

ADMINISTRATIVE USES OF LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS—American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Allocations

User Agency/Program	Increase from FY 2009 Funding (Millions)	Geographic Areas Used	Reference Period	Allocation Formulas/Qualifying Criteria
Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration				
Adult Employment and Training Activities (WIA, Title I, Chapter 5)	+\$ 500.0	States and Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASUs). An ASU is a contiguous piece of geography consisting of counties, cities, and/or parts of each, with a population of at least 10,000 and an unemployment rate of at least 6.5 percent. (1) (2)	Average 12-months ending June 30.	Funding based on the following proportions: 1/3 on relative number of unemployed in ASUs, 1/3 on relative number of excess unemployed (i.e., number of unemployed in excess of 4.5 percent of labor force), and 1/3 on relative number of economically disadvantaged adults, age 22-72. Not more than 0.25% of funds allocated to outlying areas. (Additional minimum/maximum provisions apply.)
Youth Activities (WIA, Title I, Chapter 4)	+\$ 1,200.0	States and ASUs. (1) (2) (3)	Average 12-months ending June 30.	Funding based on the following proportions: 1/3 on relative number of unemployed in ASUs, 1/3 on relative number of excess unemployed, and 1/3 on relative number of economically disadvantaged youth, age 16-24. Not more than 0.25% of funds allocated to outlying areas. Up to 1.5% allocated to Native American programs. (Additional minimum/maximum provisions apply.)
Dislocated Worker Employment & Training Activities (WIA, Title I, Chapter 5)	+\$ 1,250.0	States. (1) (2)	Average 12-months ending Dec. 31.	Funding based on the following proportions: 1/3 on relative number of unemployed, 1/3 on relative number of excess unemployed, and 1/3 on relative number of individuals unemployed for 15 weeks or more. Not more than 0.25% of funds allocated to outlying areas.
Employment Service Grants to States (Wagner-Peyser Act, Section 5)	+\$400.0	States. (1)	Average 12-months ending Dec. 31.	State funding algorithm is based on the following proportions: 2/3 on relative number of civilian labor force and 1/3 on relative number of unemployed.
Unemployment Compensation—Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08)	(4)	States. (1)	Most recent 3-month average TUR or a 13-week average IUR.	Expanded emergency unemployment compensation to 20 wks nationwide and created 2 nd tier of EUC08 for people in states with high unemployment rates. Tier 2 is available for States with a 3-mo. avg. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of at least 6% or a 13-wk avg. IUR of at least 4% and provides up to 13 more weeks of EUC08 benefits (for a total of 33 wks).
Department of Agriculture				
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)	+\$150.0	States. (1) (2) (3)	October 2007 – December 2008	Farm commodities and funds are allocated based on the following proportions: 3/5 on relative number of persons in households below the poverty line and 2/5 on relative number of unemployed persons.
Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration				
Economic Adjustment (Title 9)	+\$150.0	Areas defined by geographic/political boundaries, e.g., States, cities, counties, Indian reservations. (1) (2) (3)	Most recent 24-month period.	An area qualifies if: (1) the unemployment rate is at least one percentage point above the national rate, (2) the per capita income is 80 percent or less of the national average per capita income, or (3) there is a special need, as determined by EDA, arising from actual or threatened severe unemployment or economic adjustment problems resulting from severe short-term or long-term changes in economic conditions

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Department of Health and Human Services--Medicaid				
Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)	+87,000.0 (5)	States	Most recent 3-month average between Oct. 2008 and Dec. 2010.	States may receive additional assistance under the FMAP based on high unemployment. Using the State's lowest quarterly average unemployment rate beginning with January 2006 as its base quarter, if the State's rate increased by at least 1.5 percentage points over the base quarter it will receive an additional increase in its federal match rate. There are 3 tiers of increasing federal assistance: Tier 1, 1.5-2.5 pts reduces the state's share by 5.5 %, Tier 2, 2.5-3.5 pts. reduces the state's share by 8.5 %; Tier 3 3.5 pts or more reduces the state's share by 11.5%.
Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency				
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	+100.0	Counties and cities. (1) (2)	Latest annual average unemployment rate for the area.	Jurisdictions qualify for FEMA funding if they meet one of the following criteria: (1) 13,000 or more unemployed with a jobless rate of 5.0 percent or more, (2) 300-12,999 unemployed with a jobless rate of at least 7.0 percent, or (3) 300 or more unemployed with a poverty rate of at least 11 percent.
Department of Justice				
COPS-- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services	+1,000.0	Counties and municipalities	Jan 2008-Jan. 2009.	Unemployment rates along with population, poverty rates, foreclosure rates and fiscal problems within the geographic area are used to determine qualification for funding.
Department of Transportation				
Federal Highway Administration	+\$27,500 (6)	Priority given to projects located in economically distressed areas as defined by section 301 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3161)	Most recent 24-month period.	An area qualifies if: (1) the unemployment rate is at least one percentage point above the national rate, (2) the per capita income is 80 percent or less of the national average, or (3) there is a special need, as determined by EDA.
Department of the Treasury				
Community Development Financial Institution Fund (CDFI)	+\$100.0	Same geographic areas used for the Bank Enterprise Awards.	Most recent 12-month period before announcement of application period.	An institution may qualify if part or all of its service area: (1) is located within one unit of general local government, (2) has a contiguous boundary, (3) (a) has a population of 4,000 or more, if in a metropolitan area, or (b) has a population of 1,000 or more, if outside of a metropolitan area, or (c) is entirely within an Indian reservation, (4) has a poverty rate of at least 30 percent, and (5) has an unemployment rate at least 1.5 times the national rate.
Internal Revenue Service—Recovery Zone Development Bonds	+\$10,000.0	States, counties, and large (≥100,000 population) municipalities	Dec. 2007-Dec. 08	Allocations to states, then substate areas based on Dec. 2007-Dec. 2008 employment decline.
Internal Revenue Service—Recovery Zone Facility Bonds	+\$15,000.0	States, counties, and large (≥100,000 population) municipalities	Dec. 2007-Dec. 08	Allocations to states, then substate areas based on Dec. 2007-Dec. 2008 employment decline.
Total Appropriations	\$144,350.0			

NOTE: The term "cities" also includes townships and boroughs in selected states for various programs.

- (1) The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are treated as states.
- (2) Outlying areas include the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Northern Marianas Islands, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and Palau.
- (3) Native American Program includes American Indians, Native Hawaiians, and Alaska Natives.
- (4) Under Emergency Unemployment Compensation, monies are not appropriated, but are drawn from the Federal Unemployment Account under Title 12 of the Social Security Act.
- (5) Dollar amount is full cost of allotment for Medicaid.
- (6) Dollar amount is full cost of allotment for Federal Highway Administration Highway Infrastructure Investment