



# GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

## STANDING UP FOR WORKING PEOPLE



Governor Whitmer is focused on empowering working people by creating good-paying jobs with solid benefits, tuition-free paths to opportunity, and protecting their fundamental rights.

### Fighting for Michigan workers

- Rolled back the [retirement tax](#) to save half a million households an average of \$1,000 a year.
- [Restored worker's rights](#) by repealing "Right to Work," to ensure workers can more effectively bargain together for fair wages and benefits. Improves workplace safety and product and keeps government out of negotiations between employers and workers.
- [Reinstated prevailing wage](#) for all state projects, raising wages and improving work quality.
- [Invested in](#) additional funding for [Going Pro](#) to help businesses up-skill in-house talent, secure resources for talent retention, expand partnerships with union training facilities, and more. In the last 4 years, created over 22,000 new apprenticeships in Michigan.
- Funded programs like [Reconnect](#), [Futures for Frontliners](#), and [Michigan Achievement Scholarship](#) to lower the cost of higher education for hundreds of thousands of Michiganders and get them on paths to higher education or skills training that leads to a good-paying job.
- Established [Michigan Secure Retirement](#), helping small businesses set up retirement savings plan for their employees at no cost to the employer
- Appointed more than 200 union members to boards, commissions, and jobs.
- [Signed](#) legislation to require prevailing wage on solar and wind energy projects.
- [Enacted a budget](#) with historic investments in workforce development programs, including training opportunities for youth and underserved populations, and the Community and Worker Economic Transition program, helping workers and businesses affected by industry shifts to connect with retraining and job placement
- [Signed bills](#) ensuring 35,000 home care workers can bargain for better pay and benefits while ensuring Michiganders can access quality health care.
- [Eliminated state taxes](#) on tips, overtime pay, and Social Security income, saving hundreds of thousands of seniors and working families money on their taxes every year.
- [Supported](#) Michiganders who are pursuing apprenticeships by ensuring the Michigan Education Savings Program covers fees, books, and supplies.
- Expanded apprenticeships to put more people on paths to careers with a bipartisan [supplemental bill](#) and programs for key industries like [semiconductor manufacturing](#).
- Signed an executive directive to [fight payroll fraud](#) and required the state to increase the number of contracts awarded to companies that create good-paying jobs in the state.
- [Signed a budget](#) increasing wages for direct care workers and other staff assisting those with disabilities and seniors who require home-based and nursing home services.
- Signed legislation to [recruit and retain skilled educators](#) by allowing the state to accept out of state teaching certifications, helping educators collectively bargain, and boosting transparency in staffing.

### Rebuilding our infrastructure

- [Brought](#) Michigan construction jobs to a 22-year high.
- Through the end of this construction season, fixed more than 24,500 lane miles of road and 1,900 bridges, supporting over 118,000 jobs.
- [Enacted the largest roads deal in Michigan history](#), with \$2 billion to fix state and local roads and invest in bridges and public transit.
- Launched the [Rebuilding Michigan](#) Plan, a \$3.5 billion plan to build up state highways and bridges over the next 5 years, without an increase at the pump.
- Signed a bill to [protect Michigan's construction workers](#) as they rebuild infrastructure.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to [speed up pothole repairs](#).
- Invested over \$4 billion to upgrade water infrastructure, supporting 57,000 jobs.



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- Made historic investments in affordable housing to build 2,000 affordable, attainable rental housing units, and leverage \$380 million in private funding.
- Leveraged over \$900 million to connect rural communities to reliable [high-speed internet](#).
- Secured more than \$150 million through [Charge Up Michigan](#) and the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL) to build Michigan's electric vehicle charging network.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to streamline and improve permitting for infrastructure.
- Launched the [Michigan Infrastructure Office](#) to ensure funding from the BIL is spent and deployed effectively.