

Our ongoing analysis of Indiana nonprofit employment is a joint effort by the Center on Philanthropy, the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and the Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University to document the significant impact of nonprofits on Indiana's economy by providing detailed information on the size, composition, and distribution of paid employment in the private nonprofit sector in Indiana.

Key Facts about Nonprofits in Indiana

- Nonprofits employ 1 in 11 workers in Indiana (nearly 250,000 employees).
- Nonprofits include charities, private and public foundations and other types of organizations such as civic leagues, chambers of commerce and veterans' organizations.
- The vast majority of nonprofit organizations are public charities with 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS. Public charities provide social assistance, health care, education, arts and recreation in local communities.
- Nonprofit social assistance organizations provide child care, job training and placement, individual and family services, emergency relief, and more. Social assistance was the second fastest growing nonprofit industry in Indiana, second to healthcare.

Employment in Elkhart County

- In 2009, 1 out of every 12 workers in Elkhart County was employed by a nonprofit organization, compared to only about 1 out of 21 in 1995.
- Nonprofit establishments employed almost 7,800 workers in 2009. This compares to about 5,400 workers employed in 1995.
- Nonprofit employment grew 46 percent from 1995 to 2009, while for-profit employment shrank 23 percent.
- Over 60 percent of nonprofit employees worked in health care, while nonprofit education establishments employed another 11 percent.

Payroll in Elkhart County

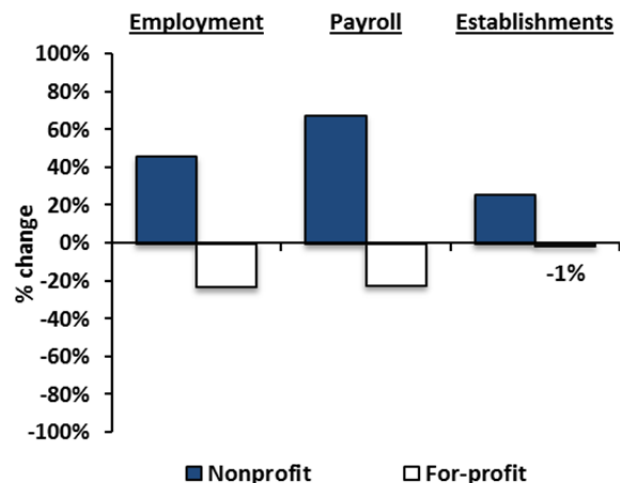
- Nonprofit payroll grew in Elkhart County from about \$153 million in 1995 to \$258 million in 2009 (in constant 2009 dollars).

- This change represented a 68 percent increase for nonprofit payroll, while for-profits experienced a 22 percent decrease in payroll through 2009, adjusted for inflation.
- Average wages in the nonprofit sector grew from about \$28,300 in 1995 to more than \$33,100 in 2009, a 17 percent increase. For-profit wages saw a small increase from \$35,800 to \$36,100, all adjusted for inflation.

Establishments in Elkhart County

- Between 1995 and 2009, the number of nonprofit establishments increased 26 percent from 129 to 162. For-profit establishments dipped by slightly more than 1 percent to 4,199 by the end of 2009.
- Nonprofit organizations tended to employ around 42 workers in 1995 and 48 in 2009. The average for-profit employed about 19 workers in 2009, down from around 24 in 1995.

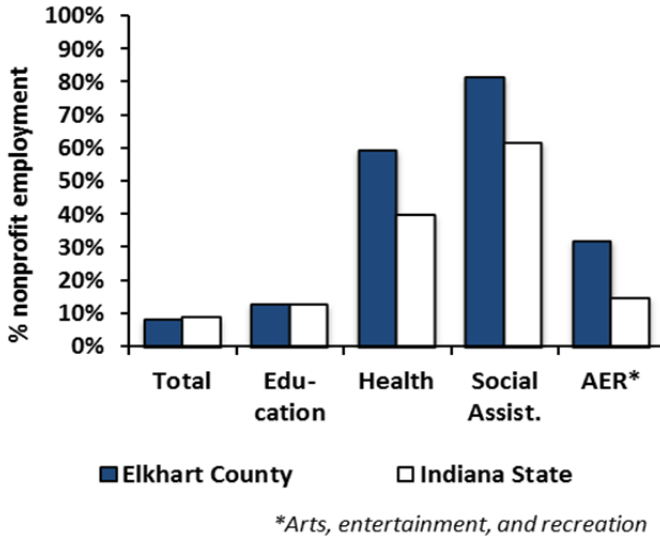
Figure 1: Percent change of nonprofit and for-profit employment, payroll, and establishments in Elkhart County, 1995-2009



County Industry Data

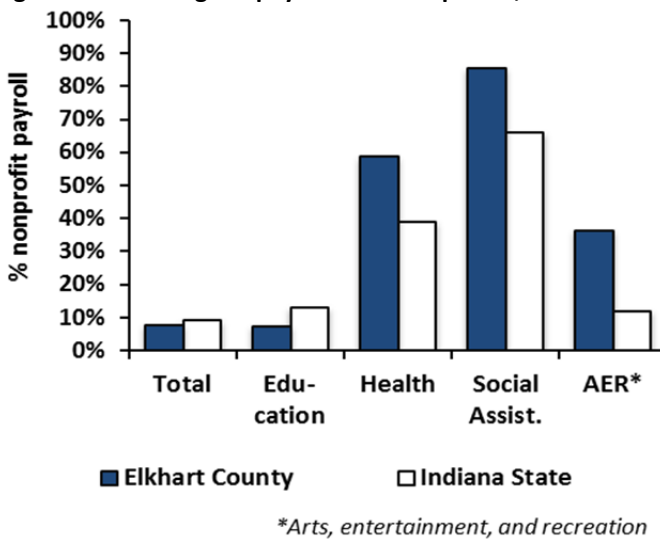
The nonprofit sector has a significant role in the economic well-being of Elkhart County. As shown in Figures 2-4, nonprofits account for a larger percentage of employment, payroll, and establishments in most of the industries than holds true for the state as a whole.

Figure 2: Percentage of nonprofit workers, 2009



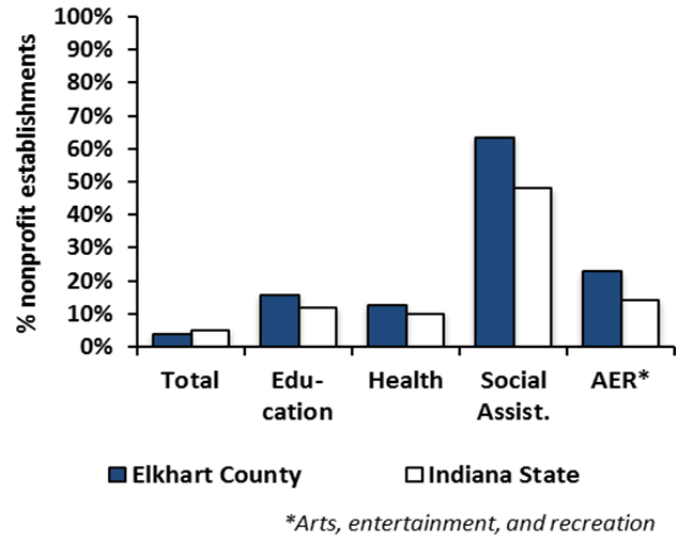
- The percentage of total workers employed by nonprofits in Elkhart County was slightly less than that of the state as a whole in 2009 (Figure 2).
- In the health, social assistance and arts, entertainment, and recreation (AER) industries, nonprofits accounted for a higher share of employees than was the case for these industries at the state level (Figure 2).

Figure 3: Percentage of payroll from nonprofits, 2009



- Nonprofit payroll constituted a slightly smaller percentage of total payroll in Elkhart County in 2009 than in Indiana overall (Figure 3), consistent with employment and establishment percentages.
- Nonprofit establishments provided almost 60 percent of the health care industry’s payroll and over 85 percent of social assistance payroll (Figure 3).

Figure 4: Percentage of nonprofit establishments, 2009



- Elkhart County had a slightly smaller share of establishments operated by nonprofits in 2009 (Figure 4) than did Indiana overall.
- However, Elkhart County had a larger share of nonprofit establishments in the education, health, social assistance, and AER industries than did the state overall (Figure 4).

Note on Methodology

The report draws data from the national Quarterly Census Employment and Wages (QCEW) filings. However, because of the unique position of nonprofits under federal law, many nonprofits are not required to complete these filings. For example, religious congregations as well as 501(c)(3) organizations employing fewer than four workers are exempt from QCEW filings. Because of these exclusions we are confident that our analysis underestimates nonprofit employment in Indiana. For a full explanation of methodology, please visit our website.