



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Utah unemployment falling to 2.4%:** Utah's unemployment rate has fallen from 3.4% in January 2021 to 2.4% in December 2022, as the state added 96,000 jobs and now has more jobs than it did pre-Covid.
- **Led to record 128,000 new Small Business Applications in Utah:** In 2021 and 2022, Utahns applied to start 128,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 273 Utah towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 41 School Districts in Utah to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 41 school districts in Utah were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **1,530 Child Care Programs in Utah Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 81,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 423K Utah families with 851K children:** In Utah, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 423,000 families with 851,000 children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 138K workers in Utah:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 138,000 Utah workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 257,000 Utahns an average of \$636 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 257,000 Utahans, Utahns saved an average of \$636 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, a record 295,000 Utahans, Utahns signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Utah:** In Utah, state and local governments made 51,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 52,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **181,000 Utah College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 37 Utah colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 181,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **3,000 more Utah 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 23,000 Utah students:** providing about 109,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **468 Utah Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.