

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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Georgia unemployment falling to 3.1% and was at a record low in 2022:** Georgia's unemployment rate has fallen from 4.8% in January 2021 to 3.1% in December 2022, as the state added 362,000 jobs and now has more jobs than it did pre-Covid. In fact, Georgia's unemployment rate averaged 3% over 2022, the lowest rate on record.
- **Led to record 600,000 new Small Business Applications in Georgia:** In 2021 and 2022, Georgians applied to start 600,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 678 Georgia towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 180 School Districts in Georgia to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 180 school districts in Georgia were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **3,870 Child Care Programs in Georgia Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 335,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 1.4 million Georgia families with 2.2 million children:** In Georgia, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 1.4 million families with 2.2 million children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 569K workers in Georgia:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 569,000 Georgia workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 701,000 Georgians an average of \$597 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 701,000 Georgians saved an average of \$597 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, a record 879,000 Georgians signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Georgia:** In Georgia, state and local governments made 87,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 128,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **389,000 Georgia College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 101 Georgia colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 389,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **70,000 more Georgia 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 121,000 Georgia students:** providing about 486,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **2,654 Georgia Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.