



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Connecticut unemployment falling to 4%:** Connecticut's unemployment rate has fallen from 7% in January 2021 to 4% in December 2022, as the state added 84,000 jobs.
- **Led to record 92,000 new Small Business Applications in Connecticut:** In 2021 and 2022, Connecticut Residents applied to start 92,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 179 Connecticut towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 160 School Districts in Connecticut to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 160 school districts in Connecticut were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **2,580 Child Care Programs in Connecticut Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 105,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 390K Connecticut families with 619K children:** In Connecticut, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 390,000 families with 619,000 children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 154K workers in Connecticut:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 154,000 Connecticut workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 113,000 Connecticut Residents hundreds of dollars per year on their health care:** In 2022, 113,000 Connecticut Residents saved hundreds of dollars on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, 108,000 Connecticut Residents signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Connecticut:** In Connecticut, state and local governments made 25,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 63,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **190,000 Connecticut College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 46 Connecticut colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 190,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **10,000 more Connecticut 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 33,000 Connecticut students:** providing about 131,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.