

Number of Grantmaking Foundations, 1975 to 2005

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	4.5	67,036	60,031	3.8	2,596	9.9	4,409	10.6	700	5.9
2005	71,095	7.1	70,388	63,059	6.9	2,607	2.3	4,722	13.5	707	1.0

Source: The Foundation Center, 2007.

-- = 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.