



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Mississippi unemployment falling to 4% and reached record lows in 2022:** Mississippi's unemployment rate has fallen from 6.5% in January 2021 to 4% in December 2022, as the state added 29,000 jobs. In fact, Mississippi's unemployment rate averaged 3.9% in 2022, the lowest annual rate on record.
- **Led to record 122,000 new Small Business Applications in Mississippi:** In 2021 and 2022, Mississippians applied to start 122,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 378 Mississippi towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 140 School Districts in Mississippi to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 140 school districts in Mississippi were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **1,110 Child Care Programs in Mississippi Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 86,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 396K Mississippi families with 632K children:** In Mississippi, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 396,000 families with 632,000 children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 176K workers in Mississippi:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 176,000 Mississippi workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 143,000 Mississippians an average of \$577 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 143,000 Mississippians saved an average of \$577 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, a record 183,000 Mississippians signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Mississippi:** In Mississippi, state and local governments made 25,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 66,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **152,000 Mississippi College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 42 Mississippi colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 152,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **American Rescue Plan's Emergency Connectivity Fund is addressing the homework gap for 71,000 Mississippi students:** providing about 64,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **505 Mississippi Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.