

Number of Grantmaking Foundations, 1975 to 2006

| Year | All Types | | Private Foundations | | | | | | | Community Foundations ¹ | |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------|--------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| | Number | % Change | Number | IN | % Change | CS | % Change | OP | % Change | Number | % Change |
| 1975 | 21,887 | | 21,877 | -- | | -- | | -- | | -- | |
| 1976 | 21,447 | (2.0) | 21,447 | -- | | -- | | -- | | -- | |
| 1977 | 22,152 | 3.3 | 21,982 | -- | | -- | | -- | | 170 | |
| 1978 | 22,484 | 1.5 | 22,325 | -- | | -- | | -- | | 159 | (6.5) |
| 1979 | 22,535 | 0.2 | 22,348 | -- | | -- | | -- | | 187 | 17.6 |
| 1980 | 22,088 | (2.0) | 21,906 | -- | | -- | | -- | | 182 | (2.7) |
| 1981 | 21,967 | (0.5) | 21,759 | -- | | -- | | 496 | | 208 | 14.3 |
| 1982 ² | 23,770 | 8.2 | 23,545 | -- | | -- | | 817 | 64.7 | 225 | 8.2 |
| 1983 | 24,261 | 2.1 | 24,025 | -- | | -- | | 676 | (17.3) | 236 | 4.9 |
| 1984 | 24,859 | 2.5 | 24,616 | -- | | -- | | 907 | 34.2 | 243 | 3.0 |
| 1985 | 25,639 | 3.1 | 25,389 | -- | | -- | | 677 | (25.4) | 250 | 2.9 |
| 1986 | 26,650 | -- | -- | -- | | -- | | -- | | -- | |
| 1987 ³ | 27,661 | -- | 27,429 | 25,094 | | 1,295 | | 1,040 | | 232 | |
| 1988 | 30,338 | 9.7 | 30,082 | 27,411 | 9.2 | 1,449 | 11.9 | 1,222 | 17.5 | 256 | 10.3 |
| 1989 | 31,990 | 5.4 | 31,708 | 28,669 | 4.6 | 1,587 | 9.5 | 1,452 | 18.8 | 282 | 10.2 |
| 1990 | 32,401 | 1.3 | 32,073 | 28,743 | 0.3 | 1,718 | 8.3 | 1,612 | 11.0 | 328 | 16.3 |
| 1991 | 33,356 | 2.9 | 33,021 | 29,476 | 2.6 | 1,775 | 3.3 | 1,770 | 9.8 | 335 | 2.1 |
| 1992 | 35,765 | 7.2 | 35,412 | 31,604 | 7.2 | 1,897 | 6.9 | 1,911 | 8.0 | 353 | 5.4 |
| 1993 | 37,571 | 5.0 | 37,197 | 33,224 | 5.1 | 1,956 | 3.1 | 2,017 | 5.5 | 374 | 5.9 |
| 1994 | 38,807 | 3.3 | 38,404 | 34,319 | 3.3 | 1,951 | (0.3) | 2,134 | 5.8 | 403 | 7.8 |
| 1995 | 40,140 | 3.4 | 39,727 | 35,602 | 3.7 | 1,946 | (0.3) | 2,179 | 2.1 | 413 | 2.5 |
| 1996 | 41,588 | 3.6 | 41,177 | 36,885 | 3.6 | 1,969 | 1.2 | 2,323 | 6.6 | 411 | (0.5) |
| 1997 | 44,146 | 6.2 | 43,743 | 39,248 | 6.4 | 2,029 | 3.0 | 2,466 | 6.2 | 403 | (1.9) |
| 1998 | 46,832 | 6.1 | 46,395 | 41,751 | 6.4 | 2,022 | (0.3) | 2,622 | 6.3 | 437 | 8.4 |
| 1999 | 50,201 | 7.2 | 49,682 | 44,824 | 7.4 | 2,019 | (0.1) | 2,839 | 8.3 | 519 | 18.8 |
| 2000 | 56,582 | 12.7 | 56,022 | 50,532 | 12.7 | 2,018 | (0.0) | 3,472 | 22.3 | 560 | 7.9 |
| 2001 | 61,810 | 9.2 | 61,208 | 55,120 | 9.1 | 2,170 | 7.5 | 3,918 | 12.8 | 602 | 7.5 |
| 2002 | 64,843 | 4.9 | 64,182 | 57,834 | 4.9 | 2,362 | 8.8 | 3,986 | 1.7 | 661 | 9.8 |
| 2003 | 66,398 | 2.4 | 65,699 | 58,991 | 2.0 | 2,549 | 7.9 | 4,159 | 4.3 | 699 | 5.7 |
| 2004 | 67,736 | 2.0 | 67,036 | 60,031 | 1.8 | 2,596 | 1.8 | 4,409 | 6.0 | 700 | 0.1 |
| 2005 | 71,095 | 5.0 | 70,388 | 63,059 | 5.0 | 2,607 | 0.4 | 4,722 | 7.1 | 707 | 1.0 |
| 2006 | 72,477 | 1.9 | 71,760 | 64,405 | 2.1 | 2,548 | (2.3) | 4,807 | 1.8 | 717 | 1.4 |

Source: The Foundation Center, 2008.

-- = Not available; IN = Independent; CS = Corporate; OP = Operating.

¹Collection of data on community foundations began with the fiscal year 1977. Data solicited annually by questionnaire; community foundations are not required to file Form 990-PF.

²Increase largely due to improved, computerized data collection techniques scanning multiple year IRS transaction tapes to identify eligible grantmaking foundations.

³Primary source of data changed from IRS transaction tape to direct entry by Foundation Center staff from Form 990-PF, facilitating manual coding of independent and corporate foundations.