

## **The American Rescue Plan's Impact on North Dakota on Two-Year Anniversary**

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with North Dakota unemployment falling to 2.1% and reached record lows in 2022:** North Dakota's unemployment rate has fallen from 4.1% in January 2021 to 2.1% in December 2022, as the state added 18,000 jobs. In fact, North Dakota's unemployment rate averaged 2.1% in 2022, the lowest annual rate on record.
- **Led to record 16,000 new Small Business Applications in North Dakota:** In 2021 and 2022, North Dakotans applied to start 16,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 353 North Dakota towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 150 School Districts in North Dakota to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 150 school districts in North Dakota were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **900 Child Care Programs in North Dakota Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 33,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 90K North Dakota families with 162K children:** In North Dakota, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 90,000 families with 162,000 children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 41K workers in North Dakota:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 41,000 North Dakota workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 30,000 North Dakotans an average of \$957 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 30,000 North Dakotans saved an average of \$957 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, a record 34,000 North Dakotans signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in North Dakota:** In North Dakota, state and local governments made 40,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 21,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **37,000 North Dakota College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 20 North Dakota colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 37,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **4,000 more North Dakota 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 1,000 North Dakota students:** providing about 8,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **170 North Dakota Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.