

GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

CREATING JOBS AND GROWING MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY



Governor Whitmer is laser-focused on growing Michigan's economy and ensuring that all communities can thrive. She has created over 11,000 auto jobs, including the first Detroit plant in 30 years, and established two game-changing workforce development programs—Michigan Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners—to put more Michiganders on a tuition-free path to a good-paying, high-skill job. The Governor's decisive leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic, guided by science and data, helped Michigan's economy recover quickly. Today, Michigan is stronger than ever, bolstered by billions in federal stimulus dollars, \$3.5 billion budget surplus, the fastest GDP growth in the Midwest, and a boosted credit rating. Governor Whitmer will continue pursuing investments in infrastructure, higher education and skills program, and industries of the future to create even more good-paying jobs and ushering in a new era of prosperity for Michigan.

FOSTERING MICHIGAN'S ECONOMIC JUMPSTART

- Ushered in 8.3% GDP growth in Q2 of 2021, third-highest nationwide and the best in the Midwest, helping Michigan's economy recover quickly and grow rapidly as the state emerged from the pandemic.
- Took Michigan from a projected \$3 billion deficit to a \$3.5 billion surplus.
- Signed a bipartisan package of bills to foster economic development and deliver nearly \$500 million in support to businesses impacted by COVID-19.
- 2 independent, national credit ratings agencies boosted Michigan's credit rating outlook.

PAVING PATHWAYS FOR OPPORTUNITY

- Set the Sixty by 30 Goal to have at least 60% of Michiganders earn a postsecondary degree or technical certificate by 2030.
- Established and fully funded programs to provide hundreds of thousands of Michiganders tuition-free higher education or skills training that leads to a high-skill, good-paying job.
 - Michigan Reconnect, a program that pays tuition of Michiganders 25 and up to pursue an associate degree or earn a skills certificate in high-demand careers.
 - Futures for Frontliners, providing a tuition-free path to postsecondary education or skills training for Michiganders who served on the frontlines of the pandemic.



"We need to build an economy that works for everyone, where every Michigander has a pathway to a high-wage job so they can support their family, and where small businesses have the tools they need to succeed and create more good-paying jobs. I am laser-focused on growing our economy, creating more good-paying jobs, and lowering costs for Michiganders."

- Governor Gretchen Whitmer

PROTECTING FAMILIES & BUSINESSES THROUGH COVID-19

- Sent checks to over 55,900 Michiganders who work in entertainment, recreational and indoor food-service venues during the pandemic.
- Protected 52,500 jobs by providing grants to 6,000 small businesses.
- Implemented an eviction moratorium and sent out \$700 million in rental assistance to keep people in their homes.

CUTTING COSTS FOR CONSUMERS

- Passed historic, bipartisan legislation to put money back in people's pockets and bring down the cost of car insurance, saving drivers at least \$120 per car in 2020.
- Delivered refunds of \$400 per vehicle back in the pockets of Michigan drivers
- Provided high-speed internet access to more than 18,000 homes and businesses, generating between \$28.1 and \$35.5 million in annual economic benefits to consumers.
- Eliminated the tampon tax, saving families from paying taxes on up to \$4,800 in spending over the course of a lifetime.

USING MICHIGAN'S TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO PUT MICHIGAN JOBS FIRST

- Signed a directive to fight payroll fraud, ensuring companies can't misclassify their employees and deny them pay and benefits.
Incentivized the state to increase contracts to companies that create good-paying jobs in Michigan and are good stewards of the state.
- Reinstated prevailing wage for state construction projects, ensuring working people in Michigan receive a fair wage.