

Nonprofit Investigative Centers

Several sites are working to take up some of the slack caused by massive layoffs at the nation's newspapers.

	First Story Published	2010 Budget	Full-Time Staff / Others ¹	Founders and Past Affiliation
National				
ProPublica propublica.org	June 2008	\$10 mil	37 / 7	Paul Steiger, <i>Wall Street Journal</i>
Center for Public Integrity publicintegrity.org	December 1990	4–5 mil	11 / 12	Charles Lewis, <i>60 Minutes</i> (Bill Buzenberg, current director)
Center for Investigative Reporting centerforinvestigativereporting.org	January 1977	3.8 mil	9 / 10	Dan Noyes, journalism nonprofit David Weir & Lowell Bergman, <i>Rolling Stone</i> (Robert Rosenthal, current director)
Frontline / WGBH pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline	1983	~2 mil	29 / 24	David Fanning, <i>WGBH</i>
Huffington Post Investigative Fund huffpostfund.org	June 2009	~2 mil	10 / 5	Arianna Huffington, <i>Huffington Post</i> Nick Penniman, <i>American News Project</i>
Regional				
California Watch (A Project of the Center for Investigative Reporting) californiawatch.org	September 2009	2.1 mil	11 / 8	Robert Rosenthal, <i>CIR director</i>
Fair Warning fairwarning.org	March 2010	~250 K	2 / 4	Myron Levin, <i>Los Angeles Times</i>
Investigate West invw.org	January 2010	225 K	3 / 6	Rita Hibbard, <i>Seattle Post-Intelligencer</i>
I-News: Rocky Mountain Investigative News Network inewsnetwork.org	February 2010	180 K ³	1 / 13	Laura Frank, <i>Rocky Mountain News</i>
Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting pinetreewatchdog.org	January 2010	160 K	2 / 1	John Christie, <i>Central Maine Newspapers</i> Naomi Schalit, <i>Kennebec Journal & Morning Sentinel</i>
University-Affiliated				
Investigative Reporting Workshop (American U.) investigativereportingworkshop.org	March 2009	-1.5 mil	11 / 10	Wendell Cochran, <i>American University</i> Charles Lewis, <i>Center for Public Integrity</i>
New England Center for Investigative Reporting (Boston U.) necir-bu.org/wp	August 2009	849 K ⁴	2 / 8	Joe Bergantino, <i>WBZ-TV</i> Maggie Mulvihill, <i>WBZ-TV</i>
Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism (Brandeis U.) brandeis.edu/investigate	September 2004	~550 K	4 / 30	Florence Graves, <i>Common Cause</i>
The Watchdog Institute (San Diego State U.)² watchdoginstitute.org	October 2009	400 K	4 / 0	Lorie Hearn, <i>San Diego Union-Tribune</i>
Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism (Univ. of Wisc.)² wisconsinwatch.org	July 2009	240 K	2 / 8	Andy Hall, <i>Wisconsin State Journal</i>

1 Others include: part-time, interns, freelance, fellows, contract workers, volunteers.

2 Has individual 501(c)3 status.

3 Includes approx. \$75,000 (42%) in-kind contributions.

4 Includes approx. \$506,000 (60%) in-kind contributions.

Although many additional nonprofit news sites are also forming, some of them collaborating with powerhouses like National Public Radio, their missions are more broad than investigations. They are not listed on this chart, which focuses on a sampling of nonprofit sites that disclose their donors, employ full-time journalists who do more than teach, and provide original investigative reporting directly to the public.