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Purpose: This multi-year, multi-phase collaborative project is designed to provide solid, baseline information about the Indiana nonprofit sector, its composition and structure, its contributions to Indiana, the challenges it is facing, and how these features vary across Indiana communities. We seek to help community leaders enhance their abilities to develop effective and collaborative solutions to community needs and to inform public policy decisions. We do so through a broad scope of research activities and dissemination efforts. Please follow links on the left for more information about the project.

PROJECT PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Over the last several years a number of reports and articles related to the Indiana Nonprofit Sector Project have been published, in addition to papers presented at various colloquiums and conferences. The following citations include project-related reports and papers as of April 2008. Online reports, as well as summaries of all other items are available on the project web site: www.indiana.edu/~nonprof. To obtain a complete version of an unpublished paper please contact Kirsten Grønbjerg (kgronbj@indiana.edu, (812) 855-5971).

Indiana Nonprofit Capacity Assessment Analysis

This survey is designed to develop a better understanding of capacity building and technical assistance needs among Indiana nonprofits. For Phase I, the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs was commissioned by the *Indiana Grantmakers Alliance (IGA)* in collaboration with the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy and Lumina Foundation for Education to conduct a survey of Indiana grantees of Lumina Foundation for Education and/or associated members of IGA. A total of 91 charities completed the Nonprofit Capacity Survey, which asks responding organizations to identify their most significant needs in each of seven broad areas of capacity building area and the best ways to address them.

Online Statewide Reports

- Nonprofit Capacity Assessment: Indiana's Arts and Culture Organizations, 2009, Nonprofit Capacity Assessment Survey Series, Report #2, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Kellie McGiverin-Bohan with Jenna Cluver, Suzzy Mangas, and Jessica Wechter. Online report. Indiana Nonprofit Capacity Survey Series, Report #2. March 2009 (<http://www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npcapacity/charitycapacityassessment.pdf>).

- Nonprofit Capacity Assessment: Indiana Charities, 2007, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Laney Cheney, with the assistance of Scott Leadingham and Helen Liu. Online report. Indiana Nonprofit Capacity Survey Series, Report #1. May 2007
(<http://www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npcapacity/charitycapacityassessment.pdf>).

2002 Indiana Nonprofit Survey Analysis

This survey of 2,206 Indiana nonprofits, completed in spring and early summer of 2002, covered congregations, other charities, advocacy nonprofits, and mutual benefit associations. It used a stratified random sample drawn from our comprehensive Indiana nonprofit database and structured so as to allow for comparisons among (1) different nonprofit source listings (including those identified through the personal affiliation survey) and (2) twelve selected communities around the state. The survey included questions about basic organizational characteristics, programs and target populations, finances and human resources, management tools and challenges, advocacy activities, affiliations, and involvement in networking and collaboration. An almost identical instrument was used to survey Illinois congregations, charities and advocacy nonprofits for the Donors Forum of Chicago (report available Online at www.donorsforum.org, December, 2003).

Online Statewide Reports

- Indiana Nonprofits: A Portrait of Religious Nonprofits and Secular Charities, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Patricia Borntreger Tennen. Online report. Survey Report #7. June 2006
(<http://www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/insfaithbased.html>).
- Indiana Nonprofits: A Profile of Membership Organizations, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Patricia Borntreger Tennen. Online report. Survey Report #6. September 2005
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/insmember.html).
- Indiana Nonprofits: Affiliation, Collaboration, and Competition, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Curtis Child. Online report. Survey Report #5. November 2004
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/insaffil.html).
- Indiana Nonprofits: Managing Financial and Human Resources, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Richard M. Clerkin. Online report. Survey Report #4. August 2004
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/insman.html).
- Indiana Nonprofits: Impact of Community and Policy Changes, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Curtis Child. Online report. Survey Report #3. June 2004 (www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscom.html).
- The Indiana Nonprofit Sector: A Profile, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Linda Allen. Online report. Survey Report #2. January 2004 (www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/insprofile.html).
- The Indianapolis Nonprofit Sector: Management Capacities and Challenges, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Richard Clerkin. Online report. Preliminary Survey Report #1. February 2003
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/indymanag.html).

Online Regional Reports

- Scott Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #12, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Abigail Powell and Patricia Borntreger Tennen. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, November 2006.
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscomscott.pdf).
- Miami Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #11, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Kerry S. Brock and Patricia Borntreger Tennen. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of

Public and Environmental Affairs, November 2006.

(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscommiami.pdf).

- Dubois Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #10, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Abigail Powell and Patricia Borntager Tennen. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, November 2006.
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscomdubois.pdf).
- Cass Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #9, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Andrea Lewis and Patricia Borntager Tennen. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, November 2006.
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscomcass.pdf)
- Bartholomew Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #8, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Kerry S. Brock and Patricia Borntager Tennen. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, November 2006.
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscombartholomew.pdf)
- South Bend Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #7, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Kerry S. Brock and Patricia Borntager Tennen. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, November 2006.
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscomsouthbend.pdf)
- Fort Wayne Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #6, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Abigail Powell, Andrea Lewis and Patricia Borntager Tennen. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, November 2006.
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscomfortwayne.pdf)
- Indianapolis Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #5, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Patricia Borntager Tennen. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, November 2006.
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscomindianapolis.pdf)
- Evansville Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #4, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Curtis Child and Patricia Borntager Tennen (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, June 2006 (revised November 2006)).
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscomevansville.pdf)
- Muncie Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #3, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Patricia Borntager Tennen. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, June 2006. (www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscommuncie.pdf)
- Northwest Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #2, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Patricia Borntager Tennen (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, February, 2006).
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscomnorthwest.pdf)
- Bloomington Nonprofits: Scope and Dimensions. Nonprofit Survey Series, Community Report #1, by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Curtis Child, Patricia Borntager Tennen (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, December, 2005).
(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/npsurvey/inscombloomington.pdf)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- "Infrastructure and Activities: Relating IT to the Work of Nonprofit Organizations," by Richard Clerkin and Kirsten A. Grønbjerg. Pp. 3-20 in *Nonprofits and Technology*, edited by Michael Cortés & Kevin Rafter. Chicago: Lyceum Books. 2007.
- "Nonprofit Advocacy Organizations: Their Characteristics and Activities," by Curtis Child and Kirsten A. Grønbjerg. *Social Science Quarterly* 88 (1, 2007) 259-81.
- "The Capacities and Challenges of Faith-Based Human Service Organizations," by Richard Clerkin and Kirsten Grønbjerg. *Public Administration Review* 67 (1, 2007): 115-126.
- "Nonprofits in Context: Assessing the Regional-level Correlates of Nonprofit Capacity Resources," by Curtis D. Child, Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, and Hun Myoung Park. Paper presented at the annual meetings of ARNOVA, Chicago, IL, November 16-18, 2006.
- "Researching Collaborative Structures and/or Their Outcomes: Challenges of Measurement and Methodology." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Academy of Management, Atlanta, GA, August 14-16, 2006.
- "Nonprofit Networks and Collaborations: Incidence, Scope and Outcomes," by Kirsten Grønbjerg and Curtis Child. Paper presented at the annual meetings of ARNOVA, Washington, D.C., November 17-19, 2005.
- "A Portrait of Membership Associations: The Case of Indiana," by Kirsten Grønbjerg and Patricia Borntrager Tennen. Paper presented at the annual meetings of ARNOVA, Washington, D.C., November 17-19, 2005.
- "Examining the Landscape of Indiana's Nonprofit Sector: Does What you Know Depend on Where you Look?" by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Richard M. Clerkin. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 34 (June 2005, No. 2): 232-59.
- "The Role of Congregations in Delivering Human Services" by Richard M. Clerkin and Kirsten Grønbjerg. Paper presented at the Independent Sector Spring Research Forum, Washington, D.C., March 6-7, 2003.

Indiana Nonprofit Employment Analysis

An analysis, comparing Covered Wages and Employment (ES-202 employment) reports with IRS registered nonprofits under all sub-sections of 501(c), using a methodology developed by the Center for Civil Society Studies at The Johns Hopkins University, to examine nonprofit employment in the state of Indiana. The analysis includes detailed information by county, region, and type of nonprofit as well as industry and sector comparisons.

Online Statewide Reports

- [Indiana Nonprofit Employment: 2007 Report](http://www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/innonprofitemploy3.htm). Nonprofit Employment Report No. 3 by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Andrea Lewis and Pauline Campbell. September 2007. (www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/innonprofitemploy3.htm).
- [Indiana Nonprofit Employment, 2005 Report](http://www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/innonprofitemploy2.htm). Nonprofit Employment Report No. 2 by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Erich T. Eschmann. May 2005 (www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/innonprofitemploy2.htm).
- [Indiana Nonprofit Employment, 2001](http://www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/innonprofitemploy.htm). Nonprofit Employment Report No. 1 by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg and Hun Myoung Park. July 2003 (www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/innonprofitemploy.htm).

Online Regional Reports

- [Evansville Economic Region Nonprofit Employment: 2005 Report](http://www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/inemploy/Evansvilleempl05.pdf). Nonprofit Employment Series No. 2D by Kirsten Grønbjerg and Kerry Brock. May 2006 (www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/inemploy/Evansvilleempl05.pdf).
- [Muncie Economic Region Nonprofit Employment: 2005 Report](#). Nonprofit Employment Series No. 2C by Kirsten Grønbjerg and Kerry Brock. May 2006

(www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/inemploy/muncieempl05.pdf).

- Northwest Economic Region Nonprofit Employment: 2005 Report. Nonprofit Employment Series No. 2B by Kirsten Grønbjerg and Kerry Brock. February 2006 (www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/inemploy/northwestempl05.pdf).
- Bloomington Economic Region Nonprofit Employment: 2005 Report. Nonprofit Employment Series No. 2A by Kirsten Grønbjerg and Erich T. Eschmann with Kerry Brock. January 2006 (www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/inemploy/bloomingtonempl05.pdf).
- Bloomington Nonprofit Employment, 2001. Nonprofit Employment Report No. 1, Supplement A, by Kirsten Grønbjerg and Sharon Kioko. August 2003 (www.indiana.edu/~nonprof/results/inemploy/Bloomingtonempl03.pdf).

Nonprofit Trust Survey Analysis

We completed a survey of 536 Indiana residents in October 2008, to assess whether they trust nonprofits and charities in their communities more or less than they trust the state government in Indianapolis, local government, the federal government and businesses and corporations in their community. We also asked respondents about their political orientations and about a broad range of socio-demographic characteristics.

Online Report

- "Are Nonprofits Trustworthy?" by Kirsten Grønbjerg. Bloomington, Indiana, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, February 11, 2009.

Personal Affiliation Survey Analysis

We completed a survey of 526 Indiana residents in May 2001, designed to make it possible to evaluate the utility of an alternative approach to sampling Indiana nonprofits (as compared to drawing a sample from a comprehensive nonprofit database). The survey probed for the respondents' personal affiliations with Indiana nonprofits as employees, worshippers, volunteers, or participants in association meetings or events during the previous 12 months. We recorded the names and addresses of the church the respondent had attended most recently, of up to two nonprofit employers, up to five nonprofits for which the respondent had volunteered, and up to five nonprofit associations.

Journal Articles and Conference Presentations

- "The Role of Religious Networks and Other Factors in Different Types of Volunteer Work" by Kirsten Grønbjerg and Brent Never. Nonprofit Management and Leadership 14 (Winter 2004, No. 3):263-90.
- "Individual Engagement with Nonprofits: Explaining Participation in Association Meetings and Events" by Kirsten Grønbjerg. Paper presented at the ARNOVA Meetings, Montreal, Canada, November 14-16, 2002.
- "Volunteering for Nonprofits: The Role of Religious Engagement" by Kirsten Grønbjerg and Brent Never. Paper presented at the Association for the Study of Religion. Chicago, August 14-16, 2002.

Indiana Nonprofit Database Analysis

We developed a comprehensive database of 59,400 Indiana nonprofits of all types (congregations, other charities, advocacy nonprofits, and mutual benefit associations) using a unique methodology that combines a variety of data sources, most notably the IRS listing of tax-exempt entities, the Indiana Secretary of State's listing of incorporated nonprofits, and the yellow page listing of congregations. We supplemented these listings with a variety of local listings in eleven communities across the state and with nonprofits identified through a survey of Indiana residents about their personal affiliations with nonprofits. The database is available in a searchable format through a link at <http://www.indiana.edu/~nonprof>.

Journal Articles and Conference Presentations

- “Incorporated but not IRS-Registered: Exploring the (Dark) Grey Fringes of the Nonprofit Universe” by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Helen Liu and Thomas Pollak. Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly (forthcoming). Revised version of paper presented at Academy of Management Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA., August 10-13, 2008 and the Fifth Annual West Coast Nonprofit Data Conference, Phoenix, AZ, April 4-5, 2008.
- “Burrowing Into the Grey Matter of the Nonprofit Universe: Changing Patterns of IRS Registration and State Incorporation, 2001-2005” by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg, Helen Liu, Thomas Pollak and Ginger Elliott-Teague. Revised version of paper presented at the Association of Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Atlanta, GA, November 15-17, 2007.
- “Evaluating Nonprofit Databases.” American Behavioral Scientist 45 (July, 2002, No. 10): 1741-77. Resources for Scholarship in the Nonprofit Sector: Studies in the Political Economy of Information, Part I: Data on Nonprofit Industries.
- “Community Variations in the Size and Scope of the Nonprofit Sector: Theory and Preliminary Findings” by Kirsten A. Grønbjerg & Laurie Paarlberg. Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly 30 (No. 4, December, 2001) 684-706.



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