

Data Release

Private Foundation Statistics for 1988

Following the 1987 Tax Year in which private foundations experienced real declines in both assets and revenues, total assets in 1988 increased by a real rate of 9.2 percent over 1987, to \$128.9 billion (in nominal dollars). Total revenues, however, continued to decrease, falling at a real rate of 7.9 percent over 1987, to \$16.3 billion. This continued decline was largely due to a sizeable real decrease in the net gain (less loss) from sales of assets, 36.5 percent, and a smaller decrease in the amount of contributions, gifts, and grants received by foundations, 3.5 percent. In general, foundations also realized declining net investment income yields, especially those foundations holding assets of \$100 million or more.

Along with increasing amounts of total assets, foundations experienced a 10.4-percent real increase in the value of investments in securities over 1987, to \$99.6 billion. Due, in part, to this increase, foundations realized higher rates of return that ranged from 6 to 8 percentage points over the unusually low 1987 returns. Finally, the total median private foundation payout rate increased slightly over the 1987 rate, to 7.2 percent, as grant payments rose by a real rate of 5.5 percent, to \$7.4 billion. (The term, "payout rate," refers to the amount of a foundation's qualifying charitable distributions (plus or minus certain allowable adjustments) divided by its net investment assets. Since 1982, the required annual payout requirement has been set at 5 percent of net investment assets.)

The table on the following page provides a summary of the 1988 private foundation statistics by both type of foundation and size of fair market value of total assets. More extensive data and analyses will be included in the upcoming article, "Private Foundations, 1988," by Margaret Riley and Alicia Meckstroth. The article will be included in the Winter 1991 issue of the *Statistics of Income Bulletin*.

Table 1.—Number of Private Foundations and Selected Financial Data, by Type of Foundation and Size of Fair Market Value of Total Assets—Continued

[All figures are estimates based on a sample—money amounts are in thousands of dollars]

Size of fair market value of total assets	Net investment income		Net gain (less loss) from sale of assets		Excise tax on net investment income					Total assets (book value)		Investments in securities (book value)		Total assets (fair market value)	
	Number of returns	Amount	Number of returns	Amount	Total	Domestic organizations		Foreign organizations		Number of returns	Amount	Number of returns	Amount	Number of returns	Amount
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	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
ALL FOUNDATIONS															
Total.....	32,384	10,406,914	13,769	3,651,221	141,568	31,020	140,835	38	733	36,379	104,332,061	22,163	78,715,133	36,339	128,889,124
Zero or unreported.....	254	14,128	*120	*2,161	281	200	281	--	--	*67	*118	--	--	--	--
\$1 under \$100,000.....	10,770	37,112	2,117	2,256	589	10,022	589	--	--	14,179	446,005	4,894	162,792	14,206	453,083
\$100,000 under \$1,000,000.....	13,695	439,147	5,865	100,305	7,185	13,433	7,183	*13	*2	14,259	4,786,561	10,370	2,615,616	14,259	5,249,973
\$1,000,000 under \$10,000,000.....	6,246	1,685,055	4,410	430,217	26,528	6,021	26,509	*15	*19	8,426	16,985,354	5,549	11,411,895	6,428	19,659,500
\$10,000,000 under \$25,000,000.....	784	1,098,697	665	393,292	16,479	754	16,479	--	--	795	10,484,467	721	7,580,167	795	12,402,806
\$25,000,000 under \$50,000,000.....	293	847,703	268	319,253	12,363	273	12,341	3	22	307	9,037,201	266	6,688,353	307	10,708,086
\$50,000,000 under \$100,000,000.....	175	956,367	165	279,053	13,612	163	13,574	2	37	179	10,057,948	175	7,785,898	179	12,376,814
\$100,000,000 or more.....	167	5,328,705	158	2,124,685	64,532	153	63,679	4	652	168	52,534,426	167	42,470,412	168	68,038,862
Nonoperating foundations															
Total.....	29,861	9,704,429	13,032	3,430,125	138,114	29,136	137,381	38	733	33,204	93,799,113	20,878	72,599,252	33,164	116,414,974
Zero or unreported.....	240	14,128	*120	*2,161	281	200	281	--	--	*67	*118	--	--	--	--
\$1 under \$100,000.....	9,837	35,121	2,064	2,268	556	9,303	556	--	--	12,721	395,747	4,680	156,851	12,747	410,504
\$100,000 under \$1,000,000.....	12,763	410,146	5,576	93,986	6,807	12,681	6,804	*13	*2	13,272	4,424,053	9,819	2,504,966	13,272	4,858,040
\$1,000,000 under \$10,000,000.....	5,744	1,577,027	4,124	397,709	25,424	5,694	25,404	*15	*19	5,848	15,430,237	5,146	10,752,004	5,848	17,746,801
\$10,000,000 under \$25,000,000.....	696	1,026,297	607	363,011	15,722	693	15,722	--	--	704	9,404,897	657	7,074,723	704	11,062,967
\$25,000,000 under \$50,000,000.....	266	794,281	245	302,006	12,077	261	12,055	3	22	277	8,156,820	263	6,297,275	277	9,648,445
\$50,000,000 under \$100,000,000.....	157	878,939	148	250,860	13,048	152	13,010	2	37	159	8,810,619	155	7,053,831	159	11,019,012
\$100,000,000 or more.....	156	4,968,489	147	2,018,123	64,201	151	63,549	4	652	157	47,176,623	156	38,759,603	157	61,669,204
Operating foundations															
Total.....	2,524	702,485	737	221,096	3,454	1,884	3,454	--	--	3,175	10,532,968	1,286	6,115,881	3,175	12,474,149
Zero or unreported.....	*13	(*)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
\$1 under \$100,000.....	933	1,990	*53	*12	33	719	33	--	--	1,458	50,259	214	5,941	1,458	42,579
\$100,000 under \$1,000,000.....	932	29,001	289	6,318	378	753	378	--	--	988	362,508	551	110,650	988	391,932
\$1,000,000 under \$10,000,000.....	502	108,028	286	32,508	1,104	327	1,104	--	--	577	1,555,117	403	659,892	577	1,912,699
\$10,000,000 under \$25,000,000.....	87	72,400	58	30,281	757	61	757	--	--	90	1,079,570	64	505,444	90	1,339,839
\$25,000,000 under \$50,000,000.....	27	53,422	23	17,247	286	12	286	--	--	30	880,362	23	391,079	30	1,059,641
\$50,000,000 under \$100,000,000.....	18	77,428	17	28,192	564	11	564	--	--	20	1,242,329	20	732,067	20	1,357,802
\$100,000,000 or more.....	11	360,216	11	106,561	331	2	331	--	--	11	5,357,803	11	3,710,809	11	6,369,658
GRANTMAKING FOUNDATIONS															
Total.....	28,899	10,090,040	12,938	3,554,066	138,498	28,094	137,781	37	717	30,827	96,548,593	20,421	76,195,202	30,813	121,792,073
Zero or unreported.....	240	14,123	*120	*2,161	281	187	281	--	--	*27	*62	--	--	--	--
\$1 under \$100,000.....	9,011	33,723	1,930	2,088	525	8,530	525	--	--	10,772	365,001	4,295	149,450	10,786	378,850
\$100,000 under \$1,000,000.....	12,578	420,160	5,565	96,372	6,859	12,443	6,857	*13	*2	12,874	4,371,423	9,715	2,515,299	12,874	4,806,564
\$1,000,000 under \$10,000,000.....	5,753	1,570,584	4,135	394,216	25,098	5,654	25,079	*15	*19	5,823	15,476,587	5,143	10,747,234	5,823	17,891,423
\$10,000,000 under \$25,000,000.....	724	1,059,528	631	371,677	16,107	711	16,107	--	--	729	9,662,586	681	7,226,999	729	11,436,627
\$25,000,000 under \$50,000,000.....	268	804,574	248	305,991	12,127	261	12,105	3	22	275	8,236,041	266	6,348,503	275	9,685,704
\$50,000,000 under \$100,000,000.....	165	916,585	156	264,201	13,342	158	13,305	2	37	167	9,323,713	163	7,287,732	167	11,544,386
\$100,000,000 or more.....	158	5,270,764	152	2,117,362	64,157	150	63,521	3	636	159	51,111,181	158	41,919,983	159	68,048,519
Grantmaking-nonoperating foundations															
Total.....	27,583	9,631,914	12,578	3,417,427	136,914	27,058	136,197	37	717	29,326	91,618,627	19,735	71,928,921	29,312	114,295,836
Zero or unreported.....	227	14,123	*120	*2,161	281	187	281	--	--	*27	*62	--	--	--	--
\$1 under \$100,000.....	8,463	32,551	1,904	2,164	507	8,062	507	--	--	10,078	341,687	4,148	144,547	10,091	355,013
\$100,000 under \$1,000,000.....	12,059	399,682	5,388	92,434	6,606	12,035	6,604	*13	*2	12,332	4,180,500	9,377	2,446,176	12,332	4,598,671
\$1,000,000 under \$10,000,000.....	5,578	1,541,973	4,031	389,134	24,739	5,532	24,720	*15	*19	5,622	14,958,127	4,998	10,543,986	5,622	17,250,942
\$10,000,000 under \$25,000,000.....	684	1,017,729	598	360,883	15,596	682	15,596	--	--	687	9,149,059	645	6,958,950	687	10,802,276
\$25,000,000 under \$50,000,000.....	261	789,437	242	301,667	11,980	256	11,958	3	22	266	7,961,415	258	6,215,346	266	9,358,104
\$50,000,000 under \$100,000,000.....	157	878,939	148	250,860	13,048	152	13,010	2	37	159	8,810,619	155	7,053,831	159	11,019,012
\$100,000,000 or more.....	153	4,957,479	147	2,018,123	64,157	150	63,521	3	636	154	46,417,359	153	38,566,086	154	60,911,819
Grantmaking-operating foundations															
Total.....	1,316	458,126	360	136,639	1,583	1,037	1,583	--	--	1,501	6,729,766	686	4,266,280	1,501	7,496,237
Zero or unreported.....	*13	(*)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
\$1 under \$100,000.....	548	1,172	*27	*76	18	468	18	--	--	695	23,314	147	4,903	695	23,837
\$100,000 under \$1,000,000.....	519	20,478	178	3,937	253	408	253	--	--	542	190,923	338	69,124	542	207,893
\$1,000,000 under \$10,000,000.....	175	28,610	104	5,081	359	121	359	--	--	201	518,460	145	203,248	201	640,481
\$10,000,000 under \$25,000,000.....	40	41,798	33	10,794	512	29	512	--	--	42	513,527	36	268,049	42	634,351
\$25,000,000 under \$50,000,000.....	7	15,137	6	4,324	147	5	147	--	--	9	276,626	8	133,158	9	327,600
\$50,000,000 under \$100,000,000.....	8	37,645	8	13,340	295	6	295	--	--	8	513,094	8	233,901	8	525,374
\$100,000,000 or more.....	5	313,285	5	99,239	--	--	--	--	--	5	4,693,822	5	3,353,898	5	5,136,700

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