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Three-quarters (76 percent) of arts, culture, and humanities nonprofits report that this is either not a challenge or a minor challenge.

- Participation in formal collaboration or informal networks does not appear to significantly impact the recruitment or retention of board members. Less than one-fifth (18 percent) of nonprofits reported that collaboration or networks made it easier to recruit or retain board members, while one half (50 percent) indicated that it had no impact, and only 3 percent felt that it made recruitment or retention harder.
- Competition between nonprofits for board members also does not appear to be a major problem. Only 16 percent of nonprofits reported competition with other nonprofits, businesses, or government agencies for board members.

V. COMMUNITY PROFILES

Indiana communities vary in their economic, political, and social conditions and nonprofits located in those communities respond to and are influenced by these differing conditions. Appendices B and C contain detailed profiles of the nonprofit sector in each of the thirteen geographic regions that we used in our study: seven metropolitan statistical areas (MSA: Indianapolis, Northwest Indiana, Fort Wayne, Evansville Indiana, South Bend, Bloomington, and Muncie), five counties to represent small town and rural Indiana (Bartholomew, Dubois, Scott, Cass and Miami), and the remainder of the state.

Nonprofit Fields by Region: The distribution of nonprofits by major fields of activity for the Indianapolis metropolitan area resembles the state overall, but there are some deviations for the remaining regions, which we highlight here.³⁴ See Appendix B for full details.

- **The Northwest Region:**³⁵ relatively few human service nonprofits (24 vs. 29 percent statewide).
- **Fort Wayne MSA** and the **Evansville Region**³⁶ as well as **Cass County:** disproportionately many human service nonprofits (36-35 percent vs. 29 percent statewide).
- **South Bend MSA:** relatively few religious and spiritual development nonprofits (18 vs. 24 percent), but relatively many health nonprofits (11 vs. 5 percent).
- **Bloomington MSA:** relatively few public and societal benefit nonprofits (12 vs. 19 percent), but relatively many arts, culture and humanities nonprofits (11 vs. 4 percent).
- **Muncie MSA:** Relatively many human service nonprofits (34 vs. 29 percent), but few public and societal benefit nonprofits (14 vs. 19 percent).
- **Bartholomew County:** Relatively few religious and spiritual development nonprofits (15 vs. 24 percent), but many mutual benefit nonprofits (19 vs. 7 percent).

³⁴ We note differences of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

³⁵ Includes LaPorte County.

³⁶ Includes Gibson County.

- **Dubois County:** Relatively few religious and spiritual development nonprofits (16 vs. 24 percent), but many public and societal benefit nonprofits (28 vs. 19 percent).
- **Scott County:** Relatively many human service nonprofits (38 vs. 29 percent), but few religious and spiritual development nonprofits (19 vs. 24 percent) or public and societal benefit nonprofits (13 vs. 19 percent).
- **Miami County:** Relatively many religious and spiritual development nonprofits (31 vs. 24 percent).

Profiles of Nonprofit Fields by Region: For most of the regions, major nonprofit fields differ on the major key dimensions examined in Section I of this report. However, the level of detailed analysis possible depends on the number of respondents to the survey in the various communities. To obtain more robust results, we combine some fields for most of the regions and group Scott, Miami and Cass counties together. We summarize here the extent to which there are major differences among nonprofit fields for the various regions. See Appendix C for detailed statistics.

- **Targeting members, the general public, or both:** Varies significantly by major field, except for the South Bend MSA.
- **Targeting special groups:** Varies significantly by nonprofit field with respect to religious faith (all regions); gender (all but the Indianapolis, Bloomington and Muncie MSAs); age (rural counties only); geography and occupation (Bartholomew County only); income (Bloomington MSA, Bartholomew and Miami Counties only); ethnicity (Bartholomew, Miami and Scott counties only).
- **Demand for services:** Varies by nonprofit field for the Indianapolis MSA and Bartholomew County.
- **Age of nonprofits:** Varies significantly by major nonprofit field across all communities.
- **Incorporation status:** Varies significantly by major nonprofit field in the Indianapolis MSA and Bartholomew County.

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- **Total revenues or income:** Vary by nonprofit field for all regions, except the Northwest Region (revenues and income) and the Indianapolis MSA (income).
- **Changes in revenues:** Vary by nonprofit field for the South Bend and Bloomington MSAs and Dubois County.
- **Changes in expenses:** Vary by nonprofit field for the Fort Wayne and South Bend MSAs and Dubois County.
- **Extent of deficit or surplus:** Does not vary by nonprofit field for any region.
- **Funding mix:** Varies by nonprofit field for all regions.

Nonprofit Service Capacities by Region: The service capacities of Indiana nonprofits differ somewhat by region. For detailed statistics, see Appendix D.

Nonprofit Human Resource Capacities by Region: The human resources capacities of Indiana nonprofits also differ somewhat by region. For detailed statistics, see Appendix E.