



The American Rescue Plan: Impacts on District of Columbia

The Need for Action in District of Columbia

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

- Since the pandemic began, more than 41,419 people have been infected with COVID-19 and more than 1,030 people have died.
- The unemployment rate is 8.8%, up from 5% before the pandemic.
- Since February 2020, more than 26,147 fewer people are employed.
- 46,000 adults – 9% of all adults in the District – report not having enough food to eat. This includes 21,000 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 37,000 renters or 13% of renters are not caught up on rent.
- An estimated 157,000 adults or 30% of all adults report having difficulty covering normal household expenses.

The Effect of the American Rescue Plan on District of Columbia

President Biden's American Rescue Plan will provide District of Columbia with:

- \$2.3 billion in fiscal relief
- More than \$391.8 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 358,100 adults and 176,300 children. This is 71% of all adults in the District and 84% of all children in the District.
- Additional relief of up to \$1,600 per child through the Child Tax Credit to the families of 94,000 children, lifting 8,000 children out of poverty
- Additional relief of up to nearly \$1,000 through the Earned Income Tax Credit to 33,000 childless workers, including many in frontline jobs
- Marketplace health insurance premiums that are \$1,256 lower per month for a 60-year old couple earning \$75,000 per year