

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

STATE: Missouri <http://transform.mo.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	0
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	0
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)	0
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	0
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	0
TOTALS		100 (plus 15 potential extra credit)	10

Notes: The Missouri site, which uses the rubric Transform Missouri rather than ARRA, scores poorly because it is not focused on giving data on specific stimulus projects or on displaying the distribution of stimulus spending around the state.

Instead, the site directs users to the Missouri Accountability Portal at <http://mapyourtaxes.mo.gov/MAP/Stimulus/> This is a generally useful and comprehensive site on state spending of all kinds. Yet with ARRA it gives spending data by program categories but does not provide details on specific projects. It has data on payments to specific vendors but does not indicate which contracts or grants they are tied to. The state thus loses points in our Contract/Grants Details and data downloadability categories. The absence of a mapping feature or other geographic data also keeps the state's score down.

UPDATE: On February 1, 2010, Missouri launched a new ARRA website. The site's improvements include a list of program expenditures, a map of expenditures by county, and jobs data from the September round of federal reporting.