

12 TREASURY DEPARTMENT REPORT ON PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS

4. During the period covered by your 1962 Form 990-A, did your organization hold 10 percent or more of any class of stock in any corporation?

[In percent]

	Yes	No	No answer
Total.....	7.3	88.9	3.8
Very large.....	44.6	53.0	2.4
Large.....	20.4	77.5	2.0
Medium.....	11.0	85.1	3.9
Small.....	3.3	92.7	4.0
Donor influence 50 percent or over.....	8.5	91.2	.3
Donor influence under 50 percent, over 20 percent.....	6.9	93.1	0
Donor influence not over 20 percent.....	3.0	96.2	.7
Unclassified.....	0	0	100.0

Source: 1964 Treasury Department Survey of Private Foundations.

1. Foundation payout ratios to assets

Tables 14 and 15 expand upon the information contained in table 12 as to the relationships between grants and net worth of foundations and between ordinary income and net worth. Table 14 shows the percentage of foundations whose total grants are equal to or less than various percentages of net worth. In the top line, for example, the table shows that 10 percent of all foundations in 1962 paid out as grants, including the cost of distributing grants, 1 percent or less of their market net worth. An additional 12 percent of foundations paid out more than 1 percent but less than 3 percent of market net worth. Combining these groups, as is done in the table, 22 percent of all foundations paid out 3 percent or less of their market net worth. Forty percent of all foundations paid out as grants 6 percent or less of their market net worth. It would appear reasonable to interpolate between these figures, and thus it could be estimated that 25 percent of all foundations paid out as grants less than $3\frac{1}{2}$ percent of market net worth. These ratios of grants to net worth are tabulated for various degrees of donor influence and for various sizes of foundations.

Table 15 provides similar information about the relationship between ordinary income and net worth. Of all foundations, 3 percent had no ordinary income. An additional 26 percent had ordinary income between zero and 1 percent of market net worth, making 29 percent that had an ordinary income rate of return of 1 percent or less. A total of 57 percent had a rate of 3 percent or less, and only 10 percent had a return of over 6 percent. Generally, foundations with high donor influence had lower rates of return than other foundations. Similarly, large foundations had better rates of return than small ones. (Many small foundations, which operate as conduits, normally sold their assets in cash.)