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## **Grantmakers and the Nonprofit Sector in Upstate New York**

### **Today in the U.S.:**

- The nonprofit sector (1.4 million organizations) employs 11.5 million people in the U.S.
- The sector is predominately composed of small organizations, with 64 percent of all nonprofits operating with budgets of under \$500,000 per year.
- According to a Bureau of Labor Statistics 2006 study, only 14% of nonprofits are social service providers, most others are associations, political action committees, or civic and social clubs.
- The number of NYS nonprofits registered with the IRS decreased by 32% from 2005 to 2008, but the percent filing tax returns increased from 45% to 61% indicating some consolidation and strengthening.
- The number of NYS foundations increased by 17% in the same period.

### **Upstate New York Grantmakers and Nonprofits by Region (2007)\***

Region	# Foundations	Grants Made	# Nonprofits**	Total Pop.
Capital Region	312	\$ 59,955,310	3,434	825,875
Central NY	278	\$ 50,580,377	3,742	1,247,079
Finger Lakes	232	\$ 115,494,516	3,765	1,199,588
Greater Niagara	340	\$ 168,602,215	3,526	1,170,111
Mid-Hudson Valley	218	\$ 59,955,113	3,626	1,032,576
North Country	100	\$ 14,954,989	1,890	550,216
South Central NY	223	\$ 48,113,612	1,817	303,721
Southern Tier	105	\$ 56,751,488	1,260	305,521
Southwestern NY	46	\$ 18,362,173	917	273,632
	1,860	\$ 752,124,357	23,977	6,908,319

\*Data from The Foundation Center, Internal Revenue Service, and the National Center for Charitable Statistics

\*\* 61% of these nonprofits filed tax returns in 2008. 39% of them are either inactive or had income of less than \$25,000.

For more specific data on each region, contact the Grantmakers Forum of New York.