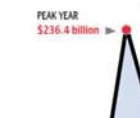
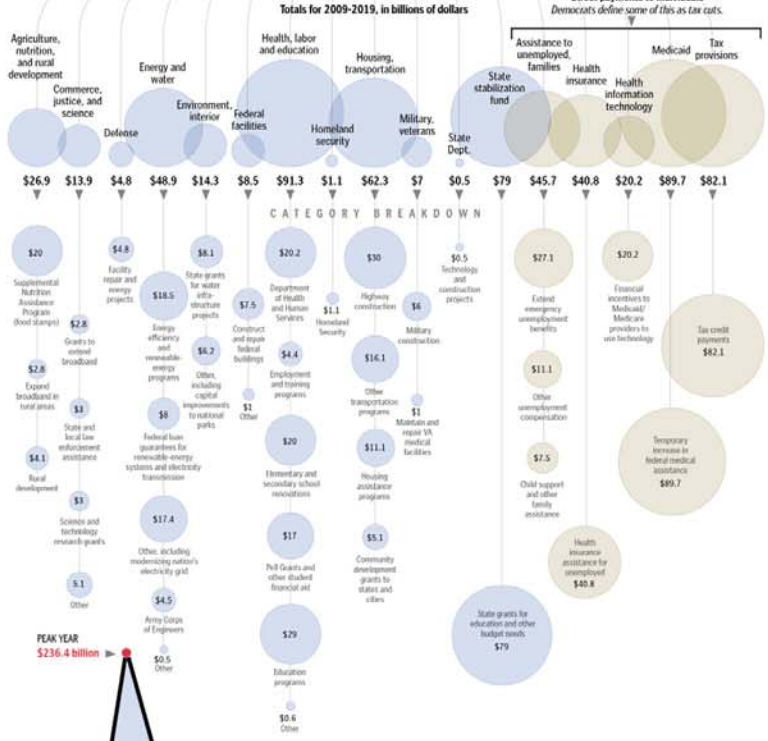


	SPENDING + TAX CUTS	TOTAL COST
House bill introduced Jan. 26	\$550 billion	\$825 billion
Congressional Budget Office analysis of original House bill	\$604 billion	\$816 billion
CBO analysis of House-approved bill	\$637 billion	\$819 billion

Democrats say tax cuts represent one-third of the overall stimulus package, not a huge difference from Obama's original goal of 40 percent. But congressional budget analysts count nearly \$100 billion of these measures as spending because they are credits going to people who don't pay taxes. The CBO adjustment reduces the tax-cut portion of the package to 22 percent.

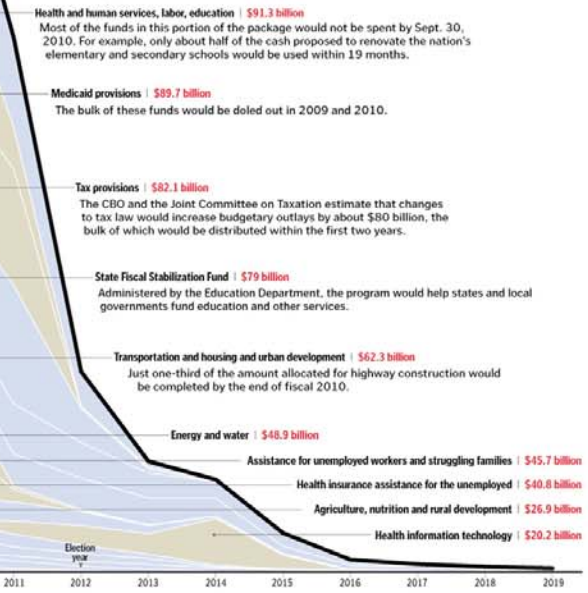
Total Spending

The CBO divides the bill's spending into direct payments to individuals (i.e., unemployment compensation or tax credits) and purchases of goods and services, either directly by the federal government or indirectly in the form of grants to states and local governments.



Spending Over Time

The House bill would pour about \$525 billion — 64 percent of the total package — into the economy within 19 months through spending and tax breaks, according to a CBO estimate. That falls short of the administration's goal of 75 percent by Sept. 30, 2010. Spending on infrastructure such as highways and schools could be held up by government contracting procedures and other bureaucratic requirements.



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