



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with West Virginia unemployment falling to 4.1%:** West Virginia's unemployment rate has fallen from 6% in January 2021 to 4.1% in December 2022, as the state added 32,000 jobs.
- **Led to record 27,000 new Small Business Applications in West Virginia:** In 2021 and 2022, West Virginians applied to start 27,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 283 West Virginia towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to over 50 School Districts in West Virginia to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** Over 50 school districts in West Virginia were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **1,500 Child Care Programs in West Virginia Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 59,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 196K West Virginia families with 324K children:** In West Virginia, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 196,000 families with 324,000 children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 110K workers in West Virginia:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 110,000 West Virginia workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 23,000 West Virginians an average of \$1532 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 23,000 West Virginians saved an average of \$1532 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, 28,000 West Virginians signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in West Virginia:** In West Virginia, state and local governments made 46,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 60,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **75,000 West Virginia College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 52 West Virginia colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 75,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **20,000 more West Virginia 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 93,000 West Virginia students:** providing about 24,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **272 West Virginia Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.