

Giving in Maine

*The 2016 Snapshot of
Foundation Giving from the
Maine Philanthropy Center*

In 2014, there were 361 foundations registered in Maine.

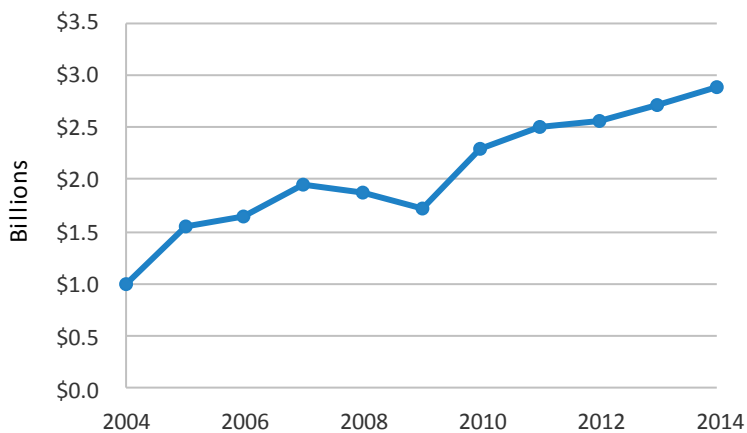
Those Maine foundations gave

\$145 Million

in grants throughout the world.

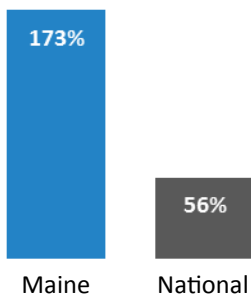
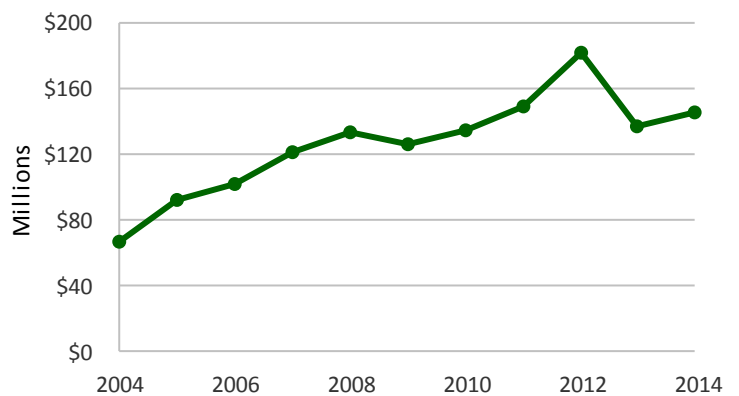
Assets of Foundations Registered in Maine

Maine-based foundations reported **\$2.90 billion** in assets in 2014, an increase of almost **200%** since 2004.



Giving by Foundations Registered in Maine

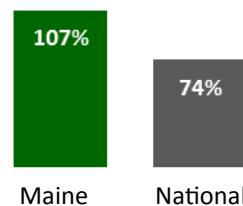
Maine-based foundations gave **\$145 million** in 2014, an increase of more than **115%** since 2004.



Change in Assets:

Maine vs. National

Over a similar period of time, the assets of Maine-based foundations increased 173%, compared to 56% for foundations in the US overall.



Change in Giving:

Maine vs. National

Giving by Maine-based foundations increased 107%, compared to 74% for foundations in the US overall.



What is a foundation? A foundation is a non-governmental, non-profit organization that makes grants to unrelated organizations in support of charitable activities in order to advance the public good. The assets of private foundations generally originate from a family, individual, or corporation.

Private foundations are required to spend at least 5% of their assets each year.

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The top 25 most active foundations in Maine

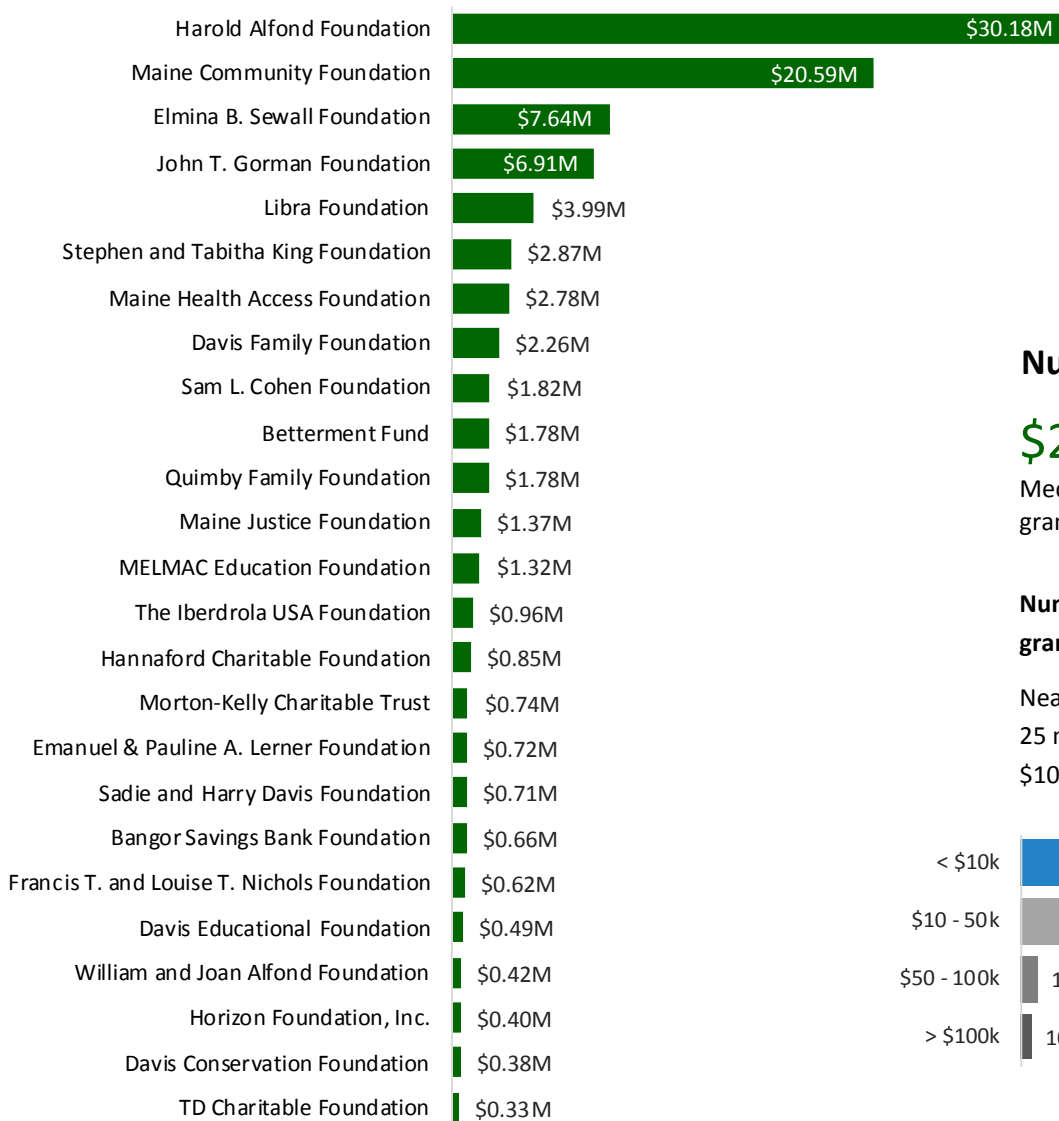
Which foundations are giving the most in Maine?

Some foundations registered in Maine give very little in-state. We compile the list of top 25 most active foundations registered in Maine based on their total giving to Maine specifically. We believe this list gives us a better picture of what's happening in the state.

\$93 million of that giving went to nonprofits and individuals in Maine.

Top 25 Foundations, by total giving in Maine

Giving to organizations in Maine (in millions)



Number and Size of Grants

\$2,663

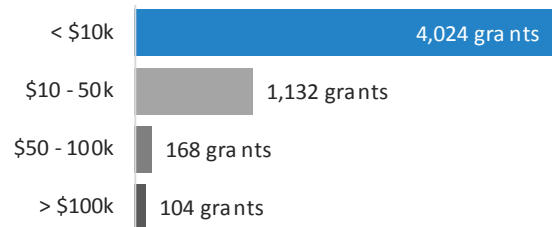
Median grant size

5428

Number of grants given

Number of grants awarded by size of grant.

Nearly 75% of grants awarded by the top 25 most active foundations were under \$10,000



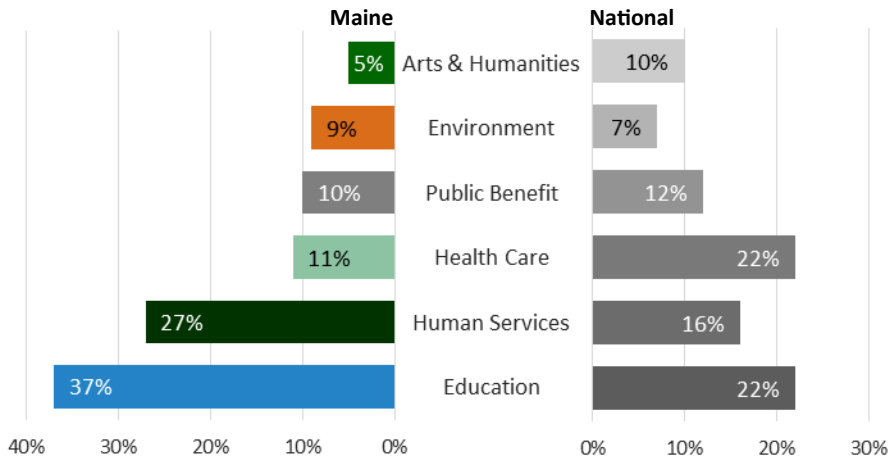
In 2014, these foundations reported **\$2.29 billion** in assets.

This sample represents 85% of the total giving of all foundations registered in Maine.

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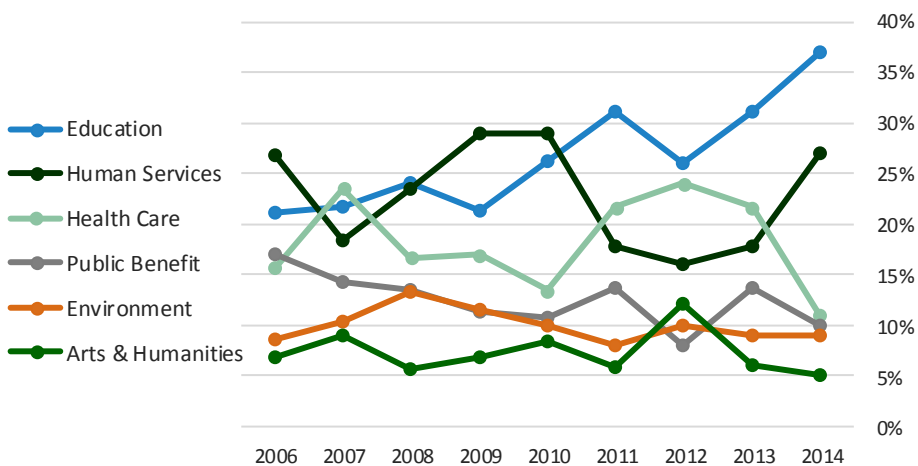
Giving by focus area—Maine vs. national in 2014



Education funding made up 37% of the giving of the top Maine foundations in 2014.

Arts & Humanities funding made up the smallest proportion of Maine giving.

Giving by focus area—Maine trends over eight years



The proportion of giving going to education has increased the most since 2006.

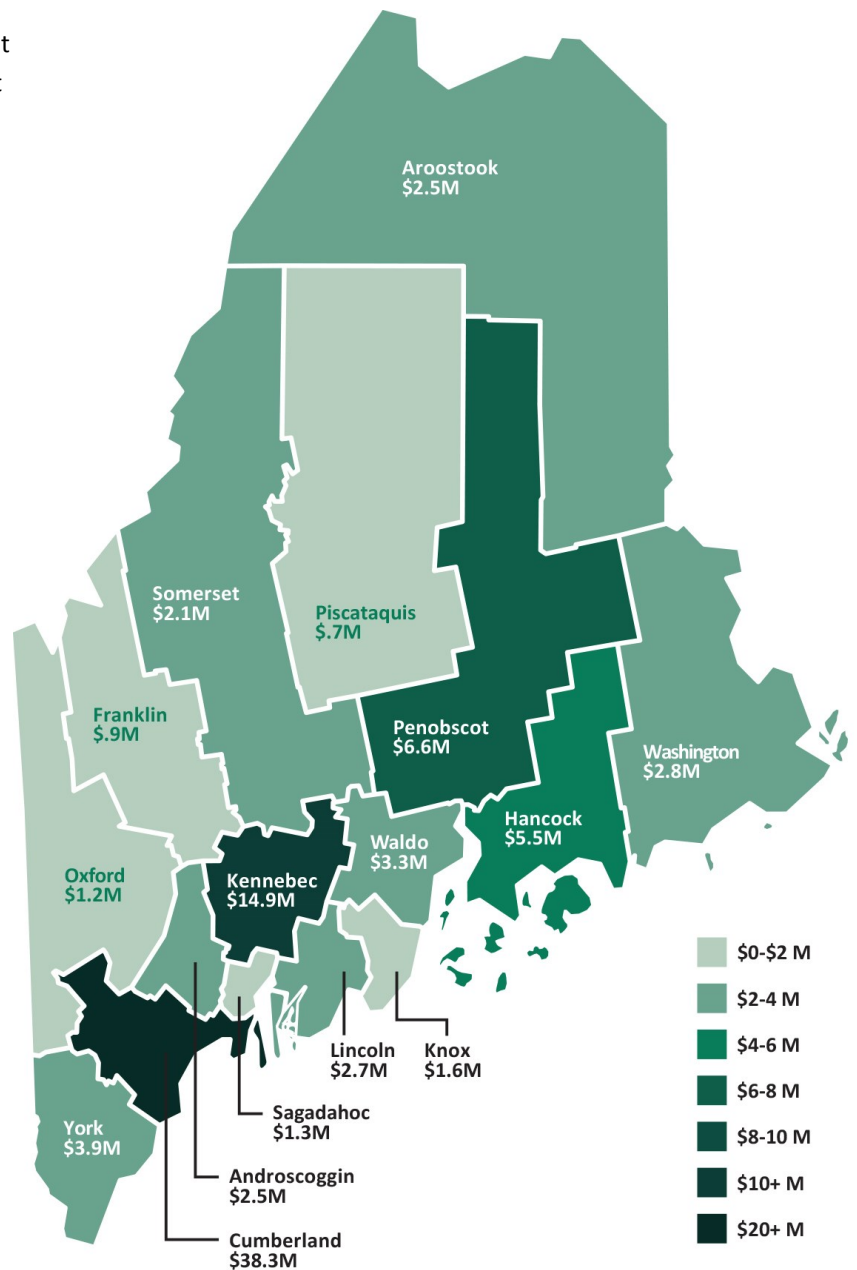
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Giving by county

57% of the giving of the top Maine foundations goes to organizations in **Cumberland** and **Kennebec** counties.

These giving numbers reflect where the grant recipient is based, not necessarily the region the grant recipient serves. Because Cumberland and Kennebec counties are home to Portland, Maine's largest city, and Augusta, its capitol, it is possible that organizations in those counties are providing services across the state.



Sources and more information:

Maine giving data is collected from IRS Form 990s and grant lists provided by foundations.

National averages come from the Foundation Center Stats.

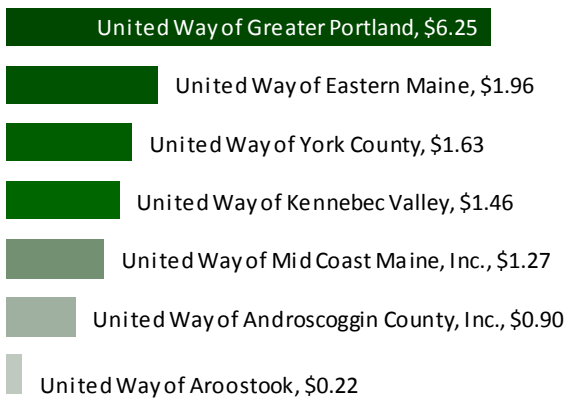
Find more information and tables online at www.mainephilanthropy.org/MEgivingreport

Public charities in Maine

In contrast to private foundations, public charities derive most of their funding from the general public, receiving grants from individuals, government, and private foundations. Some of those public charities, sometimes called “supporting organizations,” act like foundations by supporting other public charities.

While not included in the foundation data in this report, there are a number of active public charities in Maine. For instance, United Ways provide significant funding to nonprofits across Maine.

United Way Giving in Maine (in millions)



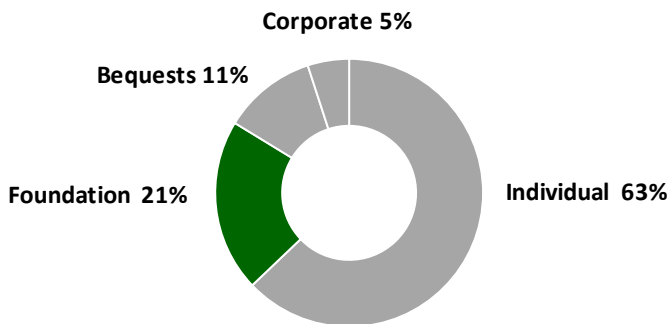
Foundations registered out-of-state

There are a number of foundations registered in other states that give significantly in Maine.

Foundation Name	Amount Awarded in ME	# of Grants in ME
Edward C. Johnson Fund, NH	\$17,565,842	7
Druckenmiller Foundation, NY	\$10,000,000	1
Nellie Mae Education Foundation, MA	\$4,475,054	12
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, NJ	\$3,279,105	5
Doree Taylor Charitable Foundation, MA	\$1,843,400	45
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, CA	\$1,813,071	1
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, NY	\$1,566,000	5
Boston Foundation, Inc., MA	\$1,084,758	60
The Partridge Foundation, OH	\$810,000	5
New Balance Foundation, MA	\$673,200	10

The role of foundation giving in Maine

Foundations are incredibly important in supporting state priorities, but they are just one piece of the pie.



Foundation giving made up 21% of total charitable giving in Maine in 2014.

Foundation giving represents 2% of Maine state government's \$8 billion annual budget.



Each year, foundations and generous individuals provide millions of dollars of support to nonprofit organizations that strengthen the lives of Maine residents and their communities. As part of the Maine Philanthropy Center's commitment to promote philanthropy and increase its impact in Maine, we are proud to develop this annual snapshot of giving in Maine.



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