KEY FACTS ON GEORGIA FOUNDATIONS
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Selected Grantmaker Data, 2004
In 2004, 1,285 grantmaking independent, corporate, community, and operating foundations were headquartered in Georgia, an increase of 27.5 percent over 1999, which was slower than the 34.9 percent rise in the number of all U.S. foundations during this period. Giving by Georgia foundations grew at a slower pace than foundation funding overall—11.6 percent versus 36.5 percent, respectively. While U.S. foundations increased their assets by 13.8 percent and received 25.2 percent less in gifts, Georgia foundations experienced the opposite, with a 6.1 percent decrease in assets and a 3.1 percent increase in gifts received. Although most of Georgia’s foundations are small, the top ten by total giving provided 49.9 percent of all support while the top ten by assets accounted for 50.9 percent of resources.

Over one-third of Georgia foundations held more than $1,000,000 in assets in 2004

A majority of Georgia foundations gave less than $50,000 in 2004

Note: Based on 1,285 grantmaking Georgia foundations. Actual number per category shown in parentheses.

Summary Statistics for Georgia Foundations 1999 and 2004

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Note: Dollars in thousands. Percent change represents current dollars. Figures exclude grantmaking public charities.

% change not shown.

More than half of Georgia foundations have been established since 1994

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1 Data incomplete after 2001. A total of 37 grantmaking Georgia foundations established in 2003 or 2004 are currently included in the Foundation Center’s database. Excludes 232 Georgia foundations lacking establishment information.
Selected Giving Patterns, 2004

Giving by subject area among larger Georgia foundations in the Foundation Center’s 2004 grants sample reflected national trends, with grant dollars exceeding national averages by 2 to 5 percent in all subjects except health, public affairs/society benefit, science and technology, and social science. They provided their largest share of grant dollars for education, with the top three subcategories being higher education, elementary and secondary education, and graduate education. In terms of number of grants, Georgia foundations also exceeded the national averages for human services and education. By type of support, the sampled grantmakers favored capital projects, with building and renovation projects receiving two-thirds of this category’s grant dollars.

Georgia foundations favored education in 2004

Note: Based on grants of $10,000 or more awarded by a sample of 20 larger Georgia foundations.

\(^1\) Includes civil rights and social action, community improvement and development, philanthropy and voluntarism, and public affairs.

Georgia foundations directed the largest share of their giving to capital support in 2004

Note: Based on grants of $10,000 or more awarded by a sample of 20 larger Georgia foundations.

\(^1\) Capital support includes endowment funds.

\(^2\) Approximately 22 percent of grant dollars and 51 percent of grants could not be coded for a type of support due to a lack of sufficient descriptive information.

Source for all data: The Foundation Center

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