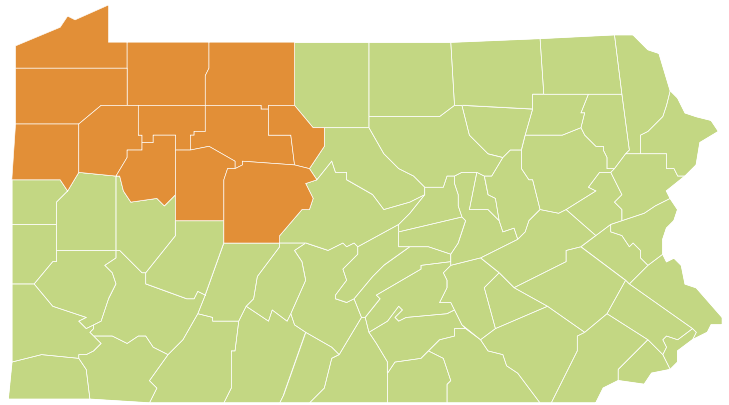


NORTHWEST REGION



FOUNDATION GIVING TRENDS

The 108 foundations in Pennsylvania’s Northwest region gave \$20.5 million in total grants and held assets of \$404.3 million in 2005. The region was home to 3 percent of the state’s foundations and accounted for 1 percent of the state’s foundation giving and assets.

NORTHWEST REGION FOUNDATIONS AT A GLANCE, 1995–2005

	1995	2000	2005	% CHANGE 1995–2005	% CHANGE PA OVERALL
Foundation Giving*	\$8.48	\$17.63	\$20.47	142%	86%
Share of PA	1%	1%	1%		
Foundation Assets*	\$202.38	\$326.96	\$404.33	100%	77%
Share of PA	1%	1%	1%		
Number of Foundations	87	115	108	24%	59%
Share of PA	4%	4%	3%		

Source for all tables and charts: Foundation Center, 2007 * Dollars in Millions; Current Dollars

The Northwest region had the largest growth in foundation grantmaking—142 percent—between 1995 and 2005 of the state’s five regions. The region’s foundation assets also doubled during this time period. However, the number of foundations in the Northwest region grew just 24 percent, which was far below the statewide average.

In 2007, the Erie Community Foundation received a \$100 million anonymous donation. Although this gift is not included in the data provided in this fact sheet, it promises to significantly expand the Northwest region’s philanthropic base. This gift alone will increase the region’s total foundation assets by approximately 25 percent from 2005 levels.

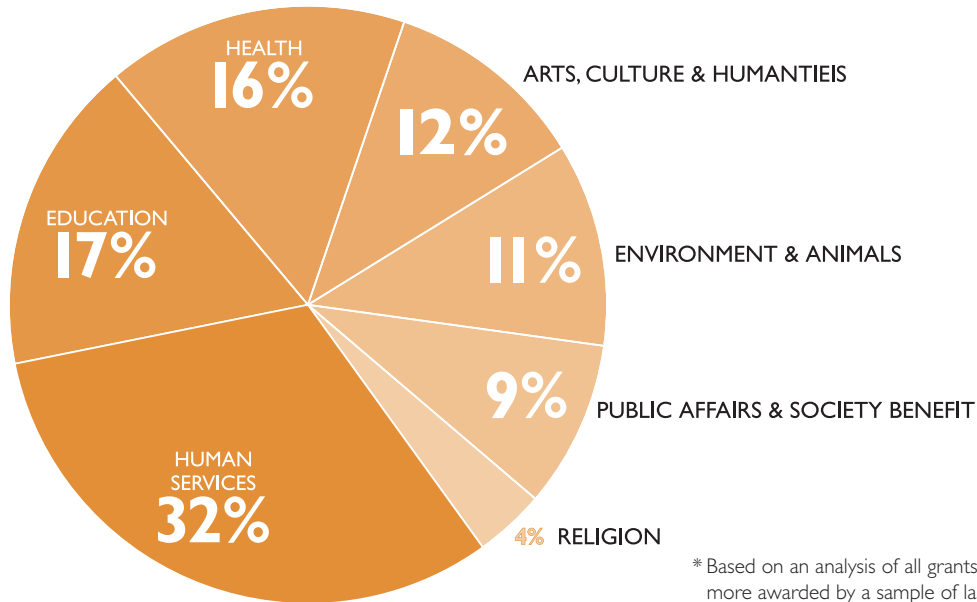
GIVING BY SUBJECT AREA

Foundations in the Northwest region gave the largest share of their grant dollars—32 percent—to Human Services, followed by Education (17 percent), Health (16 percent), Arts, Culture & Humanities (12 percent) and Environment & Animals (11 percent). Foundations in the Northwest region gave a far higher share of their grant dollars to Human Services than Pennsylvania foundations overall (32 percent vs. 13 percent). Northwest region foundations also gave a notably lower share of their grant dollars to Arts, Culture & Humanities than the statewide average (12 percent vs. 22 percent).

This fact sheet is an excerpt from a more comprehensive report titled, “Commonwealth Giving: A Report on Pennsylvania Philanthropy,” 2008 edition.

Pennsylvania’s Northwest region is defined as a group of 12 counties in the northwestern portion of the state: Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren.

NORTHWEST REGION FOUNDATION GIVING BY SUBJECT AREA, 2005*



*Based on an analysis of all grants of \$10,000 or more awarded by a sample of larger foundations.

LARGEST FOUNDATIONS

The largest foundation in the Northwest region in 2005 was The Erie Community Foundation, which awarded \$7.55 million in grants and held more than \$121.3 million in assets. The next two largest foundations in the region in 2005 were also community foundations: the Shenango Valley Community Foundation, which gave \$1.61 million in grants, and the Community Foundation of Warren County, which gave \$1.27 million.

TOP 10 NORTHWEST REGION FOUNDATIONS BY TOTAL GIVING, 2005

RANK	NAME	COUNTY	TYPE	TOTAL GIVING	ASSETS
1	The Erie Community Foundation	Erie	Community	\$7,550,651	\$121,365,329
2	Shenango Valley Community Foundation	Mercer	Community	\$1,611,402	\$25,169,744
3	Community Foundation of Warren County	Warren	Community	\$1,266,638	\$37,704,956
4	Stackpole-Hall Foundation	Elk	Independent	\$908,060	\$24,520,703
5	John Nesbit Rees and Sarah Henne Rees Charitable Foundation	Crawford	Independent	\$676,014	\$14,589,320
6	Dr. & Mrs. Arthur William Phillips Charitable Trust	Venango	Independent	\$580,028	\$13,613,528
7	Glenn and Ruth Mengle Foundation	Clearfield	Independent	\$577,095	\$13,659,096
8	St. Mary's Catholic Foundation	Elk	Independent	\$533,925	\$2,010,391
9	T. James Kavanagh Foundation	Mercer	Independent	\$472,512	\$15,423,019
10	M. J. Surgala Trust	Erie	Independent	\$467,600	\$13,409,248



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