

Federal Reporting Update

Pennsylvania Stimulus Oversight Commission

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Methods of Counting Jobs

- Direct FTEs
 - Most narrow definition (Section 1512)
 - Hours of work, in full-time equivalents
- Headcount
 - People on job sites
- Impact Jobs
 - Accounts for “ripple effect” on suppliers

Why Three Different Methods?

- Question: How has the Recovery Act affected employment in Pennsylvania?
- Must consider each approach in order to understand the depth/breadth of the Recovery Act's impact:
 - Direct FTEs → Amount of work
 - Headcount → # of workers benefitting
 - Impact Jobs → Big picture effects

An Analogy

- Question: What is the “best” team in baseball?
- Best Record
 - ▼ **Yankees** (103-59)
- Highest Batting Average
 - ▼ **Angels** (0.285)
- Lowest ERA
 - ▼ **Dodgers** (3.41)
- Fewest Errors
 - ▼ **Pirates** (73)
- World Series Winner
 - ▼ **PHILLIES!**

Direct FTEs - Definition

- **IN:** “New positions created and any existing filled positions that were retained to support or carry out Recovery Act projects, activities”
- **OUT:** “Indirect support, e.g., clerical/administrative staff preparing reports, institutional review board staff members, departmental administrators”

Direct FTEs - Procedure

1. Identify your direct workers
2. Count up their hours of ARRA activity
3. Count up the total number of working hours that have elapsed in the period
4. Divide [2] by [3]

Ex: Full-time employee starts work on August 20th

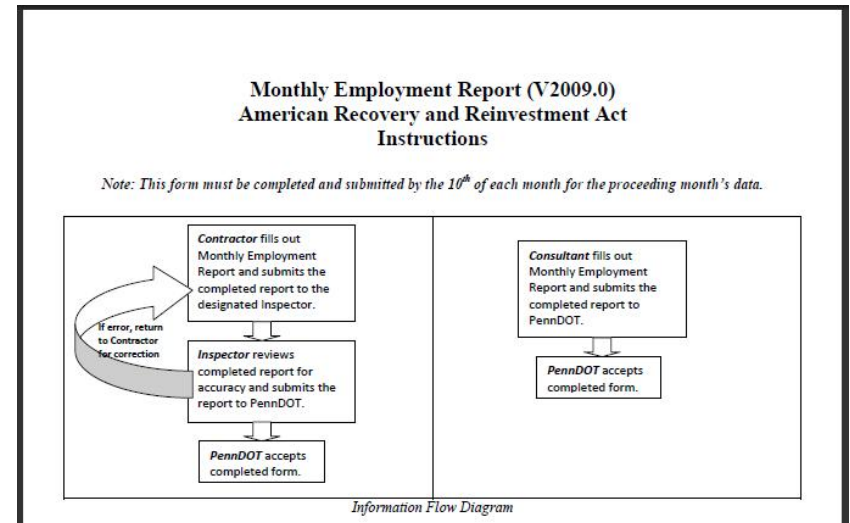
$$\frac{240 \text{ hours worked in the } 7/1/09\text{-}9/30/09 \text{ period}}{520 \text{ hours in a full-time schedule in that period}} = 0.46 \text{ FTE}$$

Headcount

- Associated with infrastructure work
 - Daily activity logs
 - Monthly reports (PennDOT)
 - Reports are reviewed by state's inspectors

Monthly Employment Report (V2009.1) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act					
Click for instructions					
1. *Reporting Month/Year	2. *ECMS Project Number	3. *County	4. *State Route	5. *Section	6. *Contractor/Consultant
7. *Contractor/Consultant Name			8. *Contractor/Consultant DUNS #	9. *Business Partner Id.	
10. Employment Data					
	EMPLOYEES	HOURS	PAYROLL		
Prime Contractor Direct, On-Project Jobs (see guidance for definitions)					
Subcontractor Direct, On Project Jobs					
Subcontractor Name(s): Click to Add Additional Subcontractors					
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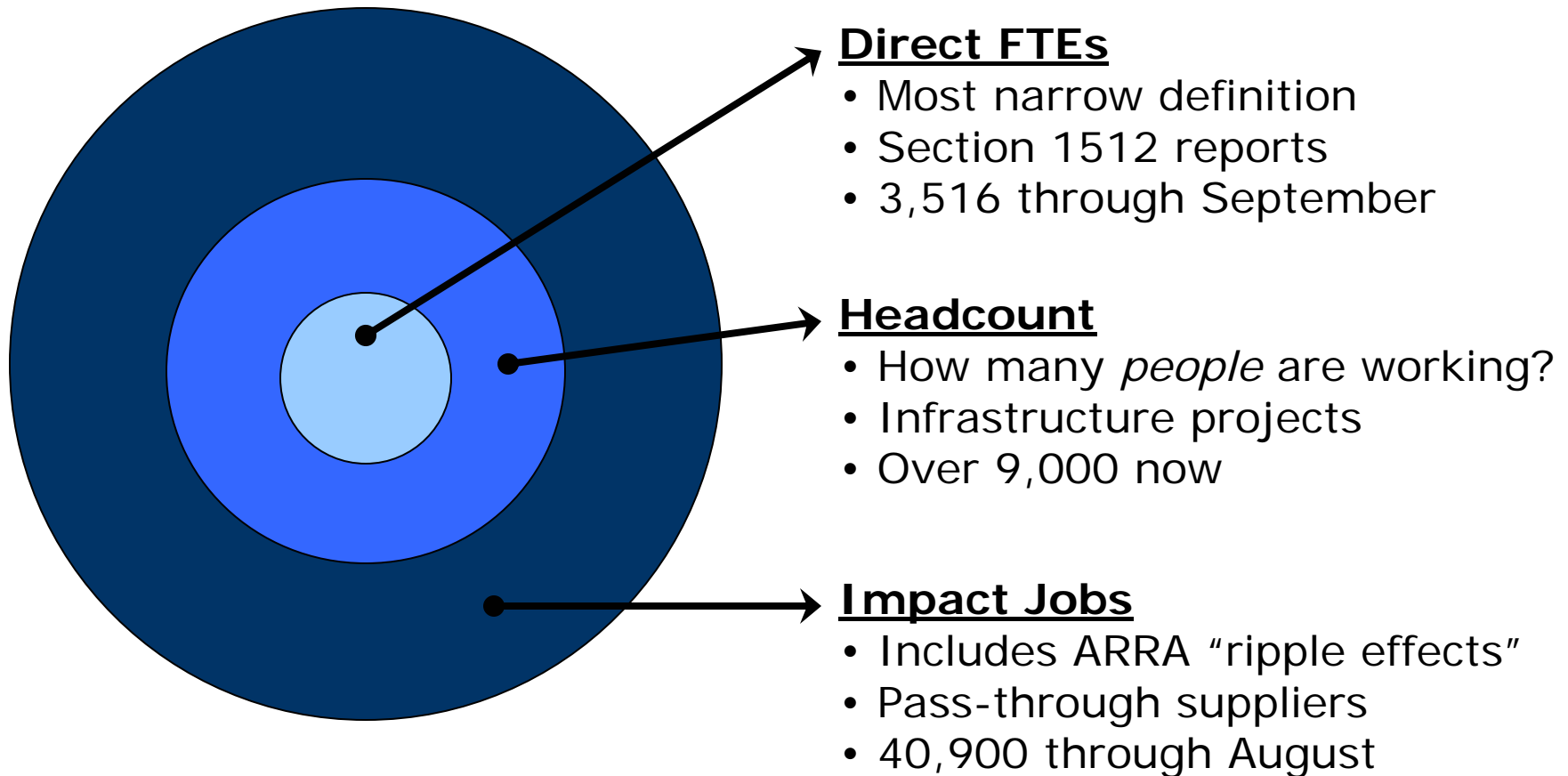
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Impact Jobs

- Economic modeling to assess the aggregate employment effects of the Recovery Act
 - U.S. Council of Economic Advisers
 - Effects of tax cuts/credits/incentives, plus direct and indirect spending
 - Measured against estimates of “what would have been”

Summary



Status of Reporting – First Round

- Reports

▼ 276 Filed

- Entities

▼ 13 Recipients

▼ 955 Subrecipients

▼ 738 Vendors

▼ 280 Subrecipient Vendors

Summary of Reports

- Jobs

 - 3,516 created or retained (FTEs)

- Project Status

Status	# of Reports	% of Reports
Fully Completed	18	7%
50% or More Completed	65	24%
Less Than 50% Completed	153	56%
Not Started	39	14%

Review Process

- October 1-10
 - ▼ States submit initial reports
- October 11-21
 - ▼ Federal agencies review reports
- October 22-29
 - ▼ Federal agencies comment on reports
- October 30
 - ▼ All reports finalized

Notes on Federal Review

- Agencies used the review period to issue guidance changes
 - As late as Wednesday afternoon
- Multiple means of requesting changes
 - Phone calls, emails, FederalReporting.gov
 - Some didn't wait until formal comment period
 - Tone of requests varied
- Some tension between OMB and federal agency guidance
 - Learning experience for all involved

Summary of Changes

- Nearly all 276 reports were revised
 - ▼ DOT guidance change caused 225 alone
 - ▼ Others resulted from new templates
- Common reasons for changes
 - ▼ Federal desire to standardize text
 - ▼ Changing "Award Date" to 2/17/09
 - ▼ Converting headcount to Direct FTEs

Data Availability

- Recovery.Gov
 - ✔ All Recovery Act funds reported here
 - ✔ Includes non-state recipients
 - ✔ Use filters, or download raw data
- Recovery.PA.Gov
 - ✔ New PDFs of each final report
 - ✔ We treated optional data as mandatory