



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Texas unemployment falling to 3.8%:** Texas's unemployment rate has fallen from 6.7% in January 2021 to 3.8% in December 2022, as the state added 1.31 million jobs and now has more jobs than it did pre-Covid.
- **Led to record 959,000 new Small Business Applications in Texas:** In 2021 and 2022, Texans applied to start 959,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 1,400 Texas towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 1,000 School Districts in Texas to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 1,000 school districts in Texas were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **10,649 Child Care Programs in Texas Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 826,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 3.9 million Texas families with 6.7 million children:** In Texas, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 3.9 million families with 6.7 million children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 1.4 million workers in Texas:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 1.4 million Texas workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 1.8 million Texans an average of \$564 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 1.8 million Texans saved an average of \$564 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, a record 2.4 million Texans signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Texas:** In Texas, state and local governments made 671,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 595,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **1 million Texas College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 259 Texas colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 1 million college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **152,000 more Texas 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 805,000 Texas students:** providing about 1725,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **6,376 Texas Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.