

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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Oklahoma unemployment falling to 3.2%:** Oklahoma's unemployment rate has fallen from 5% in January 2021 to 3.2% in December 2022, as the state added 71,000 jobs. Oklahoma's unemployment rate averaged 3% in 2022, matching its lowest annual rate on record.
- **Led to record 113,000 new Small Business Applications in Oklahoma:** In 2021 and 2022, Oklahomans applied to start 113,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 607 Oklahoma towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 510 School Districts in Oklahoma to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 510 school districts in Oklahoma were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **2,260 Child Care Programs in Oklahoma Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 96,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 497K Oklahoma families with 866K children:** In Oklahoma, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 497,000 families with 866,000 children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 236K workers in Oklahoma:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 236,000 Oklahoma workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 189,000 Oklahomans an average of \$722 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 189,000 Oklahomans saved an average of \$722 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, a record 203,000 Oklahomans signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Oklahoma:** In Oklahoma, state and local governments made 107,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 96,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **160,000 Oklahoma College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 82 Oklahoma colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 160,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **American Rescue Plan's Emergency Connectivity Fund is addressing the homework gap for 144,000 Oklahoma students:** providing about 246,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **683 Oklahoma Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.