

The American Rescue Plan: Impacts on Kansas

The Need for Action in Kansas

The pandemic and the associated economic crisis have had a severe impact on Kansas. The need for action is clear:

- Since the pandemic began, more than 295,800 people have been infected with COVID-19 and more than 4,800 people have died.
- The unemployment rate is 4.7%, up from 3.2% before the pandemic.
- 158,000 adults 9% of all adults in the state report not having enough food to eat. This includes 84,000 adults living with children, or 12% of all adults living with children, who report that the children in their household do not have enough to eat.
- An estimated 109,000 renters or 18% of renters are not caught up on rent.
- An estimated 609,000 adults or 31% of all adults statewide report having difficulty covering normal household expenses.

The Effect of the American Rescue Plan on Kansas

President Biden's American Rescue Plan will provide Kansas with:

- \$1.7 billion in state fiscal relief
- \$1 billion in local fiscal relief
- More than \$860 million in relief for K-12 schools
- Economic impact payments of up to \$1,400 per person (above the \$600 per person provided in December) for more than 1.8 million adults and 740,000 children. This is 89% of all adults in the state and 86% of all children in the state.
- Additional relief of up to \$1,600 per child through the Child Tax Credit to the families of 652,000 children, lifting 29,000 children out of poverty
- Additional relief of up to nearly \$1,000 through the Earned Income Tax Credit to 169,000 childless workers, including many in frontline jobs
- Marketplace health insurance premiums that are \$1,550 lower per month for a 60-year old couple earning \$75,000 per year