



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Nebraska unemployment falling to 2.7%:** Nebraska's unemployment rate has fallen from 3% in January 2021 to 2.7% in December 2022, as the state added 44,000 jobs and now has more jobs than it did pre-Covid.
- **Led to record 40,000 new Small Business Applications in Nebraska:** In 2021 and 2022, Nebraskans applied to start 40,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 577 Nebraska towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 240 School Districts in Nebraska to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** Nebraska's 240 school districts were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **2,270 Child Care Programs in Nebraska Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 104,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 241K Nebraska families with 437K children:** In Nebraska, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 241,000 families with 437,000 children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 104K workers in Nebraska:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 104,000 Nebraska workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 99,000 Nebraskans an average of \$1176 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 99,000 Nebraskans saved an average of \$1176 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, a record 101,000 Nebraskans signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Nebraska:** In Nebraska, state and local governments made 50,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 50,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **72,000 Nebraska College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 35 Nebraska colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 72,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **21,000 more Nebraska 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 3,000 Nebraska students:** providing about 108,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **470 Nebraska Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.