



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Pennsylvania unemployment falling to 4.3%:** Pennsylvania's unemployment rate has fallen from 7.5% in January 2021 to 4.3% in December 2022, as the state added 399,000 jobs.
- **Led to record 297,000 new Small Business Applications in Pennsylvania:** In 2021 and 2022, Pennsylvanians applied to start 297,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 2,548 Pennsylvania towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 500 School Districts in Pennsylvania to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 500 school districts in Pennsylvania were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **6,850 Child Care Programs in Pennsylvania Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 352,000 Children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 1.4 million Pennsylvania families with 2.4 million children:** In Pennsylvania, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 1.4 million families with 2.4 million children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 697K workers in Pennsylvania:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 697,000 Pennsylvania workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 375,000 Pennsylvanians hundreds of dollars per year on their health care:** In 2022, 375,000 Pennsylvanians saved hundreds of dollars on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, 372,000 Pennsylvanians signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Pennsylvania:** In Pennsylvania, state and local governments made 213,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 280,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **486,000 Pennsylvania College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 243 Pennsylvania colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 486,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **American Rescue Plan's Emergency Connectivity Fund is addressing the homework gap for 117,000 Pennsylvania students:** providing about 226,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **3,508 Pennsylvania Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.