

Fast Facts

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: What It Would Mean for West Virginia

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The proposed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 has five stated purposes:

1. To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.
2. To assist those most impacted by the recession.
3. To provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health.
4. To invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits.
5. To stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.

The bill was introduced in Congress on January 15. The House passed its version on January 28, and action is expected soon in the Senate. Both House and Senate versions would bring about \$1.6 billion to programs in West Virginia over the next two years, although the bills differ in specific appropriations, as noted in the table below.

The Senate and House stimulus bills also contain a number of tax breaks for working families and businesses. As of February 5th, the House bill includes \$188 billion while the Senate has about \$282 billion. Both recovery packages establish a new Making Work Pay Credit (MWPC) of up to \$500 per worker. At least a half million West Virginia taxpayers would receive an average benefit of \$699 if the MWPC is enacted.¹

Programs	House (in thousands)	Senate (in thousands)	Difference (in thousands)
Fiscal Stabilization Education	216,407	216,407	0
Fiscal Stabilization General Purpose	138,359	138,359	0
Medicaid	347,042	471,323	124,281 (S)
Medicare Repayment To States	0	18,929	18,929 (S)
Title IV-E Programs	0	9,195	9,195 (S)
School Lunch Equipment	0	1,171	1,171 (S)
Emergency Food (TEFAP)	0	666	666 (S)
Emergency Food & Shelter	0	545	545 (S)
Foster Care	6,850	0	6,850 (H)
Social Services BG	0	2,390	2,390 (S)

Highways & Bridges	243,473	197,039	46,434 (H)
Transit Capital	15,347	23,807	8,460 (S)
Drinking Water SRF	20,000	19,651	349 (H)
Clean Water SRF	90,489	62,041	28,448 (H)
Weatherization	70,400	23,013	47,387 (H)
State Energy Program	37,592	5,230	32,362 (H)
Preventive Health Block Grant	2,873	0	2,873 (H)
LIHEAP	8,798	0	8,798 (H)
Fixed Guideway Modernization	1,901	0	1,901 (H)
Immunization	6,730	5,291	1,439 (H)
Elderly Nutrition	874	289	585 (H)
Child Care	13,047	13,047	0
Head Start	5,566	5,021	545 (H)
CSBG	11,194	2,239	8,955 (H)
Title I	91,732	91,822	90 (S)
IDEA	83,565	83,565	0
Ed Tech	5,987	6,902	915 (S)
Voc Rehab	0	4,370	4,370 (S)
School Construction K-12	100,962	109,918	8,956 (S)
School Construction Higher Ed	40,272	23,516	16,756 (H)
Public Capital Housing Fund	0	13,273	13,273 (S)
HOME	0	12,885	12,885 (S)
Homelessness Prevention	0	10,250	10,250 (S)
Byrne/JAG	22,987	9,969	13,018 (H)
Crime Victims Assistance	0	419	419 (S)
Internet Crimes Against Children	0	404	404 (S)
Violence Against Women	0	2,189	2,189 (S)
Employment Service	0	3,173	3,173 (S)
WIA Adult	2,434	2,434	0
WIA Youth	5,397	5,397	0
Dislocated Workers	2,850	2,850	0
Totals:	1,593,128	1,598,989	5,861 (S)

ⁱ <http://www.cbpp.org/1-21-09tax3.htm> and
<http://www.ctj.org/stimulus/stimulusandchildrenbystate.htm>