity every year.

Of that, \$132 billion is in direct goods and services and another \$128 billion comes from indirect and induced effects, together accounting for 15 percent of California's Gross State Product.

With roughly 11 percent of the state's population living there, the eight-county San Joaquin Valley is home to around 2,706, or 7 percent, of California's nonprofit organizations.

In terms of total revenue, however, the San Joaquin Valley had an even smaller share at \$8.4 billion, or 4 percent of California's nonprofit sector, and \$10.1 billion, or 3 percent of total statewide assets.

Population-wise, the region had just 0.68 nonprofits and \$2,532 in assets per 1,000 people. Comparatively, the Bay Area had 1.62 nonprofits and \$15,493 in assets per capita, followed by the Central Coast with 1.58 nonprofits and \$3,033 in assets, the far north with 1.44 nonprofits and \$2,827 in assets and Los Angeles with 1.01 nonprofits and \$4,093 in assets.

Of the 10 regions surveyed, only the Inland Empire had lower per capita numbers with 0.63 nonprofits and \$1,478 in assets per 1,000 people.

The regional disparity was even more pronounced considering the San Joaquin Valley was home to 21 percent of California's poor population and yet only 3.15 public charities per 1,000 that they serve.

By contrast, the Bay Area made up 10 percent of the state's poor but had 15.4 public charities for every 1,000 poor individuals while the Central Coast had 14 percent of the state's poor and 10.92 public charities per capita.

The report also showed that despite being exempt from corporate income tax, California nonprofits generated \$37 billion in federal, state and local taxes in 2012.

Nonprofit activities in the state also account for 1.7 million jobs, including 937,000 directly produced by the nonprofit sector, the state's 4th largest employer after leisure and hospitality (1.67 million jobs), retail trade (1.6 million jobs) and manufacturing (1.25 million jobs).

Health care is the nonprofit sector's largest employer, with 451,400 jobs—318,700 in hospitals and 132,700 in other health services.

Health care is also largest revenue generator among nonprofit organizations, accounting for \$136 billion in 2012—\$77.3 billion from hospitals and \$58.7 billion from other health services.