



The American Rescue Plan: Impacts on Connecticut

The Need for Action in Connecticut

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

- Since the pandemic began, more than 285,000 people have been infected with COVID-19 and more than 7,000 people have died.
- The unemployment rate is 8.2%, up from 3.7% before the pandemic.
- Since February 2020, more than 155,000 fewer people are employed.
- 181,000 adults – 9% of all adults in the state – report not having enough food to eat. This includes 170,000 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 91,000 renters or 11% of renters are not caught up on rent.
- An estimated 815,000 adults or 32% of all adults statewide report having difficulty covering normal household expenses.

The Effect of the American Rescue Plan on Connecticut

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

- \$2.9 billion in state fiscal relief
- \$1.36 billion in local fiscal relief
- More than \$1.1 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 million adults and 739,000 children. This is 80% of all adults in the state and 77% of all children in the state.
- Additional relief of up to \$1,600 per child through the Child Tax Credit to the families of 608,000 children, lifting 29,000 children out of poverty
- Additional relief of up to nearly \$1,000 through the Earned Income Tax Credit to 154,000 childless workers, including many in frontline jobs
- Marketplace health insurance premiums that are \$1,930 lower per month for a 60-year old couple earning \$75,000 per year