

INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Investing in America Agenda is Delivering in

MAINE

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, Maine has added over **44,500 new jobs** and unleashed nearly **\$1.3 billion** in private sector investment in the state. The state has seen a significant decrease in unemployment, and millions of people in Maine stand to benefit from the President's actions to lower health care, energy, and education costs.

As of August 2024



63 thousand individuals in Maine signed up for health insurance through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces during the Open Enrollment Period for 2024.



\$615 million in student debt cancellation has been approved for **12,790** people in Maine under the Biden-Harris Administration.



373 thousand seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries will save money on prescription drug costs.



\$1.3 billion in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments under the Biden-Harris Administration.



2.9% unemployment rate with **44.5 thousand** new jobs created under the Biden Administration.



\$3 billion in public investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing under the Biden-Harris Administration.



50 thousand applications to start new businesses under the Biden Administration.

While the Biden-Harris Administration continues to make investments that are creating jobs and opportunity and strengthening communities across Maine, Republicans in Congress are pushing an extreme agenda that would raise costs on families and keep money in the pockets of corporations and billionaires.

Not only would Congressional Republicans' agenda roll back progress and investments in Maine, their plans would also raise taxes on Maine families, cut Medicare and Social Security, and raise health care, housing, and energy costs:

- **126,850 seniors** living in Maine could see higher prescription drug costs.
- **175,893 people** in Maine would either lose or have to pay more for health insurance coverage.

The Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America agenda has unleashed \$1.3 billion in private sector manufacturing and clean energy investments, including:

- ★ Sappi North America plans to invest **\$418 million** in a sustainable packaging mill in **Skowhegan, creating hundreds of good-paying jobs in the region.**
- ★ New Balance is investing **\$65 million** to expand its **Skowhegan, Maine** factory, **creating 200 jobs.**
- ★ Central Maine Power is investing a total of **\$60 million** to deploy smart grid technologies that reduce the frequency and impact of power outages in Maine. This project is made possible by funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
- ★ For the full list of announced private sector investments in Maine, please visit [Invest.gov](https://www.invest.gov).

The Biden-Harris Administration has made historic investments to improve Maine's infrastructure and build a clean energy economy, including:

- ★ **New Maine Highway Construction**: The Maine Department of Transportation will receive **\$77 million** to construct a highway that will connect US Route 1 to the current bypass section, ultimately decreasing traffic flow and improving safety.
- ★ **Downtown Sanford Transportation Improvements**: The **City of Sanford** will receive **\$25 million** to complete improvements to the streets of Downtown to provide more affordable transportation options for the community.
- ★ **US 1 Rehabilitation**: The Maine Department of Transportation received **\$33 million** to rehabilitate approximately 68 miles of US 1 in **Washington County**,

including shoulder widening, replacing drainage, making safety improvements, and preparing for electric vehicle chargers.

- ★ **Bangor International Airport Terminal Expansion**: The Bangor International Airport received **\$14.2 million** for a terminal expansion project to connect two terminals and expand the passenger security screening checkpoint. This project will replace aging buildings and increase accessibility.
- ★ **Town of Deerfield Public Access EV Charging**: The Recharge Maine Project was awarded **\$15 million** to fund the installation of 62 DC Fast Charger ports and 520 Level 2 charging ports in more than 70 cities and towns statewide. The project will serve urban and rural areas and encompasses disadvantaged communities.
- ★ **Enhancing Utility Resilience in America's Most Forested State**: Central Maine Power is receiving up to over **\$30 million** from the Department of Energy to deploy smart grid technologies to reduce the frequency and impact of outages to the communities served. The project will enhance Central Maine Power's ability to identify faults and to redirect or shut off power to minimize blackouts and avoid further damage. It will also mitigate impacts of extreme weather or natural disasters on grid resiliency.
- ★ **MOOSE (Maine Online Optical Statewide Enabling) Network**: The Department of Commerce awarded approximately **\$30 million** to Maine to design, build, and operate the MOOSE (Maine Online Optical Statewide Enabling) Network, a new, east-west 531 fiber optic route that will anchor the state's strategic goal of providing universal broadband access. The Broadband Infrastructure Program plays a critical role in providing quality, affordable high-speed Internet and connecting unserved regions to the Internet backbone.
- ★ **Solar Energy**: The Maine Governor's Energy Office will receive **\$62 million** in funding to deliver solar programs to low-income and disadvantaged households in Maine. Maine will channel this funding through multiple financial assistance programs that address the range of barriers faced by low-income and disadvantaged households in benefitting from solar energy.
- ★ **Climate-Ready Coasts Initiative**: **\$69 million** in funding will be awarded for the Climate-Ready Coasts initiative, which is focused on investing in high-impact projects that create climate solutions by storing carbon; building resilience to coastal hazards such as extreme weather events, pollution and marine debris; restoring coastal habitats that help wildlife and humans thrive; building the capacity of underserved communities and supporting community-driven restoration; and providing employment opportunities.