



Michiganders are coming together to achieve great things, and we're proud to say that work continued in 2013.

Looking back on the past year, we have a lot to be proud of. We balanced our budget well ahead of schedule for the third year in a row while taking care of some very important needs. We increased funding for K-12 education for the third year in a row (a total average increase of \$632 per student over three years), put up to 18,000 new kids into preschool, added 64,000 kids to Healthy Kids Dental, and expanded health care access to nearly half a million Michiganders.

But that's not all. More than 220,000 private sector jobs have been created since we took office. Michigan's credit rating was boosted to "AA" by Fitch Ratings, the first time it rated Michigan above AA- since January 2007. And according to University of Michigan economists, our state is on track to reach job levels not seen since before the Great Recession.

And while Michigan is on the comeback path, we've been hard at work to make sure Detroit is coming back, too. We have taken steps to end six decades of decline and put Detroit on the right fiscal path so it can be a great city once again.

Our work, though, isn't done. We can be neither complacent nor content as we work together to reinvent our state to create more and better jobs and a brighter future for our kids.

 
Rick Snyder, Governor Brian Calley, Lt. Governor

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2013

CREATING MORE AND BETTER JOBS

- ▶ **Job Creation:** Over 220,000 new private sector jobs created since 12/2010.
- ▶ **Small Business:** Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses committed \$20 million to support Detroit entrepreneurs; with MEDC backing, Huntington Bank committed \$25 million for small-business microloans.
- ▶ **Connecting Michigan Businesses:** Pure Michigan Business Connect links Michigan businesses with other in-state businesses for services they need, growing our economy. PMBC is bringing \$2 billion in opportunities to Michigan businesses and benefitting 128 companies.
- ▶ **Community Ventures:** More than 1,000 structurally unemployed Michiganders were placed in jobs through MEDC Community Ventures -- a partnership between businesses and community groups.
- ▶ **High-Tech Jobs:** The new Michigan Advanced Technician Training program prepares students for high-tech careers in mechatronics, including paid on-the-job training and a guaranteed job upon completion.
- ▶ **Economic Summit:** Gathered 700 business leaders and educators to discuss Michigan's economic future at an Economic Summit in Detroit, with a focus on ways to collaborate, create & connect to address talent needs.
- ▶ **Investing in Success:** In FY2013, the state extended grants, loans & incentives to companies expanding in Michigan. The investments support projects expected to create nearly 25,000 jobs & \$4 billion in private investment.
- ▶ **Welcoming Immigrants:** Created 10 licensing guides which inform skilled immigrants how to become licensed in selected professions.
- ▶ **Supporting Veterans:** Created Veterans Affairs Agency to better connect veterans with benefits. New law to provide tax relief to families of disabled vets by extending homestead tax exemption to a spouse if the veteran passes away before tax break is granted.
- ▶ **Helping Vets Find Jobs:** Held Summit on Veterans Talent to inform businesses of the value of hiring vets and to connect them with talented veterans looking for employment. Enacted laws to allow vets to more easily apply their skills as qualifications for employment.

REVITALIZING OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM

- ▶ **Increased Funding for K-12 Education:** Increased money for the classroom by reducing schools' long-term legacy costs.
- ▶ **Pre-K Education:** Increased funding for early childhood programs by \$65 million & expanded access to high-quality Pre-K programs for 18,000 children in need.
- ▶ **Pathways to Potential:** Expanded Pathways to Potential program to 155 schools, bringing state services directly to those in need. The original 21 schools showed a reduction in chronic absenteeism from last year.
- ▶ **Education Summit:** Invited educators to collaborate with the private sector and identify ways to fill the needs for talent in Michigan.
- ▶ **Battling Truancy:** Conducted Michigan's first "truancy summit" to tackle the pervasive school-to-prison pipeline.
- ▶ **School Accountability:** Released Michigan School Accountability Scorecards for districts and schools, providing greater transparency.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2013

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REINVENTING OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

- ▶ **Healthier Kids:** Expanded Healthy Kids Dental to cover 64,000 more children, bringing the total to half a million across 78 counties.
- ▶ **Healthy Michigan:** Signed law to provide health care access to 470,000 in need. Created agreement with Blue Cross in which the company will contribute nearly \$1.6 billion over 18 years to promote Michiganders' health.
- ▶ **Reducing Obesity:** Implemented MI Health & Wellness 4x4 plan to reduce obesity. 28,000+ adults pledged to reduce 10% of their weight.
- ▶ **Mental Health Services:** Began the vendor selection to administer Mental Health First Aid, which will train 7,000+ citizens to recognize signs of people needing mental health treatment and help them find resources.

RESTORING OUR CITIES

- ▶ **Returning Detroit to Greatness:** Authorized Detroit's filing for bankruptcy protection so the city can emerge from its crushing debt and provide the quality services that its 700,000 residents deserve.
- ▶ **Safer Communities:** Welcomed 155 new troopers and 13 new motor carrier officers into the Michigan State Police. Expanded Americorps Urban Safety Corps Program in Detroit to help fight crime in neighborhoods.
- ▶ **Detroit Detention Center:** State-city agreement opens Detroit Detention Center at former Mound Correctional Facility to be operated by Michigan Department of Corrections, allowing closure of five city lockups, thereby freeing up 40 to 50 police officers for street patrols.
- ▶ **Restoring Neighborhoods:** Launched state's largest residential blight removal effort with \$25 million in state funds (2012-13) and \$100 million in fed funds for Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Pontiac & Saginaw.
- ▶ **Do Something, Michigan!** Launched the "Do Something, Michigan" volunteer effort to encourage Michiganders to help their communities.

REINVENTING GOVERNMENT

- ▶ **Balanced Budget:** Balanced state budget months ahead of the constitutional deadline 3 years in a row.
- ▶ **Cutting Red Tape:** Passed milestone by eliminating 1,500+ needless rules, adopted 100+ recommendations, and maintained consumer safeguards.
- ▶ **Pure Michigan:** A 2013 study shows that visitors spent \$1.2 billion in 2012 due to the Pure Michigan tourism campaign -- a return of over \$4 for every \$1 invested.
- ▶ **Smarter Facilities Use:** Decreased facilities leased by the state to 495, saving millions of dollars.
- ▶ **Reducing Caseloads:** Reduced overall caseloads on public assistance, including cash assistance (FIP) in 12/2012 (60,000+ cases, 159,000+ recipients) to 09/13 (41,000+

cases and 102,000+ recipients), a reduction of over 30%. An improving economy and enforcing state and fed lifetime monthly time limitations has made a marked difference. Food Assistance Program (FAP) caseloads have also dropped steadily since 2011. Recent FAP data indicates an overall decline (January 2011=980,000+ cases/ September 2013= 903,000+ cases) during this administration of nearly 8%. Caseload reductions have been attained while still keeping focus on providing benefits and public dollars to the truly needy and truly eligible.

- ▶ **Cutting Prison Costs:** Contracted with an industry-leading vendor to save Michigan taxpayers about \$16 million / year in providing prisoner food service.
- ▶ **Saving Tax Dollars:** MDOT saved \$160 million+ since 2011 with greater efficiencies. \$75 million+ annual savings expected in 2013, compared to 2009.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

- ▶ **Cutting Taxes:** Signed law reducing taxes for new and used vehicle purchases when trading in.
- ▶ **Protecting Michigan's Children:** Over 100 families enrolled in Protect MiFamily, a five-year demonstration project for families at high risk for child neglect.
- ▶ **Stronger Families:** Michigan's finalized adoption rate for eligible children & youths reached 88% statewide, a record number going back nearly 20 years.
- ▶ **Protecting Civil Rights:** Resolved 2,183 civil rights complaints in FY13 (out of 3,588 complaints), reaching settlements of \$4.5 million on behalf of claimants -- higher than the previous three fiscal years.
- ▶ **Preventing Bullying:** Department of Civil Rights launched a joint initiative with Department of Education to prevent bullying.

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- ▶ **Caring For Our Great Lakes:** Michigan hosted the Council of Great Lakes Governors summit for the first time in 30 years, resulting in significant agreements.
- ▶ **Enhancing Pure Michigan Recreation:** Dedicated trailhead for hiking / biking trail that will stretch from Ironwood on the border of Wisconsin in the Upper Peninsula to Belle Isle in Detroit. The trail will connect existing pathways with newly created trails.
- ▶ **Balancing Environment & Economy:** Developed rules to be finalized in 2014 to further safeguard the environment & provide more info about oil, gas development.
- ▶ **Saving Michigan's Harbors:** Secured \$21 million in emergency funding for dredging in 58 public bays and harbors, mainly used for recreational boating.
- ▶ **Environmentally Sound Farming:** Verifications under Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program reached an all-time annual high of 528.
- ▶ **Supporting the Outdoors:** Simplified DNR's hunting & fishing licensing, reducing license types from 227 to ~40, & investing added revenue in natural resources.