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"Stimulus Funds by County"
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LORL's Response

In response to your question, *"How much stimulus money has each county government in Pennsylvania received to date?"* LORL has the following information.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), commonly known as the stimulus money, is allocated by category and distributed by federal departments. All infrastructure (housing, transportation, community development, etc.) and education stimulus funds are readily documented; however, such categories as tax relief, unemployment benefits, and food stamp increases are continuous and fluctuate with eligible applicants. Therefore, this is not factored into the totals reported in the following table: Stimulus Funds Distribution in Pennsylvania.

The ProPublica Report, based upon the Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) Report, reflects traceable, received funds as of July 20, 2009. In contrast, the PA Recovery data, a product of the nation-wide Recovery.gov site, includes some planned state-wide distributions not yet received or not traceable specifically by county. Hence, the second column of the table shows funding totals as a weighted estimation of those broader state-wide distributions.

ProPublica is an association of voluntary investigative journalists that calculated the totals in the above table using information from USASpending.gov, the entity created to oversee stimulus spending, and the Federal Procurement Data System. According to an April 2009 letter from the Executive Office of Management and Budget, there is considerable discrepancy in following the stimulus funding, and figures calculated by USASpending.gov have been shown to carry an average error as high as fifty percent.

Because stimulus funds are organized by the funding department, not necessarily by locality, to calculate the figures in the above table, certain conditions apply:

- State-wide education stimulus funding totals approximately \$2.6 to \$2.7 billion, much of it in funds such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund and Special Education (IDEA). A report describing the nature and distribution of these funds is included for your review.
- In the case where a project spans multiple counties, the total funds are assigned either to the primary county or split equally between them where appropriate.
 - o Individual project listings by PA Recovery do not take this into account

The values in the above table do not include tax relief funds, unemployment benefit enhancements, health insurance benefits, or food stamps. PA Recovery does provide an estimate for eligible persons who can receive these benefits per county, but does not provide funding amounts as these figures will vary according to the percentage of eligible persons actually applying and changes in eligible person populations.

LORL hopes this information is useful. Please feel free to contact our office regarding this inquiry or for any future requests. Thank you.

Stimulus Funds Distribution in Pennsylvania (by County)

County	Total Stimulus (ARRA) Funds	
	ProPublica Report – Direct Funds Received	Estimate with State-wide Non-traceable Funding
Adams	10,721,456	21,442,912
Alleghany	185,538,336	371,076,672
Armstrong	21,430,204	42,860,408
Beaver	21,204,912	42,409,824
Bedford	16,030,684	32,061,368
Berks	55,125,512	110,251,024
Blair	17,231,412	34,462,824
Bradford	7,132,035	14,264,070
Bucks	72,186,752	144,373,504
Butler	23,286,582	46,573,164
Cambria	24,303,412	48,606,824
Cameron	1,206,779	2,413,558
Carbon	4,734,915	9,469,830
Centre	35,226,092	70,452,184
Chester	26,317,826	52,635,652
Clarion	14,238,563	28,477,126
Clearfield	20,828,416	41,656,832
Clinton	29,418,652	58,837,304
Columbia	6,685,412	13,370,824
Crawford	12,977,296	25,954,592
Cumberland	16,866,728	33,733,456
Dauphin	64,932,912	129,865,824
Delaware	61,541,012	123,082,024
Elk	642,032	1,284,064
Erie	44,276,604	88,553,208
Fayette	43,253,192	86,506,384
Forest	1,514,616	3,029,232
Franklin	16,093,253	32,186,506
Fulton	2,344,393	4,688,786
Greene	7,650,381	15,300,762
Huntington	5,128,970	10,257,940
Indiana	13,496,392	26,992,784
Jefferson	6,100,271	12,200,542
Juniata	5,505,888	11,011,776

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	ProPublica Report – Direct Funds Received	Estimate with State-wide Non-traceable Funding
Lackawanna	15,562,104	31,124,208
Lancaster	59,753,364	119,506,728
Lawrence	12,908,093	25,816,186
Lebanon	13,720,642	27,441,284
Lehigh	30,474,570	60,949,140
Luzerne	80,824,992	161,649,984
Lycoming	14,709,145	29,418,290
McKean	5,645,023	11,290,046
Mercer	15,911,106	31,822,212
Mifflin	2,582,535	5,165,070
Monroe	18,379,016	36,758,032
Montgomery	84,304,272	168,608,544
Montour	2,560,384	5,120,768
Northampton	50,800,764	101,601,528
Northumberland	10,970,630	21,941,260
Perry	3,139,078	6,278,156
Philadelphia	560,796,352	1,121,592,704
Pike	16,541,251	33,082,502
Potter	2,706,274	5,412,548
Schuylkill	8,036,512	16,073,024
Snyder	6,101,045	12,202,090
Somerset	7,958,971	15,917,942
Sullivan	3,048,230	6,096,460
Susquehanna	6,581,998	13,163,996
Tioga	10,505,849	21,011,698
Union	4,401,009	8,802,018
Venango	8,840,866	17,681,732
Warren	3,279,225	6,558,450
Washington	16,485,745	32,971,490
Wayne	3,106,791	6,213,582
Westmoreland	38,500,736	77,001,472
Wyoming	4,673,517	9,347,034
York	35,519,548	71,039,096