



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Florida unemployment falling to 2.7%:** Florida's unemployment rate has fallen from 5.9% in January 2021 to 2.7% in December 2022, as the state added 919,000 jobs and now has more jobs than it did pre-Covid.
- **Led to record 1.2 million new Small Business Applications in Florida:** In 2021 and 2022, Floridians applied to start 1.2 million new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 471 Florida towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to nearly 70 School Districts in Florida to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** Nearly 70 school districts in Florida were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **7,590 Child Care Programs in Florida Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 703,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 2.5 million Florida families with 3.9 million children:** In Florida, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 2.5 million families with 3.9 million children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 1.3 million workers in Florida:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 1.3 million Florida workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 2.7 million Floridians an average of \$588 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 2.7 million Floridians saved an average of \$588 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, a record 3.2 million Floridians signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Florida:** In Florida, state and local governments made 559,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 417,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **674,000 Florida College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 223 Florida colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 674,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **48,000 more Florida 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 287,000 Florida students:** providing about 740,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **5,715 Florida Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.