

# Giving in Minnesota Sample Overview: Giving in Minnesota, 2011 Edition



## Giving to six of eight subject areas declined in 2009

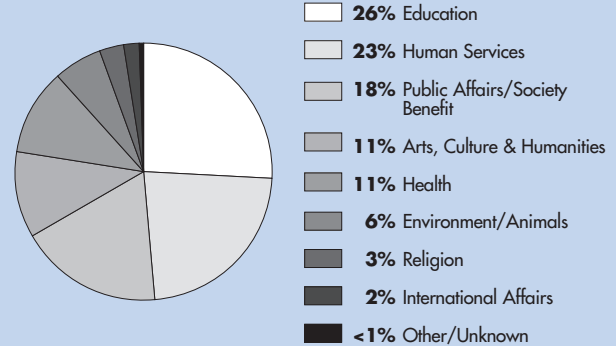
In 2009, giving declined from 2008 levels for six of the eight subject areas (see Table 1). Funding for public affairs/society benefit in Minnesota increased by 13 percent to \$162.3 million, making it the only subject area to grow in 2009. Education grant dollars remained flat, at \$243.1 million. Overall, grantmaking by the 2009 *Giving in Minnesota* sample declined 4 percent from 2008.

The largest funding decreases occurred for human services (16 percent, to \$208.9 million); religion (11 percent, to \$27.4 million); and arts, culture and humanities (10 percent, to \$105.7 million).

As in previous years, the three subject categories receiving the largest shares of Minnesota's grant dollars were education (26 percent), human services (23 percent), and public affairs/society benefit (18 percent)

(see Figure A). In 2009, education displaced human services as the subject category receiving the largest share of overall grant dollars, at 26 percent. Education has captured the largest share of Minnesota's grant dollars in all but three years – 2001, 2005 and 2008 – since 1976.

**Figure A: Minnesota Grantmaking by Subject Area, 2009**



Based on grants of \$2,000 or more made by a sample of 100 of the largest grantmakers in Minnesota.

Source: Minnesota Council on Foundations, *Giving in Minnesota, 2011 Edition*.

**Table 1: Minnesota Grantmaking by Subject Area, 2007-2009\***

	2007		2008		2009	
	Grant Dollars	% Change	Grant Dollars	% Change	Grant Dollars	% Change
Arts, Culture & Humanities	\$121,270,655	-3%	\$117,066,287	-4%	\$105,704,167	-10%
Education	\$252,969,657	0%	\$242,765,883	-2%	\$243,147,179	0%
Environment/Animals	\$45,839,731	22%	\$56,088,812	2%	\$54,977,961	-2%
Health	\$98,976,780	9%	\$100,934,205	-16%	\$98,555,200	-2%
Human Services	\$229,536,218	5%	\$249,980,529	-5%	\$208,948,861	-16%
International Affairs	\$19,772,147	0%	\$20,744,492	13%	\$19,653,482	-5%
Public Affairs/Society Benefit	\$144,308,145	-4%	\$144,099,593	-11%	\$162,269,764	13%
Religion	\$32,094,971	-4%	\$30,671,898	-11%	\$27,393,014	-11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$944,768,303</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>\$962,351,699</b>		<b>\$920,649,628</b>	<b>-4%</b>

\* Due to rounding, figures may not add up to total.

All values adjusted for inflation to 2009 dollars, using the Consumer Price Index.

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## About Giving in Minnesota

*Giving in Minnesota*, a report produced by the Minnesota Council on Foundations (MCF) since 1976 (and produced annually since 1997), provides a comprehensive analysis of giving trends by organized philanthropy in the state. *Giving in Minnesota, 2011 Edition*, describes Minnesota grantmaking trends and patterns for the year 2009, which MCF defines as the fiscal year of any Minnesota foundation or corporate giving program that ends between June 1, 2009, and May 31, 2010. This is the most recent period for which comprehensive data are available.

The subject area grantmaking information is based on an analysis of 24,782 grants of \$2,000 or more, made by a sample of 100 of the largest grantmakers in Minnesota. The total giving of these 100 large grantmakers accounted for approximately 84 percent of all grant dollars paid in the state in 2009; the grants included in the sample represent 67 percent of all grantmaking in the state.

To analyze trends by subject area, MCF uses the National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities (NTEE) coding system to classify grants into eight major subject areas: arts, culture and humanities; education; environment/animals; health; human services; international affairs; public affairs/society benefit; and religion.

The Minnesota Council on Foundations (MCF), a regional association of grantmakers, works actively to strengthen and expand philanthropy. MCF members represent three-quarters of all grantmaking in the state, awarding more than \$900 million to nonprofits annually. Members include family and private independent foundations, community and other public foundations, and corporate foundations and giving programs. For more information, visit [www.mcf.org](http://www.mcf.org).