

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

STATE: Arkansas <http://recovery.arkansas.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)	8
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	10
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	5
TOTALS		100 (plus 15 potential extra credit)	60

Notes: Under the Programs & Projects tab at http://recovery.arkansas.gov/money_overview.html you can see broad allocations by category and access links for breakdowns by program that then allow you to drill down to descriptions and spending data for individual projects.

The map on the home page shows county totals as you scroll over; it is also available as a larger map here: <http://recovery.arkansas.gov/transparency.html>. The map also links to new pages that provide county-by-county profiles, including limited details on specific projects.

Individual project information is also available under the Programs & Projects tab, where you can find estimated project costs, brief project descriptions, and start date, but no recipient names or jobs data. A section of these individual project profiles calls for reporting "Percent Complete," but in many cases this section is left blank. Detailed information for transportation projects (recipient name, award amount, project description, project status, county, route) can be found in the "Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's Certified Projects" PDF file located at <http://www.arkansashighways.com/ARRA/ARRA%20List%20AHTD%20WEB.pdf>.

The Jobs tab on the website was designed to serve unemployed workers in their job search rather than report on the impact of ARRA. A statewide job count and a limited bar graph showing job totals by agency are included on pages 8-9 in the Governor's first quarter Executive Summary, linked from the homepage; see http://recovery.arkansas.gov/pdf/executive_summary_first_quarterlyreport.pdf.

The search function includes project details. Detailed transportation data can be downloaded, but because this is limited to only one type of funding, no points are awarded.

The website also advertises an iPhone application, but it incorrectly links to the iPod + iTunes section of the Apple website.