



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

GROWING THE ECONOMY AND CREATING GOOD-PAYING JOBS



Governor Whitmer is focused on growing Michigan's economy, bringing home supply chains of cars, chips, and clean energy and ensuring every community can thrive.

Announcing tens of thousands of good-paying auto jobs building cars, components, and batteries

- GM: [\\$7 billion/4,000 jobs](#) in Lansing and Orion Township, [\\$2.2 billion/2,000 jobs](#) in Detroit-Hamtramck, [\\$1 billion](#) in Flint; [\\$4 billion](#) in Orion Township.
- Stellantis: [first new plant in Detroit](#) in 30 years, creating 6,000 jobs; [\\$230 million](#) in Warren and Detroit, creating 900 jobs.
- Ford: [\\$1.45 billion/3,000 jobs](#) in Wayne and Dearborn, [\\$2 billion/3,200 jobs](#) across several plants in Southeast Michigan, [\\$3.5 billion/2,500 jobs](#) in Marshall.
- Gotion: [\\$2.3 billion/2,350 jobs](#) in Big Rapids building EV battery components.
- LG Energy Solution: [\\$1.7 billion/1,200 jobs](#) in Holland.

Securing investments in chip manufacturing and clean energy

- Corning Incorporated: [\\$900 million/1,100 jobs](#) in Richland Township.
- Nel Hydrogen: [\\$400 million/517 clean energy jobs](#) in Plymouth Township.
- Hemlock Semiconductor: [\\$375 million/170 good-paying jobs](#) in Thomas Township; [secured](#) \$325 million in further federal funding to create 180 jobs.
- SK Siltron announced a [\\$300 million investment](#) creating 150 jobs in Bay City.
- Luxwall announced a [\\$165 million investment](#) creating more than 450 jobs.
- KLA announced a [\\$150 million investment](#) creating 600 good-paying jobs in Ann Arbor.
- Mersen USA: [\\$81.2 million/115 manufacturing jobs](#) in Bay City and Greenville.
- Calumet Electronics: [\\$6.5 million/80 jobs](#) in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Showed the world that Michigan gets the job done

- [Michigan named](#) a leader in clean energy race, [ranked 6th](#) nationally for clean energy jobs, [#1 state](#) for energy sector job growth, [automotive industry and electric vehicle investments](#).
- Ranked #1 for fastest [foreign direct investment](#) job growth over past 5 years.
- Ushered in [fastest small business growth](#) in 23 years and a [24% increase](#) in revenue, making Michigan [one of the Top 10 states for business](#).
- Made Michigan a standout state for investors with [better than ever bond returns](#).
- [Michigan named](#) a top 10 state for business 3rd year in a row at #6.

Building the economy of the future in Michigan

- [Established](#) the Michigan Innovation Fund and R&D tax credit, lowering costs for businesses, supporting investors and research, and creating good-paying jobs.
- [Announced the largest economic project in Michigan history](#)—a new Stargate OpenAI facility that will create 2,500 good-paying construction jobs and nearly 2,000 good-paying permanent high-skill, high-paying jobs.
- [Announced an innovative partnership](#) between U of M and the Los Alamos national Laboratory to build a computing facility to research national security, cybersecurity, AI, energy, and more.
- [Announced 27,000](#) new jobs added in fiscal year 2024, with labor participation rate at highest level since 2009.
- [Announced new transit hub](#) bringing Amtrak service to Michigan Central Station in Detroit.
- [Announced](#) PitchMI, a statewide, shark-tank style competition addressing the biggest problems facing Michigan, and Infrastructure for Innovation, which connects innovators and entrepreneurs with the resources they need to innovate and build the future.
- [Signed a budget](#) with funds to support Michigan's current and future workforce, including specialized economic assistance to business locating or expanding in Michigan, building vibrant neighborhoods and downtowns, and more affordable housing.
- [Streamlined](#) Renaissance Zones, cutting red tape and incentivizing job growth.
- Signed a [bipartisan tax cut](#), [reduced tax burden](#), and [increased tax flexibility](#) for small businesses, enabling them to grow and create jobs.
- Signed an executive directive to increase [state procurement and contracts](#) with small and geographically disadvantaged businesses.
- Signed an executive directive to review ways state government can [speed up state permitting](#), make Michigan more competitive.



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Leading the way on defense and National Security

- [Established new Office of Defense and Aerospace Innovation](#), enhancing Michigan's defense and aerospace ecosystem.
- [Secured](#) game-changing new F15-EX fighter mission for Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Macomb County, protecting jobs, military families, and Michigan's economy.
- Launched the [Uncrewed Triple Challenge](#), a first-of-its-kind competition to drive innovation in autonomous drone technology.
- [Announced](#) a \$50 million partnership to build Michigan's defense manufacturing workforce.

Cutting costs for consumers and families

- Rolled back the [retirement tax](#) to save 500,000 households an average of \$1,000 a year.
- Quintupled the [Michigan Working Families Tax Credit](#) to give over 700,000 working families an average tax refund of \$3,150.
- [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.
- [Expanded](#) access to free pre-K to every four-year-old while prioritizing families who need it most so every kid can arrive at kindergarten ready to learn.
- Signed 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.
- Announced the [MI Open Account Coalition](#) offering low or no-cost financial services, saving eligible families an average of \$3,000 a year and helping them build wealth.
- [Expanded Michigan's unemployment benefits](#) for the first time since 2011, putting more money into peoples' pockets.
- [Signed a deal](#) raising the minimum wage for more than 700,000 workers, making Michigan's earned sick time the best in the country, and providing flexibility for small businesses.

Paving pathways for opportunity

- Funded programs like [Reconnect](#), [Futures for Frontliners](#), and [Michigan Achievement Scholarship](#) to lower the cost of higher education for hundreds of thousands of people and put them on paths to college or skills training that lead to good-paying jobs.
- [Expanded](#) the Michigan Achievement Scholarship so more than 100,000 students can get up to \$27,500 toward a 4-year degree at a public or private university.
- [Delivered](#) on the Michigan Guarantee, giving every Michigan high school graduate the chance to earn an associate's degree or skills certificate at their local community college, tuition-free.
- [Invested in 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.
- [Supported](#) Michiganders who are pursuing apprenticeships by ensuring the Michigan Education Savings Program covers fees, books, and supplies.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to train 5,000 infrastructure workers to maximize federal investments in the state.
- Created the [Entrepreneurship & Innovation Program](#) which led to over 1,300 high-tech companies being formed in Michigan, and over 20,000 new full time equivalent jobs.
- Announced a new [Battery Job Training Program, EV](#), and [Semiconductor Talent Action Teams](#) to prepare Michiganders for the jobs of the future.
- [Established](#) an Economic and Worker Economic Transition Office and pilot program to sustain growth as Michigan transitions to the economy of the future.