

Care Economy Investments Create 5.3 Million Jobs in 18 States

On the campaign trail, Joe Biden promised a \$775 billion investment over 10 years in the “care economy” – the sector of our economy that provides care for children, older Americans, Americans living with disabilities and those living in residential care. As President, he’s already issued detailed plans for these investments, with more to come. This investment will mean better, more affordable care for Americans, and it will have a huge economic impact.



Care economy investments will create thousands of new jobs in key states

Michigan: 562,816
Pennsylvania: 498,255
Arizona: 458,505
Virginia: 359,577
Wisconsin: 265,150

Even in states with smaller workforces, the impact will be substantial: 118,733 new jobs in West Virginia and 33,800 in New Hampshire.



Care economy investments will help return women to the workforce. Thousands of women have had to give up on working because of the effects of the pandemic.

Women’s workforce participation has fallen by more than 4 percentage points in Michigan and New Hampshire, for example.

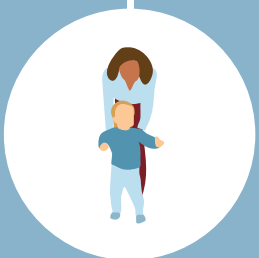
Because women make up nearly 9 in 10 care workers in critical states, job creation in the care economy can help reverse the detrimental effects of the pandemic.



Care economy investments will reduce economic inequality.

Care economy jobs are disproportionately filled by people of color in key states; they make up 61 percent of such workers in Virginia, 57 percent in Arizona, and more than a third of care workers in Pennsylvania and Michigan.

Care economy investments can create new jobs for communities hardest hit by the health and economic effects of COVID-19.



The care workforce is drastically underpaid.

- Median hourly wages are extremely low: they average \$13.09 across the occupations of childcare, nursing assistants, and home health care and personal care aides.

For more information, visit [WomenEffectFund.org](https://www.womeneffectfund.org).

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