

From the report *Show Us the Stimulus (Again)*, online at <http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/stimulusweb.cfm>.

STATE: California <http://www.recovery.ca.gov/>

CATEGORY	SCORING SYSTEM (* shows component of actual score)	MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SCORE	ACTUAL TOTAL SCORE
SPENDING (ALLOCATIONS OR ACTUAL) BY PROGRAM AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broad categories only: 5 - Narrow categories only: 5 - Both broad and narrow categories: 10* - No breakdown by program areas: 0 	10	10
SPENDING (ALLOCATIONS OR ACTUAL) BY COUNTY OR OTHER RELEVANT GEOGRAPHIC UNIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County/geographic unit overall totals only: 10 - County/unit totals for individual programs only: 10 - County/unit totals for both individual programs and overall spending: 15* - No county/geographic unit breakdowns: 0 	15	15
SPENDING (ALLOCATIONS OR ACTUAL) COMPARED TO ECONOMIC DISTRESS (unemployment, home foreclosure, poverty, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - County or other relevant geographic unit distribution compared to two or more variables: 15 - Compared to one variable: 10 - No comparisons to economic needs: 0 EXTRA CREDIT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -percentage of contracts given to disadvantaged business enterprises: 5 	15 (plus 5 potential extra credit)	0
CONTRACT/GRANT DETAILS (via maps or lists)	ADD SCORES TO GET TOTAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Descriptions of individual contract/ grant projects: 3* - Dollar amount: 3* - Name of recipient entity: 3* - Text of contract or grant document: 3 - Status of project/portion completed: 3* 	15	12
RECIPIENT JOBS DATA	ADD SCORES TO GET TOTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actual job data for individual contract and grants: 7* - Job totals for program areas: 5 - Job totals for entire state: 3 EXTRA CREDIT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - data on job quality (wage rates): 5 - demographics of workers: 5 	15 (plus 10 potential extra credit)	7
MAPPING OF CONTRACT AND GRANT PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interactive map with significant details on projects: 15* - Interactive map with limited details on projects: 10 - Static map: 5 - No mapping: 0 	15	15
USER AIDS	ADD SCORES TO GET TOTAL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - search box (including coverage of data): 5* - data downloadability: 5* - machine-readable data feed: 5 	15	10
TOTALS		100 (plus 15 potential extra credit)	69

Notes:

California's stimulus website is one of the more navigable and detailed sites we have encountered. The state does an excellent job of tracking funds spent and jobs created by primary recipients, but sub-recipient reporting needs improvement. Information about individual projects is useful, but it could be made more so by allowing for or providing aggregation of jobs data on the basis of geography or program. The state has also posted an audit of the quality of data provided by state agencies on ARRA fund expenditures, job creation/retention, and number of sub-recipients. It is available here: <http://www.recovery.ca.gov/Content/Documents/readinessreviews/source/DataReview.2009.11.09.pdf>.

California provides data on estimated and actual awards, and state expenditures by program here: <http://www.recovery.ca.gov/HTML/InvestmentCategory/investmenttop.shtml> (click on any of the "Funding Categories" in the left-hand menu).

The California Stimulus Map (<http://www.recovery.ca.gov/HTML/RecoveryImpact/map.shtml>) displays geographic spending information graphically, but both county/city and individual program totals (by county) are listed under county names on the map page. Additionally, this information can be viewed on a downloadable Excel spreadsheet that contains all map data with both county and city fields, allowing the user to sort and analyze information.

Jobs data are reported through the Stimulus Map, but can only be browsed. A list of individual projects or programs with job creation would provide better opportunities for analysis.

California's search box is capable of searching the Excel spreadsheet that contains data on all stimulus projects. Sub-recipient vendors are not reported here, but primary awardees, whether public or private, can be located through a search.