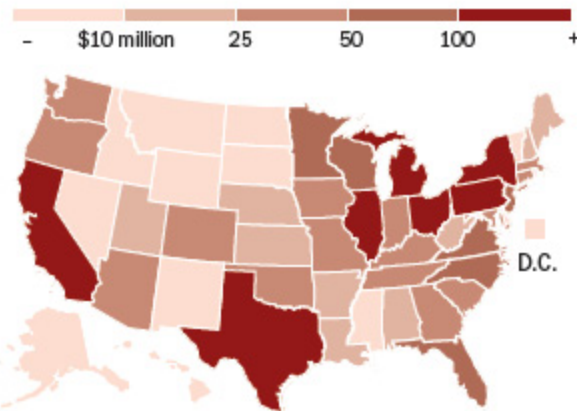


CARS program popular in Midwest, new owners get better mileage

The Car Allowance Rebate System (CARS) which offered owners of old cars and trucks \$3,500 or \$4,500 toward the purchase of a new, more fuel-efficient vehicle, ended yesterday.

CARS voucher amount, in millions

As of Aug. 21



Fuel consumption range for top vehicle purchases using CARS, in miles per gallon (mpg)

As of Aug. 21; ranges are estimates and based on 2009 models

1. Toyota Corolla	22-35	
2. Honda Civic	21-36	
3. Ford Focus FWD	24-35	
4. Toyota Camry	19-33	
5. Hyundai Elantra	24-33	
6. Toyota Prius	45-48	
7. Nissan Versa	24-34	
8. Ford Escape FWD	18-28	
9. Honda Fit	27-35	
10. Honda CR-V 4WD	20-26	

Fuel consumption range for top vehicle trade-ins using CARS, in miles per gallon (mpg)

Fuel economy ranges are estimates and based on 1995 models.

1. Ford Explorer 4WD	14-20	
2. Ford F150 Pickup 2WD	11-18	
3. Jeep Grand Cherokee 4WD	12-18	
4. Jeep Cherokee 4WD	13-20	
5. Ford Explorer 2WD	14-21	
6. Dodge Caravan/ Grand Caravan 2WD	15-26	
7. Chevrolet Blazer 4WD	15-20	
8. Ford F150 Pickup 4WD	11-18	
9. Chevrolet C1500 Pickup 2WD	13-22	
10. Ford Windstar FWD Van	16-23	