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FACT SHEET: How the Build Back Better Framework Helps Black Communities

Joe Biden believes that there's no greater economic engine in the world than the hard work and ingenuity of the American people. But for too long, the economy has worked great for those at the top, while working families get squeezed. President Biden promised to rebuild the backbone of the country – the middle class – so that this time everyone comes along. He also campaigned on a promise to forge consensus and make government work for working people again.

Today, the President is delivering on these promises. **After hearing input from all sides and negotiating in good faith with a broad group of members of Congress, President Biden is announcing a framework for the Build Back Better Act.** President Biden is confident this is a framework that can pass both houses of Congress, and he looks forward to signing it into law. He calls on Congress to take up this historic bill – in addition to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – as quickly as possible.

The Build Back Better Framework will deliver meaningful outcomes for Black communities and help build an America in which all can thrive.

The most transformative investment in children and caregiving in generations.

Black families are [feeling the strain](#) of the high costs of child care, and are [two times](#) more likely than white parents to have to quit, turn down, or make a major change in their job due to child care disruptions. Only [26.8% of Black 3- and 4-year old children](#) are enrolled in publicly-funded preschool, while the average cost of preschool for those without access to publicly-funded programs is \$8,600. Under the Build Back Better Framework, the vast majority of working Black families of four earning less than \$300,000 will pay no more than 7% of their income on child care for children under 6. This will expand access to the 9 out of 10 families with young children across the country who are working, looking for work, participating in an education or training program, or taking care of a serious health condition, and who are making up to 2.5 times their state's median income. This means most families will cut their child care spending by more than half – for example, for two Black parents earning \$100,000 per year, the framework will produce more than \$5,000 in annual child care savings. The Build Back Better Framework also offers access to free preschool for all 3- and 4-year old children, providing Black parents access to high-quality programs in the setting of their choice – from public schools to child care providers to Head Start. The Build Back Better Framework will also reduce the cost of home-based care for the hundreds of thousands of older Black adults and Black people with disabilities who need it and are unable to access it. And, investment in home care will raise wages for home care workers, [28% of whom are Black](#).

The biggest expansion of affordable health care in a decade.

Almost [3.9 million Black people](#) were uninsured in 2019 before President Biden took office. Even with the Affordable Care Act's premium subsidies, coverage under the ACA was too expensive for many families, and over [570,000 Black people](#) fell into the Medicaid "coverage gap" and were locked out of coverage because their state refused to expand Medicaid. President Biden's framework closes the Medicaid coverage gap while also lowering health care costs for

those buying coverage through the ACA by extending the American Rescue Plan's lower premiums, which could save [360,000 Black people](#) an average of \$50 per person per month. With these changes, more than [one in three uninsured Black people](#) could gain coverage. The framework also adds hearing coverage, including for the more than [5.8 million Black people on Medicare](#). And, the framework will make an historic investment in maternal health, including for Black women, who die from complications related to pregnancy at [three times the rate](#) of white women.

The most significant effort to bring down costs and strengthen the middle class in generations.

The single largest and most comprehensive investment in affordable housing in history. [Thirty percent of Black renters](#) pay over half their income in rent. The framework will enable the construction, rehabilitation, and improvement of more than 1 million affordable homes, boosting housing supply and reducing price pressures for renters and homeowners. It will make investments to improve the safety, energy efficiency, and quality of existing public housing, where nearly half of residents are Black. It also expands the availability of housing choice vouchers to hundreds of thousands more families, including the nearly half of current voucher holders who are Black. The Build Back Better Framework will remove lead-based paint from housing units, which disproportionately affects Black children. Finally, this framework provides grants for resident-led community development projects in neighborhoods that have faced systemic disinvestment.

Promote nutrition security to support children's health. Black households experience food insecurity at a higher rate than the national average, an issue made more urgent by the pandemic. No one should have to worry about whether they can provide nutritious food for themselves or their children. The Build Back Better Framework will ensure that the nutritional needs of Black children are met by expanding access to free school meals during the school year and providing students with resources to purchase food over the summer.

Tax cuts for families with children. [22.1% of Black people](#) fall below the poverty line, struggling to pay expenses like food, rent, health care, and transportation for their families. President Biden's framework will extend the Child Tax Credit, providing a major tax cut to millions of families, including nearly [3 million Black people](#) and cutting the Black poverty rate by 34.3%. This will help the [85% of Black women](#) who are either sole or co-breadwinners for their families.

Tax cuts for workers without children. The President's Build Back Better Framework permanently extends the American Rescue Plan's increase to the Earned-Income Tax Credit from \$543 to \$1,502. This will benefit roughly [2.8 million Black low-wage workers](#), including cashiers, cooks, delivery drivers, food preparation workers, and child care providers.

Education beyond high school and workforce training. An education beyond high school is increasingly important to succeed in the 21st-century economy, even as it has become unaffordable for too many Black families. And, the U.S. has chronically underinvested in workforce development, with millions of jobs going unfilled in growing sectors such as construction and health care. That's why the Build Back Better Framework would increase the

maximum Pell Grant by \$550 per year for students enrolled in public and private, non-profit colleges and make an historic investment in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), as well as Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and minority-serving institutions (MSIs). Through high-quality training programs, career and technical education pathways, and Registered Apprenticeships, President Biden's Build Back Better Framework will invest in training programs that will prepare millions of Black workers for high-quality jobs in growing sectors.

Community violence interventions. President Biden believes in a comprehensive strategy to prevent and respond to gun crime. He also knows that the toll of this violence overwhelmingly falls on Black Americans and other people of color. For example, Black men make up 6% of the population but represent [more than 50% of gun homicide victims](#). That's why the Build Back Better Framework will support evidence-based community violence intervention programs shown to reduce violence. These programs are effective because they leverage trusted messengers who work directly with individuals most likely to commit gun violence, intervene in conflicts, and connect people to social, health and wellness, and employment services to reduce the likelihood of violence.

Relief for farmers and ranchers. The Build Back Better Framework includes a program to provide debt relief to certain farmers and ranchers with qualifying loans from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), including farmers and ranchers who have suffered financial strain as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The largest effort to combat climate change in American history.

The framework's \$555 billion investment is the largest effort to combat the climate crisis in American history and sets the country on course to meet its climate targets, achieving a 50-52% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 2005 levels in 2030. It would create good-paying, union jobs, deliver environmental justice, and launch a new, diverse Civilian Climate Corps that will put Americans to work deploying climate solutions in communities across the country. The framework will also expand and extend clean energy and electric vehicle tax credits to lower electricity bills and make electric vehicles more affordable for middle class families. And, the framework will make critical investments to clean up pollution and monitor and improve air and water quality, while ensuring community engagement and input on infrastructure projects. The Build Back Better Framework would also restore American manufacturing with R&D investments at HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs—including critical investments to compete on clean energy.

Read about the President's full Build Back Better Agenda here:

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