

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

The Need for Action in Wisconsin

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

- Since the pandemic began, more than 621,654 people have been infected with COVID-19 and more than 7,106 people have died.
- The unemployment rate is 4% up from 3.3% before the pandemic.
- Since February 2020, more than 42,004 fewer people are employed.
- 334,000 adults – 9% of all adults in the state – report not having enough food to eat. This includes 147,000 adults living with children, or 11% of all adults living with children, who report that the children in their household do not have enough to eat.
- An estimated 156,000 renters or 13% of renters are not caught up on rent.
- An estimated 1,219,000 adults or 29% of all adults statewide report having difficulty covering normal household expenses.

The Effect of the American Rescue Plan on Wisconsin

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

- \$2.68 billion in state fiscal relief
- \$2.1 billion in local fiscal relief
- More than \$1.59 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 3,817,100 adults and 1,368,300 children. This is 89% 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 1,159,000 children, lifting 46,000 children out of poverty
- Additional relief of up to nearly \$1,000 through the Earned Income Tax Credit to 321,000 childless workers, including many in frontline jobs
- Marketplace health insurance premiums that are \$1,410 lower per month for a 60-year old couple earning \$75,000 per year