



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Massachusetts unemployment falling to 3.7%:** Massachusetts's unemployment rate has fallen from 7.1% in January 2021 to 3.7% in December 2022, as the state added 302,000 jobs.
- **Led to record 147,000 new Small Business Applications in Massachusetts:** In 2021 and 2022, Bay Staters applied to start 147,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 356 Massachusetts towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 280 School Districts in Massachusetts to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 280 school districts in Massachusetts were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **6,530 Child Care Programs in Massachusetts Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 202,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 721K Massachusetts families with 1.1 million children:** In Massachusetts, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 721,000 families with 1.1 million children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 292K workers in Massachusetts:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 292,000 Massachusetts workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 268,000 Bay Staters hundreds of dollars per year on their health care:** In 2022, 268,000 Bay Staters saved hundreds of dollars on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, 225,000 Bay Staters signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Massachusetts:** In Massachusetts, state and local governments made 106,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 115,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **271,000 Massachusetts College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 117 Massachusetts colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 271,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **16,000 more Massachusetts 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 64,000 Massachusetts students:** providing about 206,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **2,552 Massachusetts Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.