

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

STATE: Massachusetts <http://www.mass.gov/recovery>

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	15
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)	15
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	10
TOTALS		100 (plus 15 potential extra credit)	65

Notes: Massachusetts does a very good job of organizing information to show how ARRA funds flow through broad categories to specific program areas (and in some cases into the private sector). The state reports job creation totals at all levels of possible drill-down so users can see specific or summarized data. To improve the site, the state should map specific projects and allow downloading of project and program data.

The state created a comprehensive list of broad and actual program funding through the end of September that users can access at <http://www.mass.gov/bb/arra/brec/category.html>.

The state uses a combination of GIS and PDF documents to display both city/town and county spending data at <http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=stimutilities&L=1&sid=Fstim&U=tmap>.

Contract and grant awards can be found by accessing the funding overview page at <http://www.mass.gov/bb/arra/brec/category.html> and drilling down through program data to specific projects. This arrangement allows users to start at a broad program area, choose a specific program, and then view project data in which contractor, vendor and sub-recipient details are disclosed. Pages at the finest level of detail provide expenditure and job creation/retention data. For projects that have already begun, job creation/retention data are reported and vendors are listed. Clicking on a vendor name provides its Zip code location.

Contract texts are available through the state's Comm-PASS procurement site at <https://www.ebidsourcing.com/>. Contracts can be browsed or searched by contractor name or project keyword.

Job totals by program areas and the state total are also reported on the funding overview page at <http://www.mass.gov/bb/arra/brec/category.html>.

The state provides a map summarizing funds distribution, but it does not map individual projects or link its well-organized project database to the map in any fashion. A map of transportation projects only can be found at <http://www.youmovemassachusetts.org/stimulus.html>. Given the limited scope of this map, the state does not earn points for mapping.

A downloadable summary of the first quarterly 1512 report can be found here: http://www.mass.gov/Fstim/docs/award_sum_oct.xls.