



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 investments to keep communities safe

- Invested over [\\$1.5 billion](#) into public safety programs across 5 bipartisan budgets to assist police, firefighters, EMTs, and public safety departments with training, equipment, recruitment, retention, and support.
- Signed [commonsense gun violence prevention legislation](#) establishing universal background checks, safe storage requirements, and [extreme risk protection orders](#).
- [Signed](#) bipartisan legislation to keep guns out of the hands of criminals.
- Funded and [proposed expanding](#) the [Office of Community Violence Intervention](#), using evidence-based solutions to tackle the root causes of community violence.
- Launched [Operation Safe Neighborhoods](#) to reduce gun violence by getting more than 500 illegal guns off the street before they could be used in the commission of a crime.
- Delivered [\\$155 million](#) to communities to help them hire more first responders, building on the \$1.4 billion local governments have received since she took office, and [proposed](#) \$16 million in funding to help local governments recruit and retain first responders.
- Delivered \$60 million in [scholarships for EMS providers and police recruits](#) for training.
- Signed a bill to [increase road patrol funding](#) by 50%, putting more officers on the road.
- Funded [gun violence prevention research](#) and signed an [executive directive](#) to more effectively use federal and state resources to reduce crime and gun violence.
- 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 legislation](#) to help communities retain police officers.
- [Signed bipartisan](#) legislation to support crime victims and strengthen privacy.

Improved relationships between the public and law enforcement

- Developed [a plan to strengthen police-community relations](#) and the [Bridges to BLUE – Build Listen Unite Engage](#) to provide the department with an outside perspective.
- 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. [Delivered](#) \$18.2 million to support in service training for over 18,300 officers.
- Announced [new 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.
- Signed [bills](#) increasing compensation and mental health resources for victims.
- Signed a bill guaranteeing [access to college tuition grants](#) for the children of police and firefighters who lost their lives on the line of duty in Michigan.