



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

- **Powered a Strong Recovery with Wisconsin unemployment falling to 3%:** Wisconsin's unemployment rate has fallen from 4.6% in January 2021 to 3% in December 2022, as the state added 102,000 jobs.
- **Led to record 129,000 new Small Business Applications in Wisconsin:** In 2021 and 2022, Wisconsinites applied to start 129,000 new businesses, the highest 2-year total on record.
- **ARP Provided Direct Pandemic Recovery Funds to All 1,918 Wisconsin towns, cities, and counties** – avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development, and other critical areas.
- **Provided Vital Education Funding to 410 School Districts in Wisconsin to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely:** 410 school districts in Wisconsin were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.
- **7,370 Child Care Programs in Wisconsin Received Support to Help Keep Their Doors Open, impacting up to 289,000 children.**
- **Working Family Tax Relief through the Expanded Child Tax Credit for 651K Wisconsin families with 1.1 million children:** In Wisconsin, the American Rescue Plan's historic Child Tax Credit benefited an estimated 651,000 families with 1.1 million children.
- **Expanded Earned Income Tax Credit for 320K workers in Wisconsin:** The American Rescue Plan's expanded EITC provided up to \$1,500 of tax relief to an estimated 320,000 Wisconsin workers without dependent children.
- **Saved 212,000 Wisconsinites an average of \$1078 per year on their health care:** In 2022, 212,000 Wisconsinites saved an average of \$1078 on their health premiums from the American Rescue Plan. With the Inflation Reduction Act's extension of these savings, 221,000 Wisconsinites signed up for quality, affordable care in the 2023 ACA open enrollment period.
- **Emergency Rental Assistance to Thousands of Hard-Pressed Renters in Wisconsin:** In Wisconsin, state and local governments made 74,000 payments to help families meet their ongoing rent and utilities costs and 83,000 payments to help families address past due rent and utility bills.
- **193,000 Wisconsin College Students received direct financial relief through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Program in 2021 alone:** In 2021, 72 Wisconsin colleges and universities made direct financial assistance payments to 193,000 college students to help them stay enrolled and cover their bills.
- **8,000 more Wisconsin 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 48,000 Wisconsin students:** providing about 278,000 connected devices (including hotspots) for students.
- **2,095 Wisconsin Restaurants received vital relief** through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.