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Top 10 States Receiving Government Earmarks



In fiscal year 2008, there were 11,524 earmarks totaling \$16,501,833,000

An earmark is government money that is given to a specific recipient or a specific named project without the recipient having to compete, bid, or qualify for the money, as would normally be required to receive government funding.

Note: This Top 10 list is determined by the amount of money per capita each state received. California and Texas received more money than Alaska but considering the small population in Alaska, it received more money per capita.

1. Alaska
Earmark Money Received: \$379,699,715
Earmark\$/Capita: \$555.54
2. Hawaii
Earmark Money Received: \$283,149,151
Earmark\$/Capita: \$220.63

3. North Dakota
Earmark Money Received: \$132,883,420
Earmark\$/Capita: \$207.72

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West Virginia
Earmark Money Received: \$325,799,541
Earmark\$/Capita: \$179.80

5. Mississippi
Earmark Money Received: \$449,883,378
Earmark\$/Capita: \$154.13

6. Vermont
Earmark Money Received: \$70,631,915
Earmark\$/Capita: \$113.69

7. South Dakota
Earmark Money Received: \$89,241,281
Earmark\$/Capita: \$112.08

8. New Mexico
Earmark Money Received: \$205,220,434
Earmark\$/Capita: \$104.18

9. Montana
Earmark Money Received: \$86,749,151
Earmark\$/Capita: \$90.57

10. District of Columbia
Earmark Money Received: \$46,126,719
Earmark\$/Capita: \$78.4