

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

The Need for Action in Texas

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

- Since the pandemic began, more than 2,686,818 people have been infected with COVID-19 and more than 44,451 people have died.
- The unemployment rate is 6.9%, up from 3.7% before the pandemic.
- Since February 2020, more than 500,432 fewer people are employed.
- 2,316,000 adults – 13% of all adults in the state – report not having enough food to eat. This includes 1,359,000 adults living with children, or 18% of all adults living with children, who report that the children in their household do not have enough to eat.
- An estimated 1,223,000 renters or 18% of renters are not caught up on rent.
- An estimated 7,825,000 adults or 40% of all adults statewide report having difficulty covering normal household expenses.

The Effect of the American Rescue Plan on Texas

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

- \$15.959 billion in state fiscal relief
- \$11.587 billion in local fiscal relief
- More than \$12.697 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 17,283,400 adults and 8,098,300 children. This is 88% of all adults in the state and 88% of all children in the state.
- Additional relief of up to \$1,600 per child through the Child Tax Credit to the families of 6,696,000 children, lifting 503,000 children out of poverty
- Additional relief of up to nearly \$1,000 through the Earned Income Tax Credit to 1,404,000 childless workers, including many in frontline jobs
- Marketplace health insurance premiums that are \$1,321 lower per month for a 60-year old couple earning \$75,000 per year