



The American Rescue Plan's Impact on Alabama on Two-Year Anniversary

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Alabama unemployment falling to 2.6% and record low unemployment in 2022:** Alabama's unemployment rate has fallen from 4.2% in January 2021 to 2.6% in December 2022, as the state added 85,000 jobs and now has more jobs than it did pre-Covid. In fact, Alabama's annual unemployment rate in 2022, 2.6%, was the lowest on record.
- **Led to record 146,000 new Small Business Applications in Alabama:** In 2021 and 2022, Alabamians applied to start 146,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 511 Alabama towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 140 School Districts in Alabama to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 140 school districts in Alabama were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **1,450 Child Care Programs in Alabama Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 86,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 608K Alabama families with 992K children:** In Alabama, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 608,000 families with 992,000 children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 287K workers in Alabama:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 287,000 Alabama workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 219,000 Alabamians an average of \$750 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 219,000 Alabamians saved an average of \$750 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, a record 258,000 Alabamians signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Alabama:** In Alabama, state and local governments made 64,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 52,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **238,000 Alabama College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 65 Alabama colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 238,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **55,000 more Alabama homes and businesses will receive affordable, high-speed internet** through the American Rescue Plan's Capital Project Fund.
- **American Rescue Plan's Emergency Connectivity Fund is addressing the homework gap for 92,000 Alabama students:** providing about 200,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **874 Alabama Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.