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This issue of *Nonprofit Research Abridged* summarizes the *Profile of Charitable Foundations in Arizona*, a report published by the ASU Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management and sponsored by the Arizona Grantmakers Forum (AGF). The report examines trends in the number, size and grantmaking of Arizona-based charitable foundations. To view the full report, please visit <http://nonprofit.asu.edu> or [www.arizonagrantsmakersforum.org](http://www.arizonagrantsmakersforum.org).



## ARIZONA GRANTMAKERS FORUM

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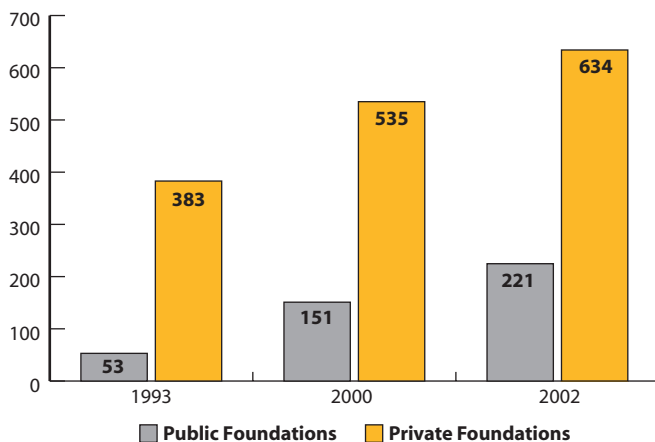
## Profile of Charitable Foundations in Arizona

Charitable foundations are on the rise both nationwide and in Arizona. Compared with ten years ago, there are significantly more Arizona-based charitable foundations; they also hold greater assets and make larger grants.

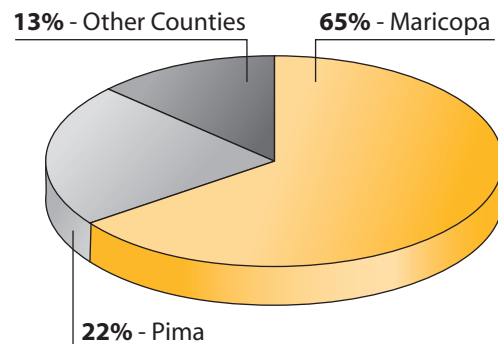
### Growth of Arizona-Based Foundations

Between 1993 and 2002, public foundations increased 317 percent and private foundations increased 66 percent (figure 1). The overall nine-year growth rate (1993-2002) for Arizona foundations was 96 percent. The majority of foundations are located in Maricopa County, as shown in figure 2. From 1993-2002 the number of foundations increased significantly in Maricopa County (131%) and Pima County (111%), but only increased five percent in all other counties.

**Figure 1. Growth of Arizona-Based Public and Private Foundations**



**Figure 2. Arizona-Based Foundations by County**



## Foundation Assets

As of 2002, the 634 private foundations in Arizona maintained assets of almost \$2.2 billion. This represents less than one percent of the total assets maintained by all private foundations in the United States. The 221 public foundations in Arizona maintained assets of \$873.1 million (as of 2002).

Total assets for both public and private foundations have increased steadily from 1993 to 2002. In 1993, total assets for public and private foundations were \$717.6 million; by 2002 the total was \$3.1 billion. Table 1 shows the number of Arizona foundations in each asset category. The majority of foundations are small; 51 percent of all foundations hold assets of less than \$250,000.

**Table 1. Foundation Asset Categories, 2002**

	\$0- \$250,000	\$251,001- \$1,000,000	\$1,000,001- \$10,000,000	\$10,000,001- \$50,000,000	\$50,000,000+	Total
Private	335	145	125	22	7	634
Public	105	48	54	10	4	221
<b>Total</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>855</b>
<b>% of Total</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Foundation Giving

Total private giving in 2002 by Arizona foundations was \$141.5 million, an increase of 65 percent from 2000. The vast majority of foundations (about 81 percent) had total disbursements of less than \$100,000.

Giving by the top ten private foundations in the state rose substantially from 2000 to 2002, from almost \$41 million to over \$71 million. Over the nine-year period beginning in 1993, giving by private foundations has more than tripled. Table 2 shows the largest private and public foundations in Arizona by assets and also lists their 2002 giving.

The following tables do not list giving to Arizona organizations by foundations outside the state. In 2002, Arizona organizations received more than \$47 million from foundations outside of the state; at least 30 percent of total foundation giving to Arizona.

### Definitions

**Private foundations** are organizations funded entirely by an individual, family, or corporation. They typically have permanent assets and make grants from the earnings of those assets.

**Public foundations** have a different tax status than private foundations; they are public charities that make grants. They often seek individual and corporate donations, unlike private foundations. Community foundations, a type of public foundation, hold endowments on behalf of many donors and make grants in a specific community.

**Single-Support Entities** support a single organization, for example, university and hospital foundations. Single support entities are not included in the information in this issue.

**Table 2. Top Foundations by Assets and Their Giving in 2002**

Private Foundations	Location	Total Assets	Total Giving
Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust	Scottsdale	\$525,995,447	\$22,071,216
Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust*	Phoenix	\$147,991,231	\$7,949,547
Flinn Foundation	Phoenix	\$147,889,650	\$7,648,461
Research Corporation	Tucson	\$131,961,562	\$11,635,929
Aurora Foundation	Phoenix	\$114,946,710	\$4,531,705
The Kemper & Ethel Marley Foundation	Phoenix	\$80,499,079	\$5,229,084
The Steele Foundation	Phoenix	\$72,784,781	\$3,582,552
Rodel Foundation	Scottsdale	\$47,527,172	\$2,983,122
Del E. Webb Foundation	Wickenburg	\$46,898,359	\$2,487,930
Dorrance Family Foundation	Scottsdale	\$38,724,483	\$3,795,436
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,355,218,474</b>	<b>\$71,914,982</b>

\*This represents actual grants disbursed only in Arizona and 50 percent of total assets

Public Foundations	Location	Total Net Assets	Total Giving
Arizona Community Foundation*	Phoenix	\$315,337,225	\$20,413,691
St. Luke's Health Initiatives	Phoenix	\$91,847,800	\$4,231,499
BHHS Legacy Foundation	Phoenix	\$79,001,065	\$3,312,288
The Jewish Federation of Greater Phoenix	Phoenix	\$70,234,111	\$8,314,885
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona*	Tucson	\$56,470,439	\$7,050,351
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$612,890,640</b>	<b>\$43,322,714</b>

\*Values include the assets and disbursements of support foundations

### Giving by Issue Area

Table 3 is a categorization of giving in 2002 by the top ten private foundations and the top five public foundations. It shows the total amount given to each issue area and the percent of the total. Education and Human Services received the largest total grants, with 28 and 27 percent of the total, respectively.

**Table 3. Giving by Issue Area, 2002\***

Recipient Type	Amount Given	Percent of Total
Arts, Culture, and Humanities	\$5,524,378	6%
Education	\$25,290,085	28%
Environment & Animals	\$3,248,924	4%
Health	\$15,293,824	17%
Human Services	\$24,741,287	27%
International, Foreign Affairs	\$1,714,972	2%
Public, Societal Benefit	\$7,320,288	8%
Religion	\$5,187,891	6%
Other	\$2,082,447	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$90,404,096</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*The figures are based on disbursement records, for limitations to this methodology please see Profile of Charitable Organizations in Arizona, page 11

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