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Earmarks

[Earmarks](#) are funds provided by the Congress for projects or programs where the congressional direction (in bill or report language) circumvents the merit-based or competitive allocation process, or specifies the location or recipient, or otherwise curtails the ability of the Executive Branch to properly allocate funds.

This database is not designed, and cannot accurately be used, to identify the individual sponsors of congressional earmarks. However, this site will bring greater transparency to these spending provisions. This greater transparency is consistent with a recent change in the House Rules and Senate legislation which requires more disclosure for future earmarks.

The information currently available is a work in progress and will be updated in the coming weeks.

Congress includes earmarks in [appropriation bills](#) -- the annual spending bills that Congress enacts to allocate discretionary spending -- and also in [authorization bills](#). The website was launched with the ability to show aggregate data on the number and cost of earmarks and to see that information by agency, office and account. Additional details will be added in the weeks ahead as information on individual earmarks is completed and verified.

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List of Agencies and their Certification Status -- 2005 Appropriations

From here, you can find information on earmarks in the appropriations bills for fiscal year 2005. In January, the President proposed earmark reforms, including cutting the number and amount by at least half [view [excerpt from State of the Union](#)]. When the data is complete, the aggregate totals will be the baseline from which the Administration will measure Congress' success in cutting earmarks in half.

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In fiscal year 2005, there were 10,526 earmarks totaling \$9,676,873,000 for appropriations accounts that are certified. These totals do not include information on earmarks within accounts that are noted as "incomplete." The totals will change as agencies certify additional accounts.

Click on the agency name to view the bureaus and their accounts.

*NOTE: In the status column, a status of "certified" indicates that the agency head or his or her designee has certified that the data the agency has submitted is the fullest possible disclosure of earmarks according to guidance.

Agency	# of 2005 Earmarks	Amount (\$K)	Status*
Department of Agriculture	693	\$632,905	Incomplete
Department of Commerce	16	\$63,308	Incomplete
Department of Defense--Military	190	\$905,782	Incomplete
Department of Education	1,184	\$422,561	Certified
Department of Energy	302	\$472,891	Incomplete
Department of Health and Human Services	1,541	\$714,230	Certified
Department of Homeland Security			Incomplete
Department of Housing and Urban Development	1,100	\$385,689	Certified
Department of the Interior	411	\$332,038	Certified

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Department of Justice	911	\$572,732	Certified
Department of Labor	221	\$120,367	Certified
Department of State	36	\$64,058	Certified
Department of Transportation	1,944	\$3,255,796	Certified
Department of Veterans Affairs			Incomplete
Corps of Engineers-Civil Works	591	\$628,865	Certified
Environmental Protection Agency	838	\$464,484	Certified
General Services Administration	22	\$74,660	Certified
International Assistance Programs	41	\$99,101	Certified
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	155	\$299,010	Certified
Small Business Administration	91	\$39,468	Certified
Appalachian Regional Commission	1	\$1,000	Certified
Denali Commission	7	\$24,846	Certified
District of Columbia	80	\$54,559	Not Applicable
Election Assistance Commission	2	\$400	Incomplete
Federal Drug Control Programs	1	\$992	Certified
National Archives and Records Administration	5	\$7,250	Certified
Institute of Museum and Library Services	143	\$39,881	Certified

