

COVID-19 Spending: Known Data Limitations

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This document includes statements from certain federal agencies. It may be updated in the future.

- **Statement from the Small Business Administration (SBA)**

Data showing the identity of borrowers under the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is not available on USAspending, but can be found on [SBA.gov](https://www.sba.gov). In releasing PPP loan data to the public, SBA is maintaining a balance between providing transparency to American taxpayers and protecting small businesses' confidential business information, such as payroll and personally identifiable information.

- **Statement from the Department of the Treasury (Treasury)**

Economic Impact Payments are an advance payment of a new temporary tax credit that eligible taxpayers can claim on their 2020 return. Similar to other tax credits and refunds, individual amounts are not considered financial assistance under the DATA Act that would be reported on an individual recipient basis. Total aggregate amounts related to these payments can be identified by Treasury Account and program activity. Regarding the Payroll Support Program (CFDA 20.018), in certain cases where multiple affiliated entities were approved as eligible recipients, only one affiliate or a parent company is listed.

- **Statement from the Department of Labor (Labor)**

As of June 2020, Labor was not able to report any records to USAspending showing the geographic distribution of payments made through the Federal Unemployment Compensation Program from the Employment and Training Administration. The source file for this information has been identified; however, creating the file is complex which required additional time. Labor plans to report this information, along with July data, in the August reporting period.

- **Statement from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**

The USAspending data reflects obligations to a single entity that is processing payments on behalf of HHS. The full Provider Relief Fund Public Use File is posted [here](#). This file is updated weekly and includes payments for Medicare General Distribution; Medicaid, CHIP and dental General Distribution; and targeted allocations to high impact areas, safety net hospitals, rural providers, tribal facilities, clinics and urban health centers and skilled nursing facilities. This dataset represents the list of providers who have attested to receiving one or more payments from the aforementioned allocations and agreed to the Terms and Conditions. Because not all providers (who in many cases received a payment unsolicited) have yet attested to accepting that payment, the totals listed for this program in the Public Use File are less than those reflected on USAspending.

- **Statement from Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

USDA has identified a reporting issue with outlays which has impacted our USAspending data. The outlay data is properly reported in Files A and B, but for File C was unreported. USDA projects that our outlay data will be resolved before July Period 10 reporting begins. USDA is also investigating a DEFC mapping issue which impacts a small number of records. We are working to get this resolved as soon as possible.

Users should also note that, due to the timing of when OMB Memorandum M-20-21 went into effect, awards issued in March 2020 that were funded by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 or the Families First Coronavirus Response Act may not be tagged with a DEFC in USAspending data.