

KEY FACTS ON COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

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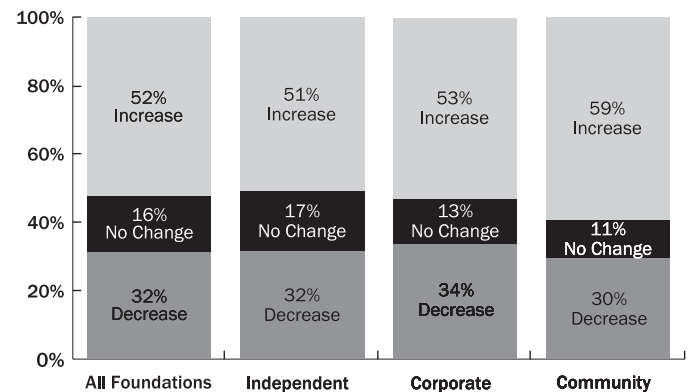
OUTLOOK FOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GIVING

Community foundations constitute just 1 percent of all U.S. grantmaking foundations but account for roughly 10 percent of giving. In 2005, their estimated giving rose 10.9 percent—roughly twice as fast as independent and corporate foundations—to a record \$3.2 billion. Double-digit asset gains in 2003 and 2004, increases in the level of new gifts into foundations, and exceptional disbursements from donor-advised funds all contributed to this growth. Relative to other types of foundations, community foundations benefited from having a broad pool of individual donors who can respond quickly to economic upturns and also balance out those that have reduced giving. Donor-advised funds maintained by community foundations may also represent a more attractive option to donors than setting up an independent foundation, given unpredictable market returns in recent years.

Looking ahead, well over half (59 percent) of community foundations responding to the Foundation Center's annual forecasting survey expected to increase their giving in 2006.¹ Most of these funders anticipated giving increases in the 1 to 5 percent and 5 to 10 percent ranges. Yet this positive finding was tempered by the 30 percent of respondents who expected to reduce their giving in 2006. By comparison, prior surveys found that 28 percent of community foundation respondents expected to reduce giving in 2005 and only 17 percent had anticipated reduced giving in 2004.

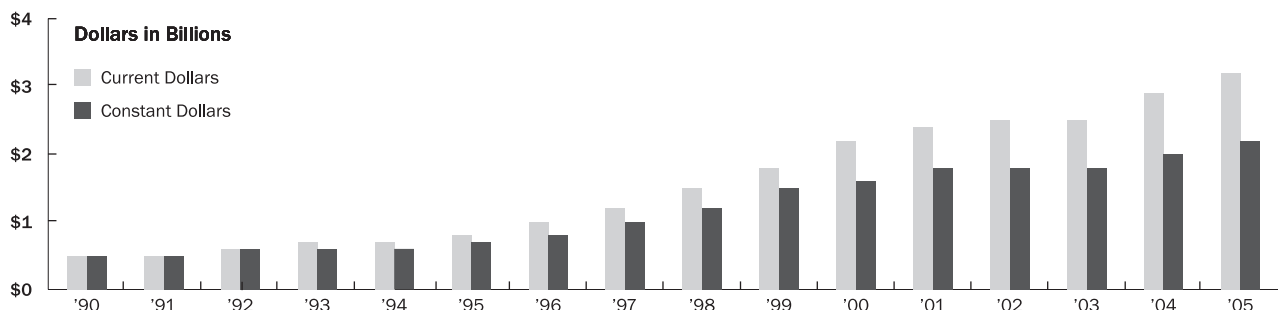
1. For more details see Renz, L., S. Lawrence, and J. Atienza, *Foundation Growth and Giving Estimates: Current Outlook*, The Foundation Center, New York, NY, 2006.

Nearly six out of ten surveyed community foundations expected to increase giving in 2006, while three out of ten anticipated reductions



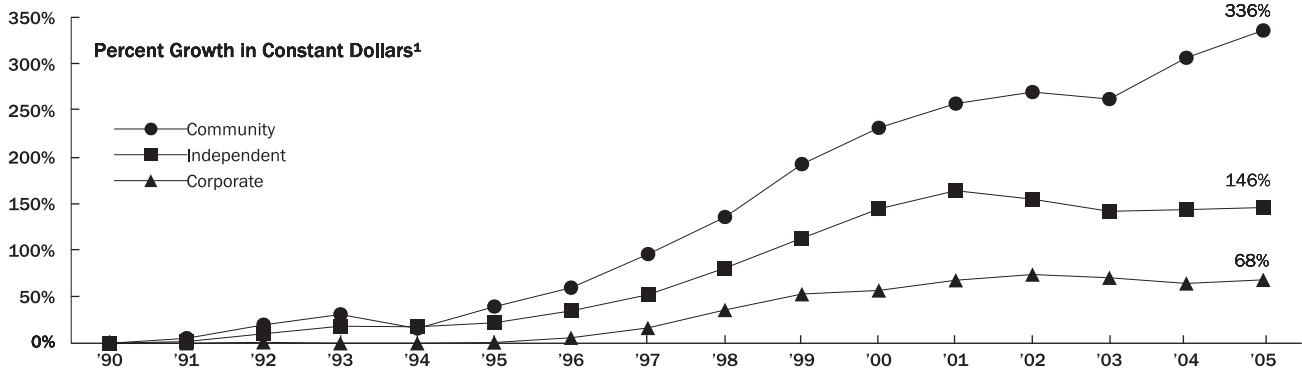
Note: A total of 808 foundations responded to this question.

Inflation-adjusted community foundation giving has more than quadrupled since 1990



Note: Figures estimated for 2005.

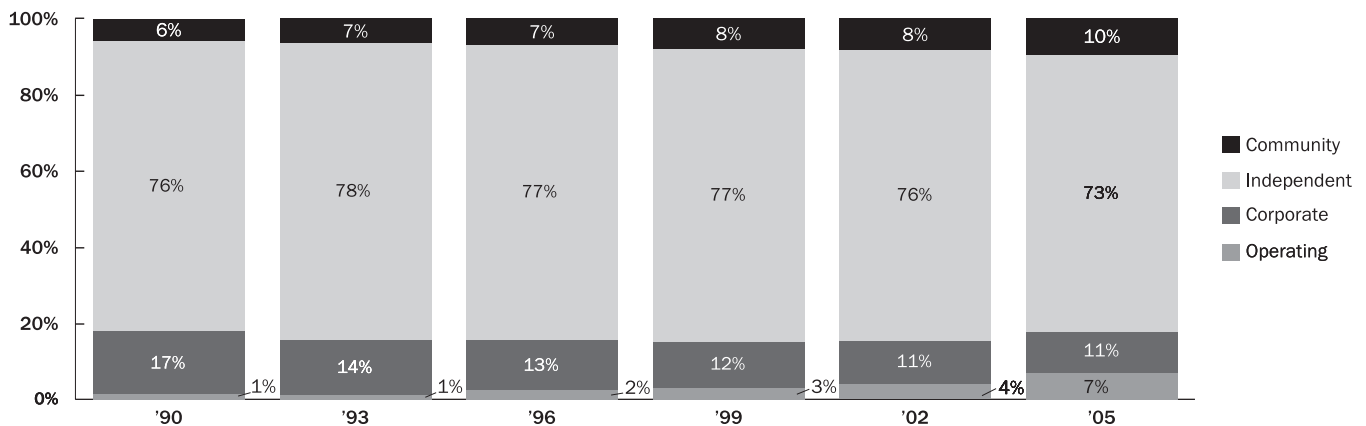
After inflation, community foundations reported fastest cumulative growth in giving since 1990



Note: Figures estimated for 2005.

¹Percent change in constant 1990 dollars based on annual average Consumer Price Index, all urban consumers (Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of February 2006).

Community foundation giving has steadily increased as a share of all foundation giving since 1990



Note: Based on total giving by 67,736 grantmaking private and community foundations. Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100.

SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

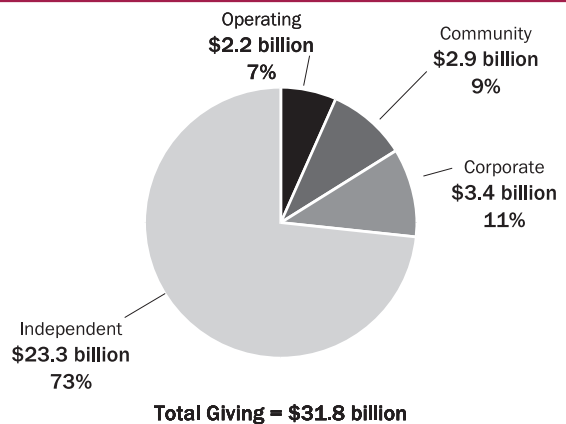
Change in Community Foundations, 1990 to 2004

	1990	2004	% Change	
			Current	Constant ¹
No. of Foundations	328	700	113.4	
Total Giving	\$495,886	\$2,916,434	488.1	306.9
Total Assets	\$6,622,440	\$38,782,471	485.6	305.2
Gifts Received	\$609,391	\$3,859,248	533.3	338.2

Note: Dollars in thousands.

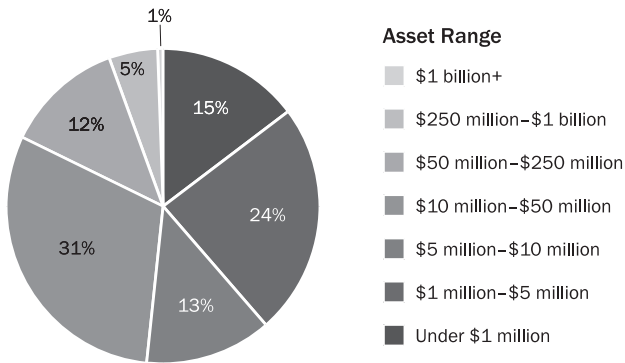
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Community foundation giving represented close to one-tenth of total foundation giving in 2004



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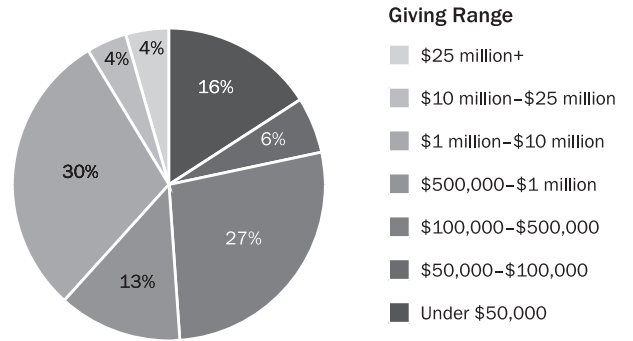
Over half of community foundations reported less than \$10 million in assets in 2004



Percent of Number of Foundations

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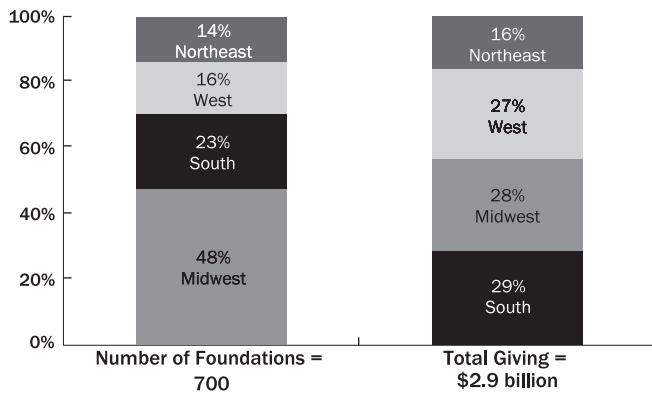
More than three-fifths of community foundations reported less than \$1 million in giving in 2004



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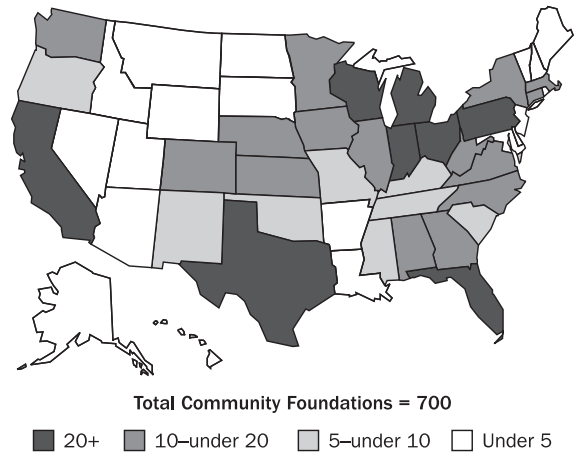
Note: Based on 700 grantmaking community foundations.

The South accounted for the largest share of community foundation giving in 2004



Note: Total giving includes grants, scholarships, and employee matching gifts; excludes set-asides, loans, PRIs, and program expenses. Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100.

Community Foundations by State, 2004



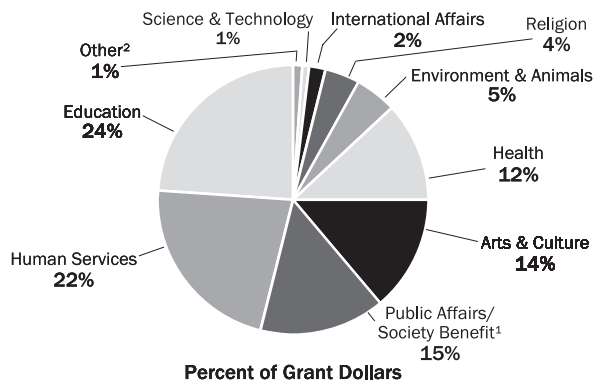
New York Community Trust ranked first among community foundations by total giving in 2004

Foundation	State	Total Giving ¹	Assets	Gifts Received	Fiscal Date
1. New York Community Trust	NY	\$139,638,866	\$1,810,817,540	\$ 75,872,172	12/31/2004
2. Peninsula Community Foundation ²	CA	110,910,875	611,716,329	148,769,826	12/31/2004
3. California Community Foundation	CA	91,295,121	762,726,071	136,715,375	6/30/2005
4. Community Foundation for the National Capital Region	DC	83,251,153	329,576,002	75,201,397	3/31/2005
5. Foundation for the Carolinas	NC	82,821,824	349,127,277	60,926,623	12/31/2004
6. Communities Foundation of Texas	TX	75,853,025	647,469,000	79,982,806	6/30/2005
7. Community Foundation Silicon Valley ²	CA	75,366,593	760,821,244	140,184,428	6/30/2005
8. Boston Foundation	MA	64,092,145	686,124,331	53,397,223	6/30/2005
9. Greater Kansas City Community Foundation	MO	63,388,075	895,377,250	64,074,552	12/31/2004
10. Cleveland Foundation	OH	62,432,351	1,632,621,913	41,735,085	12/31/2004
11. San Francisco Foundation	CA	62,109,000	809,539,000	62,978,000	6/30/2005
12. Chicago Community Trust	IL	61,677,060	1,324,379,128	45,995,156	9/30/2004
13. Marin Community Foundation	CA	55,436,347	1,071,953,470	25,708,012	6/30/2005
14. Columbus Foundation and Affiliated Organizations	OH	54,554,071	809,783,848	30,169,028	12/31/2004
15. Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta	GA	49,998,065	560,410,937	100,589,071	6/30/2005
16. Seattle Foundation	WA	49,292,873	440,832,417	100,639,573	12/31/2004
17. Minneapolis Foundation	MN	41,788,667	597,646,545	36,050,707	3/31/2005
18. San Diego Foundation	CA	41,106,000	451,470,000	43,064,000	6/30/2005
19. Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee	TN	39,949,273	347,306,203	41,923,752	12/31/2004
20. Greater Houston Community Foundation	TX	39,026,286	147,204,445	49,832,850	12/31/2004
21. Community Foundation of Greater Memphis	TN	35,715,659	254,302,778	35,823,670	4/30/2005
22. Oregon Community Foundation	OR	34,598,363	742,207,820	62,986,260	12/31/2004
23. Greater Cincinnati Foundation	OH	33,817,396	415,330,365	42,673,504	12/31/2004
24. Oklahoma City Community Foundation	OK	33,506,350	454,000,000	8,697,872	6/30/2005
25. Omaha Community Foundation	NE	32,155,318	371,860,410	60,283,842	12/31/2004

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

²In 2006, the Peninsula Community Foundation and the Community Foundation Silicon Valley announced that they will be merging into a new foundation, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

Education and Human Services were the top priorities of community foundations in 2004



Note: Based on a sample of 86 larger community foundations.

¹Includes Civil Rights and Social Action, Community Improvement and Development, Philanthropy and Voluntarism, and Public Affairs.

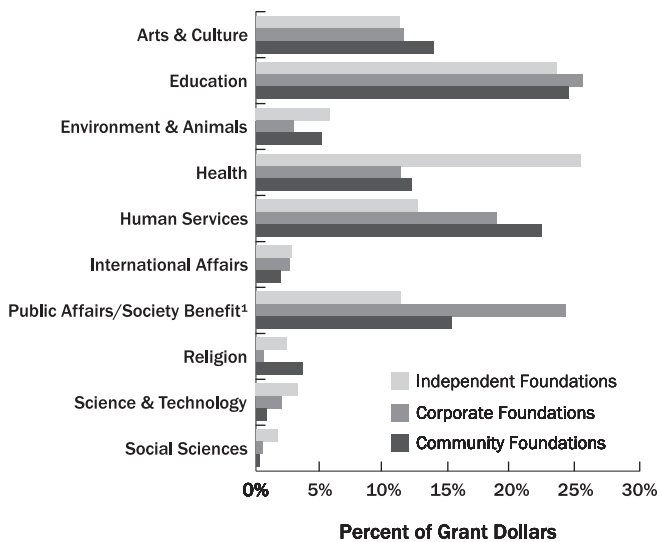
²Includes 0.3 percent of community foundation grant dollars awarded for the social sciences.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GIVING PATTERNS, 2004

The larger community foundations included in the Foundation Center's 2004 grants sample² were more likely than independent and corporate foundations to provide funding for human services, the arts, and religion. Much of the larger share of support for human services reflected giving for multipurpose programs, which include a broad range of services to individuals and families. By target population group, community foundation giving primarily benefited the economically disadvantaged and children and youth—consistent with independent and corporate foundations.

2. The Foundation Center's 2004 grants sample database includes all of the grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by close to 1,200 of the largest U.S. foundations, including 86 community foundations. The overall sample accounted for roughly half of grant dollars awarded by the nearly 68,000 grantmaking U.S. foundations.

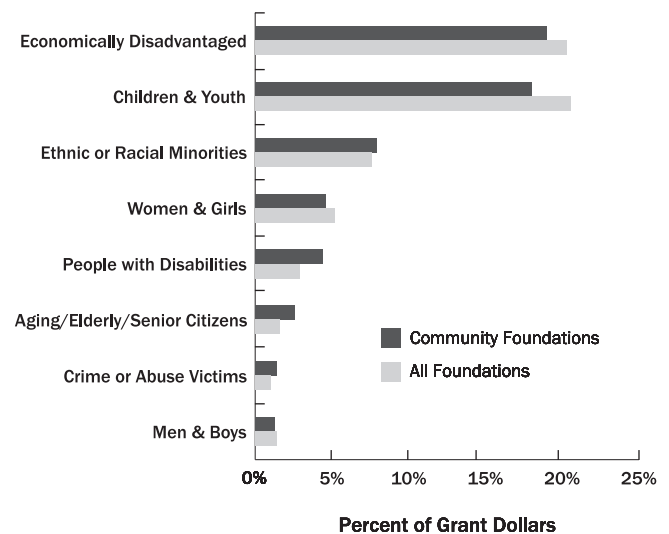
Community foundations provided larger shares of their funding for human services and the arts than other foundations in 2004



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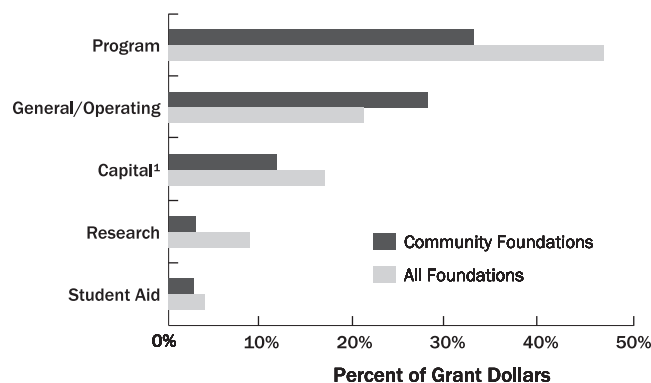
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Community foundations gave proportionately more to people with disabilities and the aging than did all foundations in 2004



Note: Based on a sample of 1,172 larger foundations, including 86 community foundations. Chart includes selected beneficiary groups representing at least 1 percent of community foundation grant dollars. Figures represent only grants awarded to groups that could be identified as serving specific populations or grants whose descriptions specified a benefit for a specific population. These figures do not reflect all giving benefiting these groups. In addition, grants may benefit multiple population groups, e.g., a grant for homeless children, and would therefore be counted more than once.

Community foundations allocated a larger share of their grant dollars for operating support than did all foundations in 2004



Note: Based on a sample of 1,172 larger foundations, including 86 community foundations. Nearly 30 percent of community foundation grant dollars and 24 percent of grants could not be identified by type of support.

¹Includes endowment funds.

Source for all data: The Foundation Center
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