



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Washington unemployment falling to 4.5%:** Washington's unemployment rate has fallen from 6.3% in January 2021 to 4.5% in December 2022, as the state added 300,000 jobs and now has more jobs than it did pre-Covid.
- **Led to record 181,000 new Small Business Applications in Washington:** In 2021 and 2022, Washingtonians applied to start 181,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 314 Washington towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 280 School Districts in Washington to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 280 school districts in Washington were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **6,120 Child Care Programs in Washington Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 169,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 860K Washington families with 1.5 million children:** In Washington, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 860,000 families with 1.5 million children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 358K workers in Washington:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 358,000 Washington workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 240,000 Washingtonians hundreds of dollars per year on their health care:** In 2022, 240,000 Washingtonians saved hundreds of dollars on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, 230,000 Washingtonians signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Washington:** In Washington, state and local governments made 76,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 113,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **147,000 Washington College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 80 Washington colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 147,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **American Rescue Plan's Emergency Connectivity Fund is addressing the homework gap for 60,000 Washington students:** providing about 303,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **3,238 Washington Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.