



## Giving USA: 2015 Was America's Most-Generous Year Ever

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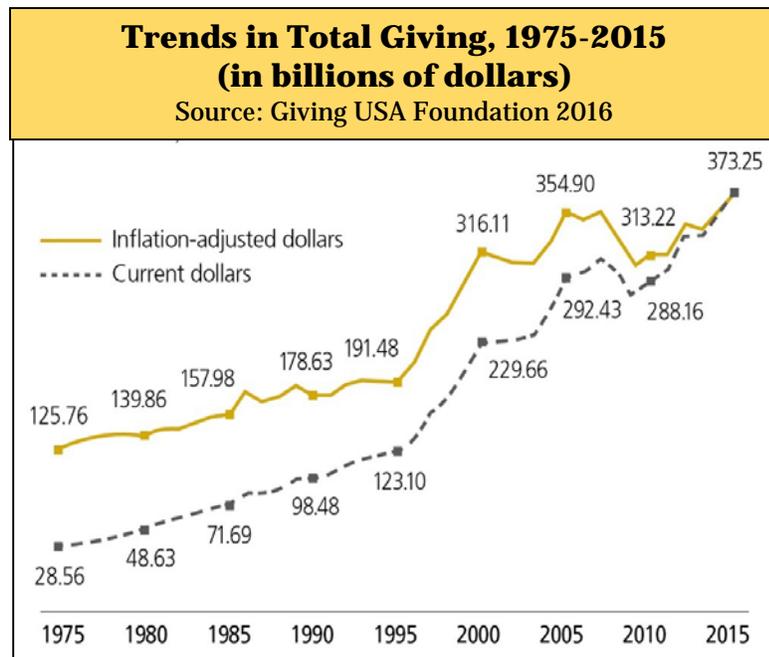
**Charitable donations hit record for second year in a row, at estimated \$373.25 billion.**

Donations from America's individuals, estates, foundations and corporations reached an estimated \$373.25 billion in 2015, setting a record for the second year in a row, reports *Giving USA 2016: The Annual Report on Philanthropy for the Year 2015*, released today.

That new peak in contributions is record-setting whether measured in current or inflation-adjusted dollars. In 2015, total giving grew 4.1 percent in current dollars (4.0 percent when adjusted for inflation) over 2014. The revised inflation-adjusted estimate for total giving in 2014 was \$359.04 billion, with



current-dollar growth of 7.8 percent, and an inflation-adjusted increase of 6.1 percent.



But that's not the only big news about charitable giving in this year's report.

"If you look at total giving by two-year time spans, the combined growth for 2014 and 2015 hit double digits, reaching 10.1 percent when calculated using inflation-adjusted dollars," said Giving USA Foundation Chair W. Keith Curtis, president of nonprofit consulting firm The Curtis Group, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

“But these findings embody more than numbers—they also are a symbol of the American spirit. It’s heartening that people really do want to make a difference, and they’re supporting the causes that matter to them. Americans are embracing philanthropy at a higher level than ever before.”

Charitable contributions from all four sources went up in 2015, with those from individuals once again leading the way in terms of total dollar amount, at \$264.58 billion. This follows the historical pattern seen over more than six decades.

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