

# American rescue, infrastructure, and inflation-reduction acts are big steps in right direction

But much more infrastructure investment is needed to secure a prosperous and equitable future

**Summary:** When President Biden took office on January 20, 2021, the country had been battling the COVID-19 pandemic for 10 straight months. Workers were facing health risks in the workplace unprecedented before March 2020. Many essential workers were becoming sick with COVID on the job. On the economic side, millions had lost their jobs. Millions more were forced to quit their jobs to care for children who were home from school or day care or to protect their health or the health of vulnerable family members.

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## Key findings

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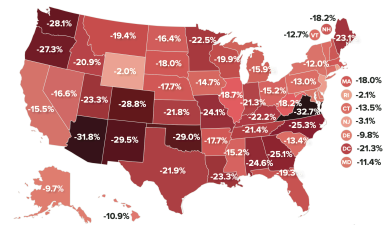
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