

50 Largest Independent Foundations by Asset Size, 2008

Foundation	State	Assets	Total Giving ¹	Qualifying Distributions ²	Fiscal Date
1. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	WA	\$ 29,889,702,125	\$ 2,805,251,969	\$ 3,308,451,241	12/31/08
2. The Ford Foundation	NY	10,234,860,000	474,095,000	474,095,000	09/30/09
3. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	NJ	7,513,607,363	408,831,456	408,831,456	12/31/08
4. W. K. Kellogg Foundation	MI	6,813,784,639	244,511,126	244,511,126	08/31/09
5. The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	CA	6,208,980,453	379,599,742	415,397,462	12/31/08
6. Lilly Endowment Inc.	IN	5,718,809,817	336,551,359	354,080,113	12/31/08
7. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	IL	5,014,059,260	252,254,918	252,254,918	12/31/08
8. The California Endowment	CA	4,657,176,628	140,510,981	195,800,158	02/28/08
9. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation	CA	4,650,858,492	301,979,479	334,624,180	12/31/08
10. Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	CA	4,509,705,996	261,740,279	261,740,279	12/31/08
11. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	NY	4,363,563,000	267,479,576	267,479,576	12/31/08
12. The Kresge Foundation	MI	3,100,000,000	181,439,048	181,439,048	12/31/08
13. The Rockefeller Foundation	NY	3,053,944,733	137,741,403	181,791,285	12/31/08
14. Carnegie Corporation of New York	NY	2,662,702,247	101,314,879	118,403,171	09/30/08
15. The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation	NE	2,517,560,936	347,911,661	351,926,060	12/31/08
16. The Annenberg Foundation	CA	2,487,703,921	266,898,723	281,901,542	06/30/08
17. The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc.	MD	2,480,251,109	99,570,742	102,920,940	02/29/08
18. The Duke Endowment	NC	2,350,049,705	162,139,499	172,863,200	12/31/08
19. The Annie E. Casey Foundation	MD	2,294,628,649	190,575,097	190,575,097	12/31/08
20. Margaret A. Cargill Foundation	MN	2,118,125,342	110,150	110,150	12/31/08
21. Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, Inc.	GA	2,013,371,188	116,867,936	117,701,311	12/31/08
22. John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	FL	1,972,507,394	116,206,414	116,206,414	12/31/08
23. Walton Family Foundation, Inc.	AR	1,948,806,804	168,874,434	200,479,422	12/31/08
24. Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	MI	1,933,369,747	77,245,733	93,971,917	12/31/08
25. The McKnight Foundation	MN	1,582,042,000	99,486,687	99,486,687	12/31/08
26. The Bloomberg Family Foundation, Inc.	NY	1,573,135,222	41,838,303	41,838,303	12/31/08
27. Richard King Mellon Foundation	PA	1,525,601,452	62,750,139	65,381,588	12/31/08
28. Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation	MO	1,486,041,461	38,681,709	97,900,053	12/31/08
29. Doris Duke Charitable Foundation	NY	1,475,691,610	102,095,376	113,065,152	12/31/08
30. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation	NY	1,422,748,108	72,961,731	72,961,731	12/31/08
31. Eli & Edythe Broad Foundation	CA	1,348,976,378	116,505,375	133,527,790	12/31/08
32. The James Irvine Foundation	CA	1,306,590,965	69,315,228	77,765,246	12/31/08
33. Houston Endowment Inc.	TX	1,262,470,870	76,630,364	76,630,364	12/31/08
34. The Heinz Endowments	PA	1,205,528,000	65,000,095	65,000,095	12/31/08
35. The Starr Foundation	NY	1,201,239,493	169,909,034	174,428,653	12/31/08
36. Barr Foundation	MA	1,142,271,401	45,055,701	47,605,070	12/31/07
37. The Wallace Foundation	NY	1,115,216,051	62,745,480	78,025,031	12/31/08
38. The Simons Foundation	NY	1,108,321,802	47,660,532	47,947,660	06/30/08
39. The William Penn Foundation	PA	1,076,817,288	62,974,512	62,974,512	12/31/08
40. The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Inc.	OK	1,000,625,454	11,128,732	60,711,732	12/31/08
41. Lumina Foundation for Education, Inc.	IN	989,619,698	53,376,069	64,528,323	12/31/08
42. The Norton Simon Foundation	CA	980,117,031	5,000,000	5,000,000	12/31/08
43. Robertson Foundation	NY	974,063,488	71,163,079	73,482,702	11/30/08
44. Surdna Foundation, Inc.	NY	964,614,774	36,100,315	43,234,341	06/30/08
45. Daniels Fund	CO	961,663,007	50,424,020	57,968,749	12/31/08
46. The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation	TX	945,717,769	108,955,421	127,005,184	12/31/08
47. The Moody Foundation	TX	939,946,469	30,870,102	33,535,635	12/31/08
48. John Templeton Foundation	PA	880,433,745	70,656,679	79,476,184	12/31/08
49. W. M. Keck Foundation	CA	869,957,000	53,116,000	53,116,000	12/31/08
50. The Brown Foundation, Inc.	TX	835,745,616	48,952,020	50,252,820	06/30/09

Source: The Foundation Center, 2010. Aggregate foundation fiscal information in tables and figures is based on data provided to the Center as of January 2010. Fiscal data on individual foundations included in this table may be more current.

¹Includes grants, scholarships, and employee matching gifts; excludes set-asides, loans, PRIs, and program expenses.

²Qualifying distributions are the charitable expenditures used in calculating private foundations' required annual 5 percent payout; includes total giving, as well as reasonable administrative expenses, set-asides, PRIs, operating program expenses, and amount paid to acquire assets used directly for charitable purposes.