



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Illinois unemployment falling to 4.6%:** Illinois's unemployment rate has fallen from 7.2% in January 2021 to 4.6% in December 2022, as the state added 409,000 jobs.
- **Led to 370,000 new Small Business Applications in Illinois:** In 2021 and 2022, Illinoisans applied to start 370,000 new businesses.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 1,361 Illinois towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to over 830 School Districts in Illinois to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** Over 830 school districts in Illinois were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **7,030 Child Care Programs in Illinois Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 322,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 1.5 million Illinois families with 2.4 million children:** In Illinois, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 1.5 million families with 2.4 million children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 616K workers in Illinois:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 616,000 Illinois workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 323,000 Illinoisans an average of \$930 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 323,000 Illinoisans saved an average of \$930 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, 343,000 Illinoisans signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Illinois:** In Illinois, state and local governments made 155,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 174,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **474,000 Illinois College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 198 Illinois colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 474,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **87,000 more Illinois 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 145,000 Illinois students:** providing about 583,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **4,535 Illinois Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.