



About the Data

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Sitewide Data Source Descriptions

[GTAS \(Governmentwide Treasury Account Symbol Adjusted Trial Balance System\)](#)

The Governmentwide Treasury Account Symbol Adjusted Trial Balance System (GTAS) is where federal entities, including agencies, provide proprietary financial reporting information and information about budget execution. Data in GTAS are used to generate the SF 133 report containing budget execution for certain Treasury Accounts within the federal government, as required by the [Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-11](#).

Some agencies submit financial data directly to GTAS but not to USAspending.gov. USAspending.gov extracts data from GTAS on a daily basis; the data are published along with File A, B, and C data each month as context for governmentwide spending figures and for other purposes. File A crosswalks with the SF 133 report, but the SF 133 report contains additional line items not featured in File A. GTAS data are not directly downloadable from USAspending.gov, but are instead available on [this government website](#).

File A (Account Balances)

File A (Account Balances) is part of the package of data submitted to USA Spending.gov every month by federal agencies via the DATA Act Broker, as required by the DATA Act. As part of the monthly submission process, agencies may use the DATA Act Broker to generate File A automatically from data in the Governmentwide Treasury Account Symbol Adjusted Trial Balance System (GTAS), or choose to upload their own custom File A data. File A contains budgetary resources, obligation, and outlay data for all the relevant Treasury Account Symbols (TAS) in a reporting agency, with additional breakdown by Budget Function. It includes both award and non-award spending (grouped together), and crosswalks with the SF 133 report.

File B (Account Breakdown by Program Activity & Object Class)

File B (Account Breakdown by Program Activity & Object Class) is part of the package of data submitted to USA Spending.gov every month by federal agencies via the DATA Act Broker, as required by the DATA Act. It contains obligation and outlay data for all the relevant Treasury Account Symbols (TAS) in a reporting agency, with a breakdown by the accounting categories Budget Function, Program Activity, Object Class, and Disaster Emergency Fund Code (DEFC, which is used to track spending from supplemental appropriation bills addressing topics such as COVID-19 relief and infrastructure investment). It includes both award and non-award spending (grouped together).

File C (Account Breakdown by Award)

File C (Account Breakdown by Award) is part of the package of data submitted to USA Spending.gov every month by federal agencies via the DATA Act Broker, as required by the DATA Act. It contains obligation and outlay data for all awards issued by a reporting agency, covering both contract and financial assistance awards over the lifetime of those awards.

File C is a further breakdown of File B, showing award spending broken down by Treasury Account Symbol (TAS), Budget Function, Program Activity, Object Class, and Disaster Emergency Fund Code (DEFC, which is used to track spending from supplemental appropriation bills addressing topics such as COVID-19 relief and infrastructure investment).

Note that File C represents only the financial aspect of awards (e.g., Treasury Account Symbol, Program Activity, and Object Class information), whereas Files D1 and D2 provide both financial information and other non-financial details (e.g., recipient name, recipient location, and place of performance).

File D1 (Award and Awardee Attributes (Procurement))

File D1 (Award and Awardee Attributes (Procurement)) contains procurement data derived from the [Federal Procurement Data System \(FPDS\)](#). FPDS is the database where federal contracting officials submit transaction-level data for contracts and contract indefinite delivery vehicles (IDV). File D1 contains information about award transaction obligation, award transaction description, action date, awarding agency, recipient code, recipient location, place of performance, industry (NAICS), product or service (PSC), and type of set aside, among other details.

New data come to USA Spending.gov two days after submission to FPDS. See the entry on [Frequency of Updates to Prime Award Data for Contracts](#).

File D2 (Award and Awardee Attributes (Financial Assistance))

File D2 (Award and Awardee Attributes (Financial Assistance)) contains financial assistance data derived from data submitted by agencies to the Financial Assistance Broker Submission (FABS) module of the DATA Act Broker. FABS is the database where federal officials submit transaction-level data for financial assistance awards such as grants, loans, and direct payments. File D2 contains information about award transaction obligation, award transaction description, action date, awarding agency, recipient code, recipient location, place of performance, and assistance listing (or CFDA program), among other details.

New data must be submitted to USA Spending.gov every month (for loans) or every two weeks (for other financial assistance award types). See the entry on [Frequency of Updates to Prime Award Data for Financial Assistance](#).

File E (Additional Awardee Attributes)

File E (Additional Awardee Attributes) contains data about executive compensation for certain award recipients as required by law ([31 USC § 6101 note](#)). These data are submitted by prime award recipients to SAM.gov and extracted by USA Spending.gov on a daily basis.

File F (Subaward Attributes)

File F (Subaward Attributes) contains data about subawards. These data are submitted by prime award recipients to [SAM.gov](#). New data come to USA Spending.gov by the end of the month following the month when the subaward was made. See the entry on [Frequency of Updates to Subaward Data](#).

Sitewide Data Source Disclosures

Reporting Requirement for Federal Agencies

Federal agencies are required to report spending data to USA Spending.gov under the DATA Act ([31 USC § 6101 note](#)). A federal agency is defined as an “executive agency” in 31 USC § 6101 note, and an “executive agency” is “an Executive department, a Government corporation, and an independent establishment” as per 5 USC § 105. The full list of reporting agencies, and information about their historical submissions to USA Spending.gov, are available on the [Agency Submission Statistics page](#).

Examples of non-reporting entities include:

- Corporation for Public Broadcasting
- Electric Reliability Organization
- Farm Credit Administration
- Federal Housing Finance Agency
- Federal Reserve System
- Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board
- Intelligence Community Management Account

- Judicial Branch (other than the Court of Appeals of Veterans Claims), including the Supreme Court of the United States, Federal Courts of Appeals, etc.
- Legal Services Corporation
- Legislative Branch, including Congress, Library of Congress, Architect of the Capitol, the Congressional Budget Office, the Capitol Police, Legislative Commissions and Boards, and the John C. Stennis Center
- National Gallery of Art
- National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), including the NRPC Office of the Inspector General
- Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation
- Public Company Accounting Oversight Board
- Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- Securities Investor Protection Corporation
- Smithsonian Institution
- Southeast Crescent Regional Commission
- State Justice Institute
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- U.S. Institute for Peace
- U.S. Postal Service, including the USPS Office of the Inspector General
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Start Date for Spending Data on USA Spending.gov

Federal award data are available on USA Spending.gov starting from Fiscal Year 2001. Note that data reporting requirements change over time, and that higher quality data are generally found in more recent fiscal years. The requirement for publishing federal award data on a single searchable website came from the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA).

Data from federal agency financial systems (covering both award and non-award spending) are available starting from the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2017 (i.e., January 1, 2017), as required by the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act).

Both the FFATA and the DATA Act (which amended the FFATA) are codified in [31 USC § 6101 note](#).

Frequency of Updates to Agency Account Data

Effective for the June 2020 reporting period, agencies with COVID-19 relief funding were required to submit their financial data (i.e., Files A, B, and C) to USA Spending.gov on a monthly basis. These submissions had to include outlays for each award in File C with a Disaster Emergency Fund Code (DECF) domain value. This requirement affected most agencies that submit regular financial reports to USA Spending.gov.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2022, all agencies are required to submit their financial data on a monthly basis, including outlay data for award spending. Any outlay data before this period were optional for agencies to report, and thus may be incomplete. New or updated data appear on USA Spending.gov the day after they are submitted (i.e., published) by the agency.

More information about the agency financial data reporting policy is found in the [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Memorandum M-20-21](#).

The full schedule for agency submissions can be found in the “DATA Act Reporting Submission Dates” files on the [resources page for the Governmentwide Spending Data Model \(GSDM\)](#).

Data Validation of Source Systems

The DATA Act Broker validates the data it receives from agency financial systems (Files A, B, and C) as well as the Treasury Financial Assistance Broker Submission (FABS) system. These validations are based on business rules (such as for award linkage between File C and Files D1 and D2) and checks against authoritative sources such as GTAS. Agency financial systems are subject to other data quality assurance measures, such as review by Offices of Inspector General (OIG) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) for reports as required by the DATA Act.

USA Spending.gov relies on internal validations of data within source systems outside of the Treasury Department (such as FPDS and [SAM.gov](#)). The data extracted from these systems may not always align with the data standards, definitions, and requirements established in guidance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Treasury Department.

Changes in Reporting Requirements

Since 2010, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has issued multiple guidance documents for reporting federal spending data, and the addition of new guidance and requirements affects the completeness, consistency, and quality of specific data elements over time. More recent fiscal years tend to have higher quality spending data than older fiscal years. Read the entries in the Legal and Policy Documentation section for information about relevant OMB memos.

Click below to download a spreadsheet with information on when specific data elements became optional or required in:

- [Files A, B, C, and FABS](#)
- [Files D1, D2, E, and F](#)

Financing Accounts

Financing accounts are non-budgetary accounts associated with each credit program that hold balances, receive payments, and include cash flows resulting from direct loan obligations or loan guarantee commitments made on or after Fiscal Year 1992. They are reported via the Governmentwide Treasury Account Symbol Adjusted Trial Balance System (GTAS), but they do not represent spending in the budgetary sense because they fund loans that will be paid back. Thus, they should not be reported to the DATA Act Broker and are not published by USA Spending.gov. (Loans that will not be paid back in whole or part, including ones that are forgiven, are tracked as “subsidy costs” whose obligations are tracked on USA Spending.gov.)

Read more about DATA Act Broker Submission (DABS) requirements in [Section 6030 of the Treasury Financial Manual \(TFM\)](#).

Sitewide Award Data Disclosures

Start Date for Prime Award and Subaward Data on USA Spending.gov

Federal award data cover both prime award and subaward data, as well as contract (i.e., procurement) award types and financial assistance award types as defined in law ([31 USC § 6101 note](#)). These data are available on USA Spending.gov starting from Fiscal Year 2001. To access these earliest awards, please use the [Custom Award Data Download](#). In [Advanced Search](#), federal award data begin in Fiscal Year 2008.

Note that data reporting requirements change over time, and that higher quality data are generally found in more recent fiscal years.

Definition of Award Recipient (Entity Receiving a Federal Award)

Federal law requires that information about an entity that receives a federal award be published on USA Spending.gov, including amounts of federal funding the entity received ([31 USC § 6101 note](#)). These entities are defined in law as for-profit or non-profit legal business or state/local governmental entities, and they exclude federal employees and individual recipients of federal assistance. Government programs administering federal awards may have further requirements for what types of entities are eligible. Entities are identified on USA Spending.gov by a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) code.

Although USA Spending.gov does publish information about awards to individual persons, this information is either aggregated or redacted to prevent publication of personally identifiable information (PII). For more information about reporting requirements for financial assistance awards containing PII, please refer to the [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Memorandum M-17-04](#).

Reporting Threshold for Prime Awards

All federal award transactions with obligation value of \$25,000 and above must be reported to USA Spending.gov, as per [31 USC § 6101 note](#).

Additionally, federal agencies must report all contract and financial assistance awards that are above a micro-purchase threshold to the [Federal Procurement Data System \(FPDS\)](#), Financial Assistance Broker Submission (FABS), and USAspending.gov. The requirement for agencies to report contract awards above a micro-purchase threshold is in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 4.606 ([48 CFR § 4.606](#)), while the requirement to report financial assistance awards above the micro-purchase threshold to the FABS and USAspending.gov is set forth in [2 CFR § 170.200](#). FAR 2.101 ([48 CFR § 2.101](#)) provides the amount of the micro-purchase threshold for both contract and financial assistance awards, which was \$10,000 as of 2022 (with a few exceptions).

Frequency of Updates to Prime Award Data for Contracts (Procurement)

Contract data from the [Federal Procurement Data System \(FPDS\)](#) are generally available on USAspending.gov within five days of when a contract award or modification is made. Procurement policy allows contracting officers three business days to submit a contract action report to FPDS; after they do so, those data are made available to USAspending.gov on the following morning and automatically published to the website the day after that.

- Example 1: A contract award or modification is made on a given Thursday. The award is reported to FPDS three business days later, on the following Tuesday. It is then made available to USAspending.gov on Wednesday morning and published to the site on Thursday.
- Example 2: A contract award or modification is made on a given Tuesday. The award is reported to FPDS three business days later, on Friday. It is then made available to USAspending.gov on Saturday morning and published to the site on Sunday.

There are two exceptions to the three-business-day rule for contract data from FPDS:

- Publication of Department of Defense (DOD) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) data in FPDS is delayed 90 days.
- As per procurement regulation ([Federal Acquisition Regulation \(FAR\) 4.604](#)), any contract award made in accordance with [FAR 6.302-2](#), or pursuant to any of the authorities listed in [FAR subpart 18.2](#), must be submitted to FPDS within 30 days of the contract award.

Frequency of Updates to Prime Award Data for Financial Assistance

All agencies must submit financial assistance awards to the DATA Act Broker within two weeks of issuance, as required by the [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Memorandum M-20-21](#). Once new data are published in the Broker, they appear on USAspending.gov the following day.

- Example: A grant is issued on September 8. It must be reported to the Broker within 14 days, by September 22. If submitted on September 22, the new data are published on USAspending.gov on September 23.

The exception is loan awards, which must be published within 30 days as per OMB Memorandum M-20-21, following the general requirements of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) ([31 USC § 6101 note](#)).

- Example: A loan is issued on September 8. It must be published on USAspending.gov by October 8 and thus must be submitted to the DATA Act Broker by October 7.

Reporting Threshold for Subawards

Prime recipients of federal contracts or grants are required to file a subaward report for any subaward greater than or equal to \$30,000.

For more information on subaward reporting requirements, please refer to [this informational page](#) on SAM.gov, which provides subaward data to USAspending.gov.

Frequency of Updates to Subaward Data

Subawards (specifically, subcontracts and subgrants) greater than or equal to \$30,000 must be reported by prime award recipients to [SAM.gov](#) by the end of the month following the month the subaward was made.

- Example 1: A subaward is issued on September 1. It must be reported to SAM.gov by October 31. If submitted on October 31, the new data are available to USAspending.gov on November 1 and published to the site on November 2.
- Example 2: A subaward is issued on September 30. It must be reported to SAM.gov by October 31. If submitted on October 31, the new data are available to USAspending.gov on November 1 and published to the site on November 2.

For more information on subaward reporting requirements, please refer to [this informational page](#) on SAM.gov.

Subaward Data Quality

Subaward data are currently submitted by prime recipients of federal awards (specifically, contracts and grants, including cooperative agreements) to [SAM.gov](#) (the previous system, [FFATA Subaward Reporting System \(FSRS\)](#), was retired on March 8, 2025), which is operated by the General Services Administration (GSA). Effective November 2020, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) updated [2 CFR § 170.105](#) to expand the subaward reporting requirements to other types of financial assistance beyond grants and cooperative agreements, such as direct payments (direct appropriations), loans, subsidies, and insurance; however, as of August 2022, SAM.gov has not been updated to allow for reporting of these other assistance types.

While federal agency personnel do not submit subaward data themselves, they are required to ensure that the award terms and conditions for any federal award include specific language requiring subaward reporting (subject to certain exceptions listed in [2 CFR § 170.110](#)); moreover, agencies are responsible for enforcement and oversight of award terms and conditions. In practice, agency internal controls and practices vary widely with regard to monitoring and ensuring compliance with subaward data reporting.

There are several documented issues related to subaward data quality that users should be aware of:

- Duplication of subaward records is common. Prime recipients often re-report data covering all subawards they have issued to date under a prime award, even though they should only report subaward actions that occurred in the specific month in question. When this happens, the duplicate data flow to USA Spending.gov as if they were new data. This kind of re-reporting can lead to substantial duplication of data for these prime recipients and result in excessively large subaward amounts which sometimes exceed the prime award amount. Note that when the migration from FSRS to SAM.gov occurred in March 2025, additional controls were put into place that should prevent duplication for subaward records going forward.
- While subawards have not been subject to comprehensive audit attention as of August 2022, oversight bodies such as the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) have noted that subawards are inconsistently reported under the same federal programs. For example, certain states publish subaward data on their own websites, but do not submit these data to SAM.gov. Additionally, GAO has found that: subaward records are sometimes submitted after the required reporting deadline, subaward descriptions are sometimes inconsistent with the data standards established under OMB guidance and sometimes contain missing or incorrectly transcribed values for data fields.

For more information on subaward reporting requirements, please refer to [this informational page](#) on SAM.gov.

Limited Data for Unlinked Prime Awards

Prime award data on USA Spending.gov come from two types of sources: agency financial systems (whose data are submitted in File C) and governmentwide award systems (whose data are extracted in Files D1 and D2). These two source types provide complementary data about federal awards. Complete information about any given award is only possible if that award is "linked" across the two source types through a common award identifier (also known as a "prime award unique key").

If an award appears in agency financial systems but NOT in governmentwide award systems, then it will lack information such as recipient, location, industry, contract competition, and assistance listing (CFDA program).

On the other hand, if an award appears in governmentwide award systems but NOT in agency financial systems, then it will lack information such as treasury account symbol (TAS), program activity, object class, disaster emergency fund code (DEFC), and outlays. In addition to a missing common award identifier, an award may also be unlinked if any of the following apply:

- The award has no activity after Fiscal Year 2017 Quarter 2.
- The award is a loan with zero or negative subsidy cost.
- The award is under the micro-purchase threshold, and the agency reports it in File C but not File D1/D2, or vice versa.

For more information on unlinked awards, see the "Number of Unlinked Awards" section on this [Agency Submission Statistics page](#).

For information on the specific data elements provided in Files C, D1, and D2, please refer to the [Data Dictionary](#) or the documents in the [Governmentwide Spending Data Model \(GSDM\)](#) (particularly the RSS and IDD diagram files).

Award Description Data Quality

The award description data element is defined in the [Information Definition Document \(IDD\)](#) as follows:

- For procurement awards: As per the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) data dictionary, the award description is a brief, summary-level, plain-English description of the contract, award, or modification. The description field may also include abbreviations, acronyms, or other information that are not plain English, such as those identified in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policies.
- For financial assistance awards: The award description is a plain-language description of the federal award purpose, activities to be performed, deliverables and expected outcomes, intended beneficiary(ies), and subrecipient activities if known/specified at the time of award.

Maintaining data quality for the award description field has been persistently challenging for federal agencies. For example, some submitted award descriptions are overly lengthy or technical, involve administrative codes rather than words, or lack meaningful information altogether. More information about award description data quality can be found in the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report [GAO-20-75](#). OMB has addressed financial assistance award description data quality in guidance for implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act ([Memorandum M-21-20](#)) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ([Memorandum M-22-12](#)).

Delay in Department of Defense (DOD) Procurement Data

Procurement data (such as for contracts and indefinite delivery vehicles (IDV)) for the Department of Defense (DOD) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are published on a 90-day delay in the [Federal Procurement Data System \(FPDS\)](#). This delay affects the availability of data on USAspending.gov for these agencies in Files C and D1, but does not affect Files A, B, or D2. The delay is acknowledged in a [2017 DOD Inspector General report](#).

Medicare Location Data

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reports financial assistance awards from Medicare programs (Assistance Listing Numbers 93.773, 93.774, and 93.770) as aggregate records corresponding to the amount of money sent to a specific [Medicare Administrative Contractor \(MAC\)](#) in a given month. The recipients listed in these records are “MULTIPLE RECIPIENTS,” but the recipient location and primary place of performance fields in these records correspond to the county where the MAC is located. As such, the location fields for these records do not reflect the places where Medicare beneficiaries or provider physicians/hospitals are located (which are usually in different states than the MAC’s location).

Note that, as per policy ([Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Memorandum M-17-04](#)), the aggregate record format is intended to shield personally identifiable information (PII) of individual citizens, rather than to anonymize the names of companies like MACs.

More information about this issue can be found in the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report [GAO-20-75](#).

Congressional District Data

As required by statute, USA Spending.gov publishes congressional district information for award recipient (“legal entity”) addresses and for award places of performance; this information is available at the award transaction level (for prime award recipients and places of performance) and at the subaward level (for subaward recipients and places of performance). Among other things, this information allows House of Representatives members to determine which awards affect their district, and whether their district receives proportional money to other districts.

Congressional district data appear in XX-## format, where XX is the two-letter postal service state abbreviation and ## is the district number. For example, North Carolina’s second district appears as ‘NC-02’ in the data. States with a single at-large district use ‘00’ for the district number. U.S. territories with a non-voting representative use ‘98’ for the district number. A ‘90’ district number indicates that multiple districts apply to a location (e.g., for a place of performance that is state-wide in scope).

Congressional districts are redrawn at the state level every 10 years (when a new census takes place) or within those ten-year periods if a court case overturns a state’s districts and orders that they be redrawn. New districts take effect when a new Congress elected under them assumes office. For example, the 2020 census led to new congressional district boundaries that took effect when the election class of 2022 assumed office on January 3, 2023. Under this ‘congressional class’ framework, and given that court-ordered redistricting is relatively uncommon, most states had a consistent congressional district map from 2013-2022 and will retain their new map from 2023-2032.

Redistricting creates challenges for determining spending by district across time; most importantly, one cannot use the district number that applied at the time of the base award transaction if subsequent transactions occurred after redistricting. In addition to the comparability problem created by redistricting, there are other issues with the originally submitted district data provided by agencies and external source systems:

- For contracts, congressional district data automatically propagates from base award transactions to subsequent transactions, even if new districts were in effect at the time of the later transactions. Thus, new dollars for later transactions are often not tied to the district that they actually affect. Additionally, even for new contracts, the recipient congressional district propagates from an Indefinite Delivery Vehicle (IDV) to all Delivery Orders or Blanket Purchase Agreements underneath the IDV, even if new districts were in effect at the time of the new award.

- SAM.gov (the source of recipient congressional district data for contracts, subawards, and some financial assistance awards) does not update district data until a recipient renews their registration. Registration renewal is required on an annual basis for all active registrants and thus current district information for recipients may be out of date until around February 2024.

Because agencies own and are ultimately responsible for their data, USA Spending.gov does not overwrite agency-provided district data from the past with data corresponding to the current districts. Additionally, the original districts from records prior to redistricting have permanent historical value in communicating the district that applied at the time of the transaction. In light of these considerations, USA Spending.gov chose to keep the originally submitted district data while also deriving new fields across all award transactions corresponding to the current districts that apply to the recipient address and place of performance locations in the record, and to use the current district for most displays on the site. Advanced Search will allow users to choose between filtering based on the submitted district data versus the current district data.

The approach to deriving the current district uses the location information in the record to determine which district applies. Note that the data model allows for widely scoped places of performance in financial assistance, and that both recipient address and place of performance data sometimes only contain 5-digit zip codes (and the full 9-digit zip code is needed to isolate a single district in some cases). USA Spending.gov uses a ‘predominance approach’ in cases where multiple districts apply to a given location. For example, in a county-wide place of performance scenario, if 75% or more of the 9-digit zip codes in the county are tied to a given district, then that district will be chosen as the single dominant district for that location; if not, then the district number ‘90’ will be assigned (indicating multiple districts). An analogous process is used for 5-digit zip codes and city-wide scenarios.

Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and Aggregate Records

Aggregate records are used to avoid reporting the recipient’s personally identifiable information (PII) when a financial assistance award is made to an individual. The concept of PII does not apply to organizations, whose federal awards must be reported in non-aggregate form.

Aggregation involves grouping awards to individuals (typically from the same program and time period) by county (for domestic awards), state (for domestic awards), or country (for foreign awards). These records omit location information that would normally be present (e.g., street address and the last 4 digits of the ZIP code) and replace the recipient name with “MULTIPLE RECIPIENTS.” The award profile pages for these records specify the level of aggregation. The Unique Record Identifier (URI) serves as the identification code for aggregate records, in contrast to the Financial Assistance Identification Number (FAIN) used for non-aggregate records.

For more information about reporting requirements for financial assistance awards containing PII, please refer to [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Memorandum M-17-04](#).

Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and Redacted Records

Redacted records allow for the removal of personally identifiable information (PII) from financial assistance award data while preserving the individual award and most of its data elements (as opposed to aggregate records, which group multiple awards together to avoid publishing PII).

A recipient name of "REDACTED DUE TO PII" indicates that the associated financial assistance award was issued to an individual whose name and other PII were redacted. Along with replacing the individual's name with "REDACTED DUE TO PII," these records omit location information that would otherwise be present (e.g., street address and the last 4 digits of the ZIP code).

For more information about reporting requirements for financial assistance awards containing PII, please refer to [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Memorandum M-17-04](#).

Program Activity Reporting Key (PARK)

The Appendix to the President's Budget (PB) outlines yearly agency spending plans. In an effort to standardize program activity reporting to align with the PB, the [Office of Management and Budget](#) has introduced a unique identifier: Program Activity Reporting Key (PARK). Beginning in Fiscal Year 2026, PARK will replace the existing Program Activity Code (PAC) and Program Activity Name (PAN) for tracking program activities and enhancing the accuracy and consistency of data across federal agencies.

PARK codes play a significant role in mapping records to the USA Spending display; they are organized by OMB Fund Families. This structured approach ensures that PARK codes correspond to specific activities or projects detailed in the program and financing schedules of the annual United States Government budget.

Sitewide COVID-19 and Infrastructure Spending Data Disclosures

Definition of Covered Funds

For information about the "covered funds" for pandemic response that USA Spending.gov tracks, please see the "[What COVID-19 spending does USA Spending track?](#)" section of the COVID-19 Spending Profile Data Sources & Methodology page.

Disaster Emergency Fund Code (DEFC)

For information about the fund codes that USA Spending.gov uses to track COVID-19 spending, please see the "[Disaster Emergency Fund Code \(DEFC\)](#)" section of the COVID-19 Spending Profile Data Sources & Methodology page.

Start Date for Disaster Emergency Fund Code (DEFC) Tracking

Disaster Emergency Fund Codes (DEFC) tag spending that are funded by supplemental appropriations laws, tracked in agency financial systems, and submitted to USA Spending.gov in Files B and C on a monthly basis. These laws could have funded new prime awards (with no prior transactions) or existing prime awards (with a history of transactions before the enactment of the law). File B covers agency account spending, and File C covers agency prime award spending (which is a subset of agency account spending).

COVID-19 response spending tagged with DEFC values was tracked by agencies starting in April 2020 and was required to be reported in Files B and C submissions starting in June 2020. Due to the timing of when [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Memorandum M-20-21](#) went into effect, if any awards were issued in March 2020 that were funded by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (enacted 3/6/20) or the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (enacted 3/18/20), they would not be tagged with a DEFC in USA Spending data. However, given the timing of those bills and the additional delays inherent in the warrants and awards processes, it is unlikely that a significant number of such awards, if any, were issued in March 2020.

Infrastructure investment spending (through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) is tracked using the same DEFC system used by COVID-19 response spending.

When searching for transaction-level award data (coming from Files D1 and D2) or for subaward-level data (coming from File F), you can filter based on DEFC values if there is a prime award unique key linking a record in File C with a record in Files D1, D2, or F. When showing transaction-level award data or subaward-level data that have been filtered by a DEFC value, USA Spending.gov uses a date filter to prevent the display of award amounts that could not possibly have been funded by the law associated with the selected DEFC value. (In the case of DEFC values associated with multiple laws, the date filter uses the earliest date of enactment.)

For example, let's say a prime award has a history of transactions and subawards starting in 2005. After the enactment of the Consolidated Appropriations Act in 2021 (signed on December 27, 2020), this prime award received additional funding. If you search for this award and select the filter for this law (DEFC value "U"), then the prime award transaction-level results and the subaward-level results that you see will only show records starting from December 27, 2020. However, there is no way of knowing whether any prime award transaction or subaward after this date used funding from this law—the transaction or subaward may have used funding that existed prior to this law. This inability to track DEFC-tagged spending at the transaction level and the subaward level is an important limitation of the data.

Note that File C shows obligation and outlay amounts for specific DEFC values, but these amounts are at the prime award summary level, and not at the prime award transaction level or subaward level. The date filter does not affect the DEFC-tagged amounts in File C. The benefit of the date filter in transaction-level and subaward-level results is to show recipient and location data (among other details) about awards that were funded by laws tagged by DEFC values; these details are available in Files D1 and D2 (for prime award transactions) and in File F (for subawards), but not in File C.

For reference, below is a list of DEFC values and earliest dates of enactment for their relevant law(s).

- DEFC “L”: 3/6/2020
- DEFC “M”: 3/18/2020
- DEFC “N”: 3/27/2020
- DEFC “O”: 03/27/2020
- DEFC “P”: 4/24/2020
- DEFC “U”: 12/27/2020
- DEFC “V”: 3/11/2021
- DEFC “Z”: 11/15/2021
- DEFC “1”: 11/15/2021

Statement from the U.S. Department of the Treasury — Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) and State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)

Subaward data for recipients of Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) and State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) awards are not available in the FFATA Subaward Reporting System (SAM.gov) because this system currently only supports subaward reporting for grants, and the ERA and SLFRF awards are direct payments for specified use. As such, the subaward data for recipients of ERA and SLFRF awards are also not integrated into USA Spending subaward data, since USA Spending subaward data are currently sourced exclusively from SAM.gov. In consequence and for transparency purposes, Treasury is publishing and updating these data separately from USA Spending.gov, but is including links to them here and on the USA Spending COVID Spending profile page (in the ‘Other Resources’ section). These files will be updated as additional data are collected, with the last updated date noted in the XLSX file.

- [ERA subaward data file](#)
- [SLFRF subaward data file](#)

Statement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – General and Targeted Distributions

The USA Spending data reflect obligations to a single entity that is processing payments on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). [The full Provider Relief Fund Public Use File is posted here](#). This Public Use file is updated weekly and includes payments under the General Distribution including Medicare, Medicaid/CHIP, Dental, Assisted Living Facilities, and Behavioral Health/other providers; and targeted allocations to high impact areas, safety net hospitals, children’s hospitals, rural providers, tribal facilities, and skilled nursing facilities and nursing homes. Payments are made at the Tax Identification Number (TIN) organizational level. The Public Use dataset represents the list of providers who have attested to receiving one or more payments from the aforementioned allocations and agreed to Terms and Conditions. Because not all providers (who in many cases received a payment unsolicited) have yet to attest to accepting that payment, the totals listed for this program in the Public Use File are less than those reflected on USA Spending.gov.

Statement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – Claims Reimbursement to Health Care Providers and Facilities for Testing, Treatment, and Vaccine Administration of the Uninsured

The USAspending data reflect obligations to a single entity that is processing claims reimbursements on behalf of HHS. [The full HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program Public Use File is posted here](#). This file is updated weekly and represents the list of health care entities who have agreed to Terms and Conditions and received claims reimbursement for COVID-19 testing of uninsured individuals and/or treatment for uninsured individuals with a COVID-19 diagnosis as well as claims reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccine administration fees.

Statement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Testing

The USAspending data reflect obligations to a single entity that is processing payments on behalf of HHS. [The full Rural Health Clinic \(RHC\) Testing Fund Public Use File is posted here](#). This file is updated weekly and includes payments to RHCs for COVID-19 testing. Payments are made at the Tax Identification Number (TIN) organizational level. This dataset represents the list of providers who have attested to receiving a payment from the aforementioned allocation and agreed to the Terms and Conditions. Because not all providers (who received a payment unsolicited) have yet to attest to accepting that payment, the totals listed for this program in the Public Use File are less than those reflected on USAspending.gov.

Statement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – State Reported Expenditure for Section 6004 and Section 6008 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

Section 6008 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) provides a temporary 6.2 percentage point increase to each qualifying state and territory's Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) under section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act). Section 6004(a)(3)(D) of the FFCRA specifies that the FMAP is 100 percent for expenditures for covered services provided to beneficiaries under the new optional eligibility group added at section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII) of the Act. Additionally, 100 percent match is available for administrative costs related to providing for such services to such individuals under the state plan. The federal share of these expenditures are not funded through a separate Medicaid appropriation. Therefore, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is not able to separately report section 6004 and section 6008 amounts to USAspending.gov. CMS, however, does have the actual section 6004 and section 6008 expenditures states report to CMS through the quarterly Form CMS-64, which is the accounting statement of record. CMS intends to post these expenditure reports on Medicaid.gov once the state-reported expenditures are finalized.

Statement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) has identified a reporting issue with outlays which has impacted its USA Spending data. The outlay data are properly reported in Files A and B, but for File C were unreported. USDA projects that outlay data will be resolved before July Period 10 reporting begins. USDA is also investigating a Disaster Emergency Fund Code (DEFC) mapping issue which impacts a small number of records, and is working to get this resolved as soon as possible.

Filter Descriptions

Time Period

Prime award summary results in the Table tab will overlap with the selected time period based on their prime award base transaction action date and prime award latest transaction action date. Individual transactions for any Single award summary result may not exist within the selected time period.

Transaction results in the Time, Map, Categories tabs will fall within the selected time period based on the action date. When the subaward toggle is selected, all results will be filtered based on action date.

Please note that prime award and subaward data on Advanced Search begin in Fiscal Year 2008. Earlier data, starting in Fiscal Year 2001, can be found in the Custom Award Data Download.

Location

There are two location fields for award data on USA Spending.gov:

1. place of performance
2. recipient location

Each prime award transaction includes separate fields for the place of performance of the award as well as the business address (recipient location) of the award recipient.

Each subaward record includes these two location fields for the prime award recipient, as well as for the subaward recipient.

Spending amounts may vary based on whether the place of performance or recipient location field is selected as a location filter.

Disaster Emergency Fund Code (DEFC)

Disaster Emergency Fund Code (DEFC) is an accounting attribute used to track the spending of supplemental funding for disasters and emergencies such as COVID-19.

Each code corresponds to one or more legislative bills that authorized the funding.

By selecting DEFC in this filter and clicking the "Submit Search" button, awards that received funding categorized by DEFC will be displayed in the "Spending by Prime Award" table to the right. The "COVID-19 Obligations" and "COVID-19 Outlays" columns in this table show specific spending amounts for each award.

Legal and Policy Documentation

Statutory Authority

The primary statutory authority for USA Spending.gov reporting and related data collections is the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA), as amended by the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act) and the Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act of 2021. These laws are codified in [31 USC § 6101 note](#).

OMB Memorandum 2010: Open Government Directive – Federal Spending Transparency and Subaward and Compensation Data Reporting

This Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum provides detailed technical guidance to prime recipients about reporting subaward and subaward executive compensation information to SAM.gov. [Visit this page to read the memorandum.](#)

OMB Memorandum 2016-03: Additional Guidance for DATA Act Implementation: Implementing Data-Centric Approach for Reporting Federal Spending Information

This Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum establishes the requirement to link awards via the Award ID (across File C and Files D1/D2), several requirements related to the FAIN, reporting requirements related to the federal hierarchy, and authoritative sources for purposes of DATA Act reporting, as well as explaining that Treasury Account Symbols (TAS) for each award must be reported. [Visit this page to read the memorandum.](#)

OMB Memorandum M-17-04: Additional Guidance for DATA Act Implementation: Further Requirements for Reporting and Assuring Data Reliability

This Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum establishes Intragovernmental Transfer (IGT) reporting requirements, requirements for reporting financial assistance awards containing personally identifiable information (PII), and requirements that senior accountable officials (SAO) provide public assurance on a quarterly basis that their agency's internal controls support the validity and reliability of data reported to USA Spending. [Visit this page to read the memorandum.](#)

OMB Memorandum M-18-16: OMB Circular A-123, Appendix A, Management of Reporting and Data Integrity Risk

This Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum establishes a requirement that agencies create data quality plans governing their submission of data to USA Spending.gov. [Visit this page to read the memorandum.](#)

OMB Memorandum M-20-21: Implementation Guidance for Supplemental Funding Provided in Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

This Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum implements several CARES Act transparency reporting requirements, in so doing requiring that agencies report Disaster Emergency Fund Codes (DEFC) in their USAspending data to track pandemic relief spending from supplemental appropriations. It also sets out a requirement for award-level outlays in File C, for monthly financial data reporting to USAspending.gov, and for program activity to be included in File C. [Visit this page to read the memorandum.](#)

OMB Memorandum M-21-20: Promoting Public Trust in the Federal Government through Effective Implementation of the American Rescue Plan Act and Stewardship of the Taxpayer Resources

This Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum outlines requirements for financial assistance award descriptions, including specific subcomponents that these award descriptions should include. [Visit this page to read the memorandum.](#)

OMB Memorandum M-22-02: New Financial Assistance Transparency Reporting Requirements

This Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum rescinds M-21-03 and outlines several financial assistance reporting requirements, including that new data elements (i.e., Funding Opportunity Number, Funding Opportunity Goals Text, and Indirect Cost Federal Share Amount) be reported to USAspending.gov for certain grants and cooperative agreements. [Visit this page to read the memorandum.](#)

OMB Memorandum M-22-12: Advancing Effective Stewardship of Taxpayer Resources and Outcomes in the Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

This Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum outlines requirements related to improving the quality of award descriptions and subaward data. [Visit this page to read the memorandum.](#)

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) governs how agencies award and execute contracts, as well as requirements for reporting contract data publicly and exceptions to these requirements. It is a component of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Among other details, the FAR contains the latest micro-purchase threshold that governs the minimum amount for federal awards that must be reported ([48 CFR § 2.101](#)). [Visit the FAR website at this link.](#)

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) is the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. The following three sections of Title 2 of the CFR cover key policy requirements for financial assistance awards that relate to USAspending.gov.

- [2 CFR § 25](#) requires that recipients and subrecipients obtain a unique entity identifier (UEI) by fully registering in SAM.gov before they may do business with the government, outlines a few exceptions to this policy, details how agencies should report data to USA Spending.gov using a generic UEI when one of these exceptions applies, and provides the award term language that agencies must use to enshrine these requirements to relevant recipients.
- [2 CFR § 170](#) requires that recipients report subawards, executive compensation information, and subaward executive compensation information (to, SAM.gov) outside of certain exceptions, as well as provides award term language that agencies must use to enshrine these requirements to the relevant recipients.
- [2 CFR § 200](#) covers the basic FFATA reporting requirements and specifies a specific set of information that must be captured in every federal award.

OMB Circular A-11

This Office of Management and Budget (OMB) document governs requirements for preparing, submitting, and executing the federal budget. It affects USA Spending.gov in outlining many key concepts, definitions, and data elements used within Files A, B and C, and it also includes congressional budget justification posting requirements. [Visit this page to read OMB Circular A-11](#).