



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with California unemployment falling to 4.1%:** California's unemployment rate has fallen from 8.7% in January 2021 to 4.1% in December 2022, as the state added 1.75 million jobs and now has more jobs than it did pre-Covid.
- **Led to record 1 million new Small Business Applications in California:** In 2021 and 2022, Californians applied to start 1 million new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 539 California towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to more than 870 School Districts in California to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** More than 870 school districts in California were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **15,280 Child Care Programs in California Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 379,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 4.6 million California families with 7.5 million children:** In California, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 4.6 million families with 7.5 million children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 1.8 million workers in California:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 1.8 million California workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 1.8 million Californians hundreds of dollars per year on their health care:** In 2022, 1.8 million Californians saved hundreds of dollars on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, 1.7 million Californians signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in California:** In California, state and local governments made 139,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 517,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **1.7 million California College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 463 California colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 1.7 million college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **American Rescue Plan's Emergency Connectivity Fund is addressing the homework gap for 1447,000 California students:** providing about 1459,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **15,977 California Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.