



Building Back Bulletin

It's Getting Better with Biden

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Historic Job Creation

Six million jobs were created in the first 10 months of President Biden's administration – a record for a new President.

Jobless Claims at a 52-Year Low









America's jobs recovery is one of the strongest ever. **New unemployment claims have dropped to the lowest since 1969.**

New Business Start-Ups are Up 30%

New business start-ups are up 30%. Americans are applying to start new businesses at a record rate.

Strengthening Rural Communities through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) makes historic investments in the ability of small towns and rural communities to build back better.

-  Connects more rural Americans to high-speed internet, including USDA programs like ReConnect.
-  Critical funding for water infrastructure with priority for rural projects, including rural water quality, stormwater management, and planning and technical assistance.
-  Investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and alternative fuel corridors, with a priority on rural areas.
-  Commitment to energy grid resilience in rural areas and funding to strengthen utilities against cybersecurity threats.
-  Funds to help rural schools switch to zero-emission and clean school buses.
-  Funds for more research on rural highway safety and sets aside more money for highway and freight projects on rural roads.
-  Makes rural railroad crossings safer and reinforces Amtrak's commitment to small towns, including prevention of any reduction in rural service.
-  Key investments to help rural communities analyze their transportation needs and plan future projects.