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  - In 2015, the nonprofit sector directly employed 44,100 Alaskans. Counting indirect and induced effects, nonprofits were responsible for sustaining 66,700 jobs in the state. If nonprofits were treated as their own industry, they would be the second largest source of non-government employment behind oil and gas in Alaska.

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  - Nonprofits make up 17% of all employment in Alaska, compared to the national average of 10%. Over a quarter of the non-government employment in the state is tied to nonprofits through indirect and induced effects.

- **STRENGTHENING Alaska’s industries**
  - Alaska’s major industries—oil and gas, mining, seafood, and the visitor industry—all benefit from nonprofit organizations. Industry and trade associations, convention and visitor bureaus, oil spill response organizations, and aquaculture associations are some examples of nonprofits making Alaska’s industries stronger.

### UP TO 40% of all employment in rural Alaska

- Nonprofits are the largest source of employment in many rural communities. In three rural census areas in Western Alaska, nonprofits make up over 40% of all direct employment.

### Take action

**Nonprofits, like all other businesses, want a stable and healthy economy that ensures all of our communities thrive. Together we have an opportunity to strengthen the state through the nonprofit sector. As nonprofit leaders, we must be ready to work together to further strengthen what is already strong, and redesign what needs work. We must partner with government, business, and with each other to ensure healthy missions.**

**Here is what you as a nonprofit leader can do:**

- Use the data to better understand the economic impact of Alaska nonprofits.
- Use the stories in the report as a reminder that the sector is a place of innovation and opportunity.
- Ask for a stable, long-term fiscal plan for Alaska to ensure a vibrant place for all Alaskans to work and grow.
- Engage with each other as nonprofit leaders and with government and industry partners in finding solutions to our common challenges and strengthening what works for Alaska.
- Use your position and your voice to stabilize our safety net, secure points of leverage, and collaborate to maximize our resources.
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Regional housing authorities
Senior housing organizations
Housing for individuals with disabilities
Low income housing
Food security

Rural & urban hospitals and clinics
Community health centers

HOUSING & FOOD

Healthcare providers

HEALTH

Electric cooperatives
Rural energy planning/assistance

ENERGY

Philanthropy

Foundations
Volunteer associations

PHILANTHROPY

ARTS & CULTURE

Cultural centers
Guilds and co-ops

EDUCATION

Childcare services
Private/parochial schools
Scholarships
Youth programs
Colleges and Universities

Employment

Vocational training
Economic development
Labor unions

RECREATION & LEISURE

Sports leagues
Outdoor recreation

CIVIL SOCIETY

Political parties
Voting action
Civic and social clubs
Nonprofit associations

Education

Childcare services
Private/parochial schools
Scholarships
Youth programs
Colleges and Universities

Employment

Vocational training
Economic development
Labor unions

Philanthropy

Foundations
Volunteer associations

ENVIRONMENT/ANIMAL PROTECTION

Animal welfare
Conservation groups
Land trusts

CIVIL SOCIETY

Religious congregations
Service organizations

SPIRITUALITY

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