



The American Rescue Plan: Impacts on Kentucky

The Need for Action in Kentucky

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

- Since the pandemic began, more than 410,000 people been infected with COVID-19 and more than 4,800 people have died.
- The unemployment rate is 5.6%, up from 4.2% before the pandemic.
- Since February 2020, more than 119,000 fewer people are employed.
- 384,000 adults – 13% of all adults in the state – report not having enough food to eat. This includes 149,000 adults living with children, or 14% of all adults living with children, who report that the children in their household do not have enough to eat.
- An estimated 138,000 renters or 16% of renters are not caught up on rent.
- An estimated 1.1 million adults or 37% of all adults statewide report having difficulty covering normal household expenses.

The Effect of the American Rescue Plan on Kentucky

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

- \$2.3 billion in state fiscal relief
- \$1.5 in local fiscal relief
- More than \$2.1 billion 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 2.9 million adults and 1.2 million children. This is 92% of all adults in the state and 92% of all children in the state.
- Additional relief of up to \$1,600 per child through the Child Tax Credit to the families of 931,000 children, lifting 69,000 children out of poverty
- Additional relief of up to nearly \$1,000 through the Earned Income Tax Credit to 272,000 childless workers, including many in frontline jobs
- Marketplace health insurance premiums that are \$1,490 lower per month for a 60-year old couple earning \$75,000 per year