



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

REDUCING CRIME AND KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFE



As a former prosecutor, public safety is a core issue for Governor Whitmer. She has worked closely with law enforcement officers and community organizations to bring down crime and ensure people feel safe in their neighborhoods.

Made advancements to keep communities safe

- Invested over [\\$1.7 billion](#) into public safety programs across 6 bipartisan budgets to assist police, firefighters, EMTs, and public safety departments with training, equipment, recruitment, retention, and support.
- [Enacted a budget](#) with historic investments in public safety, supporting crime victims, law enforcement training, capital improvements, statewide judicial information systems, and other public safety initiatives.
- Funded and [expanded](#) the [Office of Community Violence Intervention](#), using evidence-based solutions to tackle the root causes of community violence.
- [Established](#) a \$75 million new Revenue Sharing Trust Fund to continue support for counties, cities, villages, and townships across the state.
- [Invested](#) \$60 million into Public Safety Revenue Sharing grants, to provide cities, villages, and townships with additional resources for police services and to support community violence intervention efforts.
- Established [Jobs Court](#), a court diversion program to put hundreds of Michiganders accused of low-level, nonviolent offenses in good-paying jobs.
- Signed legislation to [protect Michigan students at schools, colleges, and universities](#) from abuse and keep communities safe.
- [Signed a budget](#) delivering lifecycle upgrades to the state's safety communication system, grants for local prosecutors, firearm injury and violence prevention grants.
- [Signed a budget](#) granting \$321 million to support school safety needs.
- [Signed legislation](#) to help communities retain police officers.
- [Signed bipartisan](#) legislation to support crime victims and strengthen privacy.
- [Signed legislation](#) equipping school buses with camera systems that track failures to stop and keep kids safe.
- [Signed legislation](#) combatting human trafficking in Michigan by updating the process to gather and use evidence against perpetrators.
- [Required information](#) on the safe storage of firearms to be distributed to parents of students.
- [Signed legislation](#) protecting Michiganders from sexual harassment or exploitation through artificial intelligence-created images or videos.

Keeping Michiganders safe through commonsense gun policies

- Signed [commonsense gun violence prevention legislation](#) establishing universal background checks, safe storage requirements, and [extreme risk protection orders](#).
- [Established](#) Gun Violence Prevention Task Force to save lives, reduce violence.
- [Signed](#) bipartisan legislation to keep guns out of the hands of criminals.
- Launched [Operation Safe Neighborhoods](#) to reduce gun violence by getting more than [950](#) illegal guns off the street before they could be used in the commission of a crime.
- [Signed bills](#) to better protect students and staff members in the event of shootings and other threats at child care centers and schools.

Improved relationships between the public and law enforcement

- Directed the [Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards](#) to provide guidance to law enforcement agencies on new laws and issues facing the communities they protect.
- Announced [protocols](#) so EMS responders can carry emergency contraception and are prepared to work with sexual assault survivors.
- Signed a [package of bills](#) to provide behavioral health crisis grants to local governments and expand community-based mobile crisis intervention services.



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DELIVERING ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM



Governor Whitmer has worked across the aisle to enact historic criminal justice reform. She will work with anyone to reduce recidivism, expand opportunity, and put more Michiganders on paths to a brighter future.

Reforming criminal justice

- Signed [Clean Slate bills](#) making hundreds of thousands of Michiganders eligible for automatic set aside of criminal records, expanding their opportunities for jobs and housing. Invested millions of dollars to assist returning citizens with expungement.
- Signed [Clean Slate For Kids](#) creating a process to automatically expunge juvenile records for those who don't commit future offenses.
- Signed [Raise the Age](#) ensuring anyone under 18 is treated as a minor in juvenile court and receives rehabilitation services in the juvenile justice system to reduce recidivism.
- Launched the [Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform](#) to improve the juvenile justice system [and proposed \\$8.5 million](#) to implement the task force's recommendations.
- Signed [Juvenile Justice Reform](#) bills investing in diversion and re-entry services to better position Michigan youth for successful adulthoods.
- Signed the [Good Moral Character](#) package expanding opportunities for Michiganders post-conviction or post-judgment.
- Signed a [civil asset forfeiture](#) package increasing property protections for individuals who have not been convicted of a crime.
- Signed [a bill](#) allowing individuals who committed a drug-related offense, or have outstanding warrants for such offenses, to access benefits like SNAP.
- [Invested \\$8.8 million](#) to support various investments to increase offender success through education, training, and reentry program.
- [Created Family Treatment Court](#) expanding access to drug treatment options, mental health resources, and support programs to help keep families together.
- [Signed a budget](#) helping local trial courts support effective and fair assistance of counsel for indigent criminal defendants across the state.
- Invested in [community jail diversion programs](#) to divert individuals with mental illness, substance abuse disorders, or disabilities from custody and provide support services.
- Established a policy that will guarantee critical medical resources and support to Department of Corrections' [pregnant and post-partum prisoners and their newborns](#).
- Launched the [Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration](#) to expand alternatives to jail and improve the effectiveness of the front end of Michigan's justice system.
- Invested [nearly \\$15 million](#) to reduce the cost of prisoner telephone charges, promoting their successful rehabilitation and reentry in society.

Building relationships between the public and law enforcement

- Secured [\\$15+ million](#) to fund [community violence intervention programs](#), using evidence-based solutions to tackle the root causes of community violence.
- Made Michigan a leader in police [transparency and accountability](#) with public access to force and traffic stop data and department policies and training requirements.
- Signed a [package of bills](#) to provide behavioral health crisis response grants to local governments and expand community-based mobile crisis intervention services.
- Invested [millions](#) to expand the use of body cameras, provide de-escalation trainings and other professional development and training efforts for law enforcement.