



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Maine unemployment falling to 3.1% and was at record lows in 2022:** Maine's unemployment rate has fallen from 4.4% in January 2021 to 3.1% in December 2022, as the state added 31,000 jobs and now has more jobs than it did pre-Covid. In fact, Maine's unemployment rate averaged 2.9% in 2022, the lowest annual rate on record.
- **Led to record 26,000 new Small Business Applications in Maine:** In 2021 and 2022, Mainers applied to start 26,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 485 Maine towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 200 School Districts in Maine to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 200 school districts in Maine were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **1,500 Child Care Programs in Maine Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 46,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 142K Maine families with 229K children:** In Maine, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 142,000 families with 229,000 children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 93K workers in Maine:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 93,000 Maine workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 66,000 Mainers hundreds of dollars per year on their health care:** In 2022, 66,000 Mainers saved hundreds of dollars on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, 63,000 Mainers signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Maine:** In Maine, state and local governments made 65,000 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.
- **39,000 Maine College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 32 Maine colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 39,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **23,000 more Maine 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 10,000 Maine students:** providing about 15,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **629 Maine Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.