



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with South Dakota unemployment falling to 2.2%:** South Dakota's unemployment rate has fallen from 3% in January 2021 to 2.2% in December 2022, as the state added 23,000 jobs and now has more jobs than it did pre-Covid.
- **Led to record 21,000 new Small Business Applications in South Dakota:** In 2021 and 2022, South Dakotans applied to start 21,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 317 South Dakota towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to more than 140 School Districts in South Dakota to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** More than 140 school districts in South Dakota were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **680 Child Care Programs in South Dakota Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 42,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 105K South Dakota families with 194K children:** In South Dakota, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 105,000 families with 194,000 children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 53K workers in South Dakota:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 53,000 South Dakota workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 41,000 South Dakotans an average of \$1043 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 41,000 South Dakotans saved an average of \$1043 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, a record 48,000 South Dakotans signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in South Dakota:** In South Dakota, state and local governments made 14,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 12,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **37,000 South Dakota College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 23 South Dakota colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 37,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **American Rescue Plan's Emergency Connectivity Fund is addressing the homework gap for 5,000 South Dakota students:** providing about 26,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **193 South Dakota Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.