BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY
NONPROFIT EMPLOYMENT, 1995-2009

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 public charities, private foundations and other types of tax-exempt groups such as civic leagues, chambers of commerce, social clubs, lodges, and veterans’ organizations.
- The 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, and religious services in local communities.
- Nonprofit social assistance organizations provide child care, job training and placement, individual and family services, emergency relief, and more. This was the second fastest growing nonprofit industry in Indiana, second only to health care.

Employment in Bartholomew County

- In 2009, about 1 out of 18 workers in Bartholomew County was employed by a nonprofit organization, compared to about 1 out of 32 in 1995.
- Nonprofit establishments employed just under 6 percent of workers in 2009, up from just over 3 percent in 1995.
- Nonprofit employment grew more than 65 percent from 1995 to 2009. For-profit employment decreased by nearly 8 percent.
- About 40 percent of nonprofit employees work in health care.

Payroll in Bartholomew County

- Nonprofit payroll grew in Bartholomew County from just over $32 million in 1995 to over $68 million by 2009 (in constant 2009 dollars).
- This change represented a more than doubling of nonprofit payroll. Meanwhile, for-profit payroll decreased 6 percent between 1995 and 2009, adjusted for inflation.
- Average annual nonprofit wages grew from about $23,500 in 1995 to more than $30,000 in 2009, a 28 percent increase, adjusted for inflation. For-profit wages increased about 2 percent from about $42,700 to slightly greater than $43,500.

Establishments in Bartholomew County

- Between 1995 and 2009, the number of nonprofit establishments increased more than 25 percent, to around 100, still far less than the roughly 1,500 for-profit establishments in 2009.

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

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County Industry Data

The nonprofit sector plays an important role in the economic well-being of Bartholomew County. However, as shown in Figures 2-4, nonprofits here tend to account for smaller percentages of employment and payroll than in the state as a whole, but have a slightly larger share of establishments.

Figure 2: Percentage of nonprofit workers, 2009

- Nonprofit payroll constituted a smaller percentage of total payroll in Bartholomew County in 2009 than in Indiana overall (Figure 3), consistent with employment percentages.
- Nonprofit establishments accounted for nearly 30 percent of county AER payroll, much greater than their share of total state AER payroll (Figure 3).

Figure 4: Percentage of nonprofit establishments, 2009

- Bartholomew County had a slightly larger share of establishments operated by nonprofits in 2009 than did Indiana overall (Figure 4).
- Bartholomew County also had a larger percentage of nonprofit health and social assistance establishments than the rest of the state.

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. We can also only identify nonprofit employers that are registered with the IRS as exempt entities. Because of these exclusions we are confident that our analysis underestimates nonprofit employment in Indiana. For a full explanation of our methodology, please visit www.indiana.edu/~nonprof.

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