



Terms used in official statistics



Non-profit sector

Definition:

A group of all entities that are:

1. Organizations, that is, institutionalized to some extent;
2. Private, that is, institutionally separate from government;
3. Non-profit-distributing, that is, not returning profits generated to their owners or directors;
4. Self-governing, that is, able to control their own activities;
5. Voluntary, that is, non-compulsory and involving some meaningful degree of voluntary participation.

Low-level terms:

- [Entity possessing equal rights to non-governmental organisation](#)
- [Non-governmental organisation](#)

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