

# FOUNDATION REPORTING

The number of foundations issuing annual reports and other publications designed to inform the public about their giving activities and interests, grantmaking guidelines, or the work of their grantees nearly doubled over the past decade. Yet this growth lagged behind the dramatic gains in number of foundations in the late 1990s, resulting in a decreased share of grantmakers issuing print publications. Counterbalancing this trend was a rise in the number of foundations providing information via the Internet.

*Foundation Reporting*, 2000 Edition, provides the most comprehensive information available on the number of U.S. grantmaking foundations issuing annual reports and other print publications or providing electronic information. This report serves as the ideal starting point for understanding differences in public reporting patterns based on foundation size, period of establishment, regional location, and type. *Foundation Reporting* is part of the *Foundations Today Series* of annual research reports on foundation growth and trends in foundation giving.

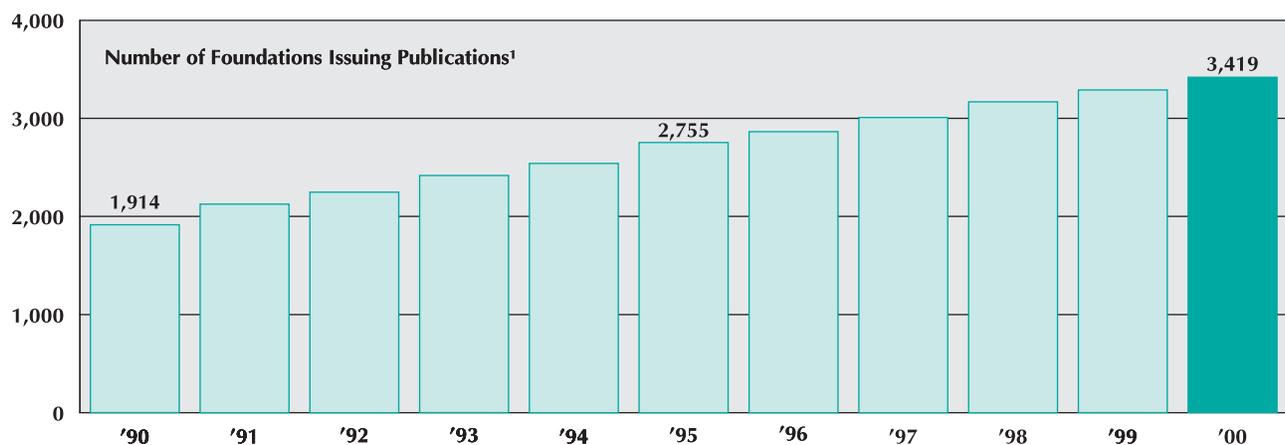
Findings presented in *Foundation Reporting* are based on information from the Foundation Center's annual surveys of private and community foundations awarding at least \$50,000 in giving or holding assets of \$1 million or more. To maintain consistency

with historical Foundation Center data on public reporting, this analysis limits its scope to those 18,323 foundations in the 2000 survey with at least \$100,000 in giving or holding assets of \$1 million or more. Information on foundation reporting also reflects actual foundation publications and Web information that have been provided directly to the Foundation Center.

## Overview of Foundation Reporting

- Over 3,400 foundations issued publications in 2000
- Number of foundations issuing publications grew by nearly four-fifths since 1990
- Reporting foundations accounted for roughly one-in-five surveyed grantmakers
- More than 1,400 foundations published annual reports
- Since mid-1990s, growth in foundation reporting fell behind boom in number of foundations
- 840 surveyed foundations maintained Web sites
- Internal Revenue Service Form 990-PF served as only source of information on activities of most smaller foundations

## Number of surveyed foundations issuing publications grew by nearly four-fifths over past decade



Source: *Foundation Reporting*, 2000. Figures based on annual Foundation Center surveys or public reporting of foundations with at least \$1 million in assets or making grants of \$100,000 or more.

<sup>1</sup>Figures include foundations that issue annual reports.

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### Foundation Reporting by Asset Range

- Larger foundations were more likely to issue publications, including annual reports
- Over three out of four foundations with assets of \$100 million+ issued publications
- Fewer than one-in-ten foundations with less than \$5 million in assets issued publications
- Foundations issuing annual reports provided close to half of all giving

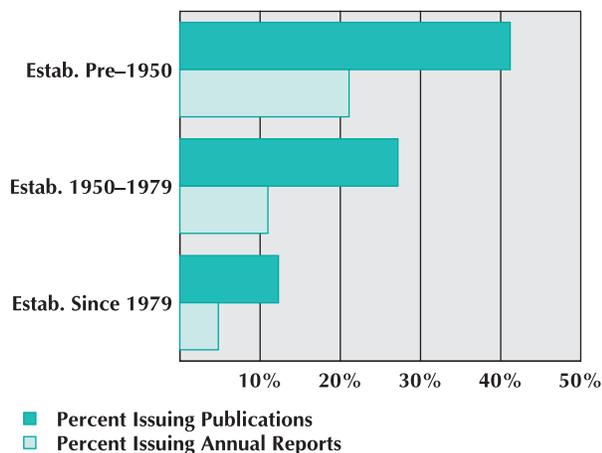
### Foundation Reporting by Region

- Western foundations were most likely to issue publications, followed by Midwest
- Midwest reported largest proportion of foundations issuing annual reports
- Northeast held highest number of foundations issuing annual reports or other publications
- West reported highest share of foundations with Web sites

### Foundation Reporting by Foundation Type

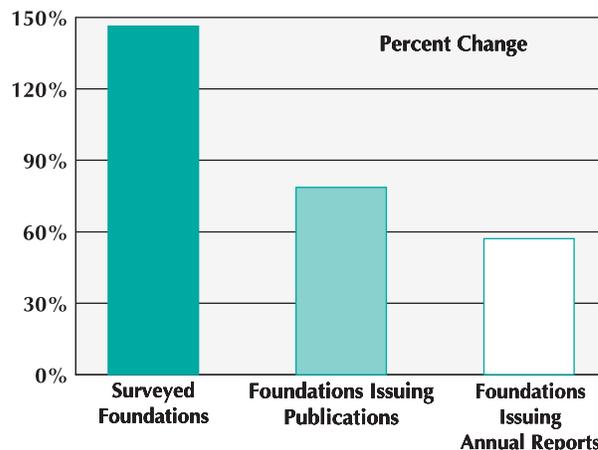
- Community foundations were most likely to issue publications, followed by corporate foundations
- More than nine out of ten community foundations issued publications
- Independent foundations accounted for seven out of ten foundations issuing publications
- Community foundations reported highest share with Web sites

### Older surveyed foundations were more likely to issue publications in 2000, including annual reports\*



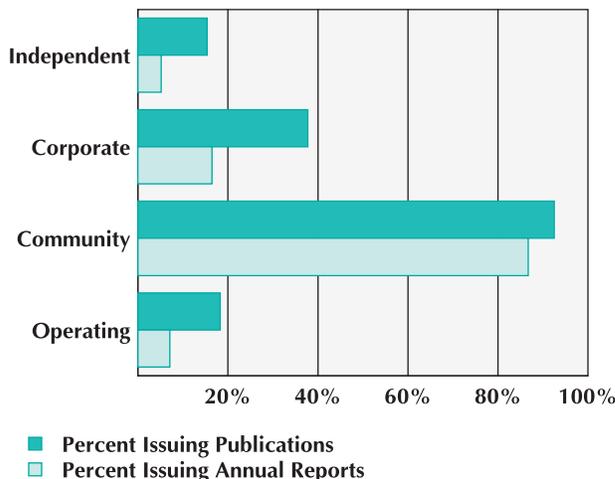
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 \* Figures exclude 19 foundations with publications that lacked establishment information.

### Growth in number of foundations issuing publications lagged behind gains in number of surveyed foundations between 1990 and 2000



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### More than nine out of ten surveyed community foundations issued publications in 2000



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