

# 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, low unemployment, 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 7.6% GDP Growth, 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.
- 2 independent, national credit ratings agencies upgraded Michigan's credit rating.

### 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 bipartisan Michigan Reconnect program to pay tuition Michiganders 25 and up to pursue an associate degree or earn a skills certificate in high-demand careers.
- Futures for Frontliners initiative to provide 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."*

- 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 \$50 million in rental assistance to keep people in their homes.
- Increased access to unemployment, delivering \$27 billion to 2.3 million Michiganders.

### 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.
- Provided broadband access to 10,900 households and businesses, generating up to \$23.1 million in annual economic benefits to consumers.
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### PUTTING 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.