



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

FIGHTING LIKE HELL TO PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM



Governor Whitmer is using every tool in her toolbox to protect reproductive freedom in Michigan. She repealed Michigan's extreme 1931 abortion ban, signed the Reproductive Health Act to expand access to reproductive health care, and took other critical actions to protect Michiganders' bodily autonomy.

- [Signed](#) the [Reproductive Health Act](#) to decriminalize abortions and ensure access to reproductive healthcare.
- [Repealed](#) Michigan's extreme 1931 abortion ban.
- [Signed a law](#) prohibiting employers from discriminating against women because they've had an abortion.
- [Signed bills](#) decriminalizing surrogacy and protecting IVF in Michigan.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) ordering departments to identify ways to increase protection for reproductive health care under the Michigan constitution.
- Filed a proactive lawsuit and petitioned the Michigan Supreme Court to [protect abortion access](#) for more than 2.2 million Michiganders of reproductive age.
- [Filed](#) and [won](#) a restraining order and later a preliminary injunction to prevent nurses and doctors from being prosecuted for providing reproductive health care.
- Instructed state departments to identify and assess opportunities to increase protections for reproductive health and [increase public awareness](#).
- Signed an executive order [refusing to extradite women and abortion providers](#) who come to Michigan seeking reproductive freedom.
- Vetoed budget language in state budgets that aimed to [roll back access to abortion](#) and reproductive healthcare.
- Called on the federal government to make [birth control available](#) over the counter without a prescription, [reduce barriers to mifepristone](#), and clarify Michiganders' right to cross the US-Canada border to seek [reproductive health care](#).
- Called on Michigan insurers to make sure women have [coverage for reproductive healthcare](#) and [called on big tech](#) companies to take steps to protect private health and location data that law enforcement agencies in other states have used to go after women seeking reproductive health care.
- Expanded access to [birth control](#) for 200,000 retirees and their families covered by the MPERS non-Medicare health plan.
- Released guidance to enable pharmacists to prescribe [hormonal birth control](#).
- Announced [new protocols](#) so EMS responders can carry emergency contraception and are prepared to work with sexual assault survivors.
- [Signed legislation](#) extending the time sexual assault survivors can file charges.
- Consistently [invested](#) in and [expanded Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies](#), an initiative to address disproportionate racial impacts of maternal and infant mortality.
- Sought a waiver to expand ["Plan First!"](#), offering no or low-cost family planning services for Medicaid eligible families. Expanded Plan First! in the [budget](#).
- Established a policy that will guarantee critical medical resources and support to Department of Corrections' [pregnant and post-partum prisoners and their newborns](#).
- [Announced](#) free contraceptive resources are now available at over 300 locations across Michigan.
- [Signed bills](#) giving thousands of Michiganders access to basic health care by allowing pharmacists to directly prescribe and dispense contraceptives to patients.



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

CONNECTING FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, AND
COMMUNITIES TO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

Governor Whitmer believes every family and business in Michigan deserves access to a reliable, affordable high-speed internet connection that meets their needs. High-speed internet expands economic opportunity for families, enhances educational experiences for students, and allows for remote access to key health care services.

Increasing high-speed internet for homes and businesses

- Set a [state goal](#) to provide 100% access to high-speed internet and 95% adoption by households during the next five years.
- [Created the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office](#) and the [Connecting Michigan Task Force](#) to coordinate the state's high-speed internet work and align the work with economic development opportunities.
- Since taking office, connected over 23,000 homes, businesses, and unserved locations to meet the state goal to provide 100% access to high-speed internet and 95% adoption during the next five years in advance of over \$1.5 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program that will connect over 200,000 Michiganders.
- [Announced](#) a \$203 million investment to connect over 70,000 unserved homes, businesses, and locations to high-speed internet through the Realizing Opportunity with Broadband Infrastructure Networks grant program.
- Mapped [high-speed internet access in all 83 counties](#).
- Won [\\$6.3 million grant](#) from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to expand high-speed internet and pursue digital equity.
- Announced [\\$61 million in grants](#) to build 525 miles of high-speed internet.
- Launched the [Michigan ACP Act Now Initiative](#), to boost awareness of the Affordable Connectivity Program, a \$14.2 billion federal program to increase connectivity.

Coordinating state government action on high-speed internet

- Named a [Chief Connectivity Officer](#) to lead the state's broadband efforts and leverage funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
- Launched the [MI Connected Future](#) tour to highlight regional efforts on expanding high-speed internet.
- Signed the [Broadband Expansion Act of Michigan](#), codifying the Connecting Michigan Communities Grant Program, a grant program to fill internet access gaps in underserved communities.



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BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR YOUNG MICHIGANDERS

Every family in Michigan deserves access to safe, quality, affordable child care that meets their needs. Governor Whitmer has put families and children first by making record investments in our children's earliest years. These investments put kids on a path to success and strengthen our economy by helping parents return to work knowing their children are safe and learning.

Making record bipartisan investments in child care

- [Achieved](#) an ambitious goal to open 1,000 more child care programs by the end of 2024 through [Caring for Mi Future](#)—a \$100 million strategy.
 - Launched [Our Strong Start](#), a resource hub for child care entrepreneurs to get licensed and connect with grant opportunities.
 - Established [Regional Child Care Grants](#) to provide up to \$150,000 to bring together regional coalitions to assess and respond to local child care needs.
- [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.
- [Proposed a budget](#) with \$50 million further expanding access to affordable child care for families.
- [Signed](#) a record \$1.4 billion in child care funding supporting child care businesses and professionals and expanding access to affordable child care for [150,000 more children](#). Now, a family of four earning up to \$55,500 is eligible for free or low-cost child care.
- Invested \$700 million through the [Child Care Stabilization Grant](#) program to provide grants to [nearly 6,000](#) local child care businesses.
- Secured \$30 million to recruit and retain skilled [child care professionals and early educators](#) by improving compensation and trying out new ways to boost recruitment.
- Signed a [bipartisan child care bill package](#) expanding access to care for families by keeping child care sites open through common-sense reforms.
- Launched [Tri-Share program](#) splitting cost of child care between families, employers, and the state, available to families in [59 counties](#). Proposed [expansion](#) in budget.

Strengthening Michigan families

- [Enacted paid parental leave](#) of up to 12 weeks for state employees.
- Quintupled the [Michigan Working Families Tax Credit](#) to give over 700,000 working families an average tax refund of \$3,150.



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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 [\\$1.6 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.
- 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.
- Funded and [expanded](#) 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 [800](#) illegal guns off the street before they could be used in the commission of a crime.
- [Established](#) a \$75 million new Revenue Sharing Trust Fund to continue support for counties, cities, villages, and townships across the state.
- [Established](#) a \$75 million new Public Safety and Violence Prevention Fund to provide cities, villages, and townships with additional resources for police services and to support community violence intervention efforts.
- 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 a budget](#) delivering lifecycle upgrades to the state's safety communication system, grants for local prosecutors, firearm injury and violence prevention grants.
- [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.
- [Proposed budget](#) expanding opioid recovery efforts, investing in victim support services for over 200,000 victims of crime, putting more Michigan State Police troopers on the street, and helping local governments hire, train, and retain local first responders to improve public safety, drive down crime, and keep families safe.

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.
- [Signed a budget](#) investing in public safety service providers, community-based solutions, and victim services across the state.

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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 adulthood.
- 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.
- Established [Jobs Court](#), a court diversion program to put hundreds of Michiganders accused of low-level, nonviolent offenses in good-paying jobs.
- [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.
- Secured [\\$150 million](#) for Statewide Judicial Case Management to make court operations more efficient. [Signed a budget](#) with more than \$500 million for our courts, law enforcement, and communities.
- 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.

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MAKING HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN KIDS, SCHOOLS, AND SKILLS



Governor Whitmer believes every kid deserves a phenomenal public education and has worked across the aisle to make record investments from preschool to postsecondary.

Making historic investments in students and schools

- Put Michigan students first with [\\$9,608](#) per-student funding, the highest ever state funding, the highest ever state funding without raising taxes. Raised per-pupil funding by 26% since taking office.
- [Proposed the SMART on education budget plan](#), with \$10,000 in per-student funding, more funding for special education, English language learners, and rural districts, and money to help schools implement literacy best practices and keep student safe.
- [Closed the funding gap](#), ensuring every school district has the same baseline funding, and [paid off](#) MPERS debts early, freeing up \$670 million to invest in schools and saving K-12 districts the equivalent of more than \$400 per pupil.
- [Provided](#) bipartisan, free breakfast and lunch to all 1.4 million public school students, forgiving all school meal debt. [Continued](#) summer meal program.
- [Tripled](#) literacy coaches serving in schools to help every child read by third grade.
- Secured [\\$214 per student](#) for on-campus mental health and school safety needs, [signed a budget](#) with \$328 million for mental health and school safety, and [continued](#) investments in school safety and student mental health.
- Signed budgets that opened [100 school-based health clinics](#), [expanded access](#) to before and after-school programs, and increased on-campus [mental health professionals](#).
- [Signed bills](#) strengthening AED and CPR training requirements to protect students and athletes.
- Invested [\\$250 million](#) to modernize and upgrade school infrastructure.
- [Increased funding](#) for at-risk students, English language learners, and special education.
- Signed a bill assisting schools with [providing funds](#) for school security, technology, transportation, and facility upgrades. [Reimbursed](#) districts for transportation costs.
- Signed a bill [reducing red tape for schools](#) by removing a duplicative rating system that failed to meet federal requirements
- Signed a [financial literacy bill](#) requiring high schoolers to take a financial literacy course.
- [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 legislation](#) equipping school buses with camera systems that track failures to stop and keep kids safe.
- [Required information](#) on the safe storage of firearms to be distributed to parents of students.
- [Announced](#) Michigan's high school graduation rate hit an all-time high.
- Funded risk assessments and critical incidence mapping to help schools [protect students](#) and create safety plans in the event of an emergency.

Investing in teachers and staff

- Created the Mi Future Educator Scholarship offering \$10,000 scholarships to 2,500 future educators annually. Programs will hire or train an [additional 10,000 teachers](#).
- [Signed legislation](#) requiring charter schools to post certain information on their website regarding teachers' salaries, aligning them with public school transparency requirements.
- [Proposed \\$125 million](#) to continue historic investments to improve the educator talent pipeline through the MI Future Educator Fellowship, Student Teacher stipends, and Grow-Your-Own programs.
- 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.
- [Signed a budget](#) investing \$15 million to recruit and retain educators in rural areas.
- Thanked educators by providing premium pay with the [MI Classroom Heroes](#) program.
- [Signed](#) a bill to allow retired teachers and public school employees to return to work while receiving retirement benefits, filling the teacher shortage.
- [Eliminated](#) a tax public school teachers pay towards a health care fund, returning \$600 million to schools and lowering costs for teachers.



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MAKING HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN KIDS, SCHOOLS, AND SKILLS



Keeping kids in class and responding to unfinished learning

- Signed a restoration of [parent's rights in education](#), allowing families to decide with educators to promote or hold back their child.
- [Secured](#) \$150 million through MI Kids Back on Track to tackle unfinished learning and expand tutoring across the state.
- Ensured students had the [support and services](#) they needed during the pandemic.
- Established [Michigan Parent's Council](#), engaged over 13,500 parents, and proposed a [budget](#) that reflected their priorities.
- [Signed legislation](#) implementing proven "Science of Reading" strategies in public school curricula to help kids read.
- [Called for bipartisan legislation](#) to limit the use of phones in classrooms, improving students' academic performance and mental health.

Expanding access to education and skills after high school

- Set the [Sixty by 30 Goal](#) to have at least [60% of Michiganders](#) earn a degree or skill certificate by 2030 and created the Office of Sixty by 30 to lead the state's efforts.
- [Required](#) every public school to offer at least one computer science course.
- [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.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to train 5,000 infrastructure workers to maximize federal investments in the state.
- Established [Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Achievement, and Potential](#), a cabinet-level department focused on early learning and higher education, improving long-term student outcomes, developing talent, and growing the economy.
- Created and [expanded](#) the [Michigan Achievement Scholarship](#) to lower the cost of college by thousands. Announced 60,000 students enrolled.
- [Proposed expanding](#) 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.
- Established [Michigan Reconnect](#) to offer Michiganders 25 and up tuition-free associate degree or skills certificate in high-demand careers. Over [100,000+](#) accepted. Lowered the age for participants to 21, expanding eligibility to 350,000 more.
- [Announced an executive directive](#) to reach more young men and boost their enrollment in postsecondary programs.
- [Helped more](#) families save for college by clarifying where students can use a Michigan Education Trust.
- [Made apprenticeships](#) more accessible by ensuring the Michigan education Savings Program Act covers expenses for books, fees, and other supplies.
- [Proposed historic expansion](#) of Career and Technical Education programs in underserved districts to help more kids find pathways to opportunity.
- [Updated](#) the Michigan Achieving a Better Life Experience (MiABLE) savings program increasing eligibility for 500,000 disabled individuals and their families. [Proposed](#) expansion of MiABLE in state budget.
- Strengthened our [community colleges and universities](#) with operational increases—including establishing minimum per student funding at universities for the first time.
- Announced a new [Battery Job Training Program](#) at Henry Ford College to prepare students for the jobs of the future.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to lower costs and reduce the student loan burden.



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY, ADVANCING GOOD GOVERNMENT



Governor Whitmer is committed to ensuring that Michiganders have a transparent, responsive state government and can make their voices heard at the ballot box.

Upholding fair elections & ensuring voter protections

- Signed bills [implementing Proposal 2](#), expanding voting rights in Michigan.
- Signed bills expanding voting rights for overseas [military members and families](#).
- Signed [bills](#) allowing pre-processing of absentee ballots two days before Election Day.
- [Signed bills](#) to expand voting rights and allow rideshares to polling places.
- [Signed](#) bills to improve election security, efficiency, and ensure every vote can be cast and counted.
- [Signed](#) executive directive to expand access to voting opportunities for Michiganders.
- [Invested millions](#) to improve elections, fight gerrymandering, and ensure census accuracy.
- Vetoed bills that would have [disenfranchised](#) or [intimidated](#) voters.
- Vetoed bills that would have [weakened campaign finance requirements](#) and called on the legislature to strengthen requirements to keep foreign money out of elections.
- Lt. Governor Gilchrist launched the [MI First Vote Tour](#) to educate residents about voting and ensure young voters have everything they need for a successful first vote.
- Called on the legislature to [improve access to the ballot box](#) by removing barriers to absentee voting and granting sufficient time to preprocess absentee ballots.
- Led a group of governors urging congress to [pass voting rights legislation](#) amidst unprecedented attacks on voting rights.
- [Worked with governors](#) to protect voting rights and uphold the integrity of elections after the 2020 election.
- [Protected voters](#) by making it illegal to possess a firearm at polling locations.
- [Signed bills](#) improving ballot printing efficiency, prohibiting individuals from serving on a board of canvassers if they have been convicted of certain election crimes, and clarifying both the petition process and the timeframe for election lawsuits.

Working towards transparency in state government

- [Voluntarily](#) disclosed public calendars, federal income tax returns, and personal financial information.
- Signed executive directives to:
 - Identify opportunities to [help eligible Michigan residents register to vote](#).
 - Require reporting of [irregularities relating to public money or public property](#) to ensure state government is transparent and accountable to taxpayers.
 - Establish high standards of [ethical conduct for employees within the executive branch](#) to ensure public confidence in state government leaders.
 - [Prohibit the solicitation and receipt of political contributions](#) in all state government facilities to curtail improper political influence.
 - [Prohibit the use of private email](#) for the conduct of state business within the executive branch to ensure transparency in state government activities.
 - [Strengthen the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act](#) by closing loopholes, establishing liaisons to facilitate public requests, and [modernizing access](#) to public records.
- Signed a bill to [expand transparency and accountability](#) by ensuring government bodies create and maintain audio recordings of their meetings.
- [Signed](#) bills implementing Proposal 1, improving transparency in state government.
- Signed a bill to make the [Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission](#) more transparent by ensuring all meetings are public.
- [Signed](#) executive order streamlining state boards, councils, and commissions.

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EXPANDED ACCESS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE



Governor Whitmer is prioritizing the health and well-being of every Michigander by ensuring access to quality, affordable health care and lowering the cost of prescription drugs.

Lowering the cost of prescription drugs

- Signed a bill [lowering the cost](#) of [prescription drugs](#) and increasing pharmacy oversight.
- Signed a bill protecting Michiganders against [surprise medical billing](#).
- Signed a bill fostering more [competitive health care pricing](#).
- Signed a bipartisan bill [holding drug companies accountable](#) in cases of wrongdoing.
- Established [Prescription Drugs Task Force](#) and is implementing their recommendations to drive down costs, promote transparency, and improve health outcomes.
- Supported Attorney General Nessel's work to [hold drug companies accountable](#) for [skyrocketing insulin prices](#) and called on the legislature to cap insulin costs.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to determine how the State of Michigan can lower the cost of insulin, including by developing its own manufacturing capabilities.

Expanding health care access and affordability

- Extended [Healthy Michigan](#) Plan to [over 1 million people](#), and [eliminated red tape](#), lowering costs for working families.
- [Signed](#) bills codifying the Affordable Care Act into state law, protecting care for millions.
- [Signed a budget](#) increasing reimbursement rates to Medicaid so more can access Medicaid services, expanding access to mental health services at schools, and expanding Plan First!, helping 25,000 Michiganders strengthen reproductive freedom.
- [Expanded dental care](#) for Medicaid or Healthy Michigan enrollees, lowering their costs. Expanded access to [telemedicine](#) and required insurers to [cover telehealth](#).
- Expanded access to [telemedicine](#) and required insurers to [cover telehealth](#).
- [Invested \\$300 million](#) in health care worker training, recruitment, and retention and signed [loan forgiveness](#) for health professionals working in medically underserved communities. Enacted a [\\$2.20 per hour](#) raise for direct care workers.
- Increased [access to mental health](#) by retaining or recruiting hundreds of mental health workers, expanding crisis stabilization programs, opening the new 100-bed Caro Psychiatric hospital, and [boosted funding for](#) Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and the Michigan Crisis and Access Line.
- [Signed](#) bills requiring equal insurance coverage for mental health and substance use treatments on the same level as physical health services.
- [Zeroed out](#) premiums for MI Child, offering comprehensive health care to uninsured children and saving parents money.
- [Issued](#) an all-hands-on-deck executive directive to keep Michiganders insured following the end of Medicaid continuous enrollment.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) instructing departments to find ways to lower costs and protect coverage for Michiganders at risk of losing coverage for health care.
- Supported Attorney General Nessel's work to [sue major opioid distributors](#) as drug dealers. Won historic [\\$800 million settlement](#) to [fight opioid addiction](#).
- [Signed a bill](#) creating a tax credit for individuals who donate an organ.
- [Signed bill](#) addressing paramedic shortage by cutting red tape.
- [Signed bills](#) to raise the minimum age of tobacco sales from 18 to 21.
- Signed bills [expanding access to naloxone](#) for those experiencing an opioid overdose.
- [Signed](#) bills to lower health care costs for orally administered chemotherapy.
- [Signed bills](#) protecting living organ donors from insurance discrimination.
- [Signed bills](#) protecting health care workers while on the job.
- [Made it easier](#) for government agencies to distribute and administer life-saving overdose reversal drugs like naloxone.
- [Secured \\$4.5 million](#) to relieve medical debt and called for larger forgiveness to help the nearly 700,000 Michiganders who have medical debt.
- [Protected](#) preventive health care coverage after a federal court struck the requirement from the ACA.



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EXPANDED ACCESS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE



Addressing health inequities

- [Established and expanded](#) Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, an initiative to address disproportionate racial impacts of maternal and infant mortality and ensure moms have the support they need for healthy pregnancies, deliveries, and postpartum care.
- Established the [Racial Disparities Task Force](#), making Michigan a national leader in closing health equity gaps in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [Declared](#) racism a public health crisis and required medical professionals to undergo implicit [bias training](#).
- [Invested](#) \$20 million to provide new funds to communities that identify innovative approaches to support expectant parents and newborns.
- [Signed bills supporting moms](#) and newborns by licensing freestanding birth centers, setting up a doula scholarship program, and continuing support for perinatal quality collaboratives.

Bolstered programs to support families, lower costs

- [Delivered](#) \$37 million in new funding for the Family Independence Program, the first meaningful change to the rate since 1990, helping families who need a hand up during hard times.
- [Increased eligibility](#) and funding for the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP), expanding eligibility for lower utility bills to more than 335,000 households.
- [Updated](#) the Michigan Achieving a Better Life Experience (MiABLE) savings program increasing eligibility for 500,000 disabled individuals and their families. [Proposed](#) expansion of MiABLE in state budget.
- Eliminated [asset test requirements](#) to allow people to receive food aid and other public assistance while they plan for a stable future, lowering their costs on the essentials.
- [Signed a budget funding](#) vaccinations, clothing and holiday allowances for children in foster care, and contraceptive coverage.
- [Provided](#) free breakfast and lunch to all 1.4 million public school students and forgiving all school meal debt. [Continued](#) summer meals so every kid eats free.
- Removed red tape for benefit programs through proactive referrals, cross-enrollment processes, simplified requirements, and increased online access.
- Signed [legislation](#) continuing vital energy assistance programs for low-income families.
- [Signed](#) bills ensuring Michigan children can have a dental checkup before kindergarten.
- Created the [Food Security Council](#) to identify opportunities to reduce food insecurity.
- [Called for bipartisan legislation](#) to limit the use of phones in classrooms, improving students' academic performance and mental health.



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

INVESTING IN AFFORDABLE, ATTAINABLE, SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

Governor Whitmer is making critical investments so every Michigander has a safe, affordable place to call home.

Investing in attainable, affordable housing

- Released [Michigan's first Statewide Housing Plan](#), outlining goals and strategies to tackle the state's affordable and attainable housing crisis. [Upped](#) the affordable housing goal to 115,000 units.
- [Signed](#) a bipartisan supplemental investing \$275 million to build and refurbish thousands of affordable housing units, revitalize communities, and address blight.
- [Announced](#) the largest investment to build housing in state history [two years in a row](#), totaling almost \$2 billion to build or fix nearly 11,000 homes.
- [Secured](#) a sustainable funding source for the Housing and Community Development Fund, to meet affordable, attainable housing needs for working-class families.
- [Secured](#) a sustainable funding source for Revitalization and Placemaking Grants, used to make communities more attractive places to live and work by building housing.
- Made [historic investments](#) in the Building Michigan Together Plan to build and refurbish affordable housing units for working class families.
- Provided hundreds of millions in investment to the [Multi-Family Direct Lending Program](#), the [Low-Income Housing Tax Credit](#), and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to support the development of over 3,500 new housing units across Michigan.
- [Expanded](#) the number of communities that can establish land bank fast track authorities, powerful economic development tools.
- Signed [bipartisan bills](#) to alleviate the affordable housing shortage.
- Signed [Transformational Brownfield legislation](#) to power economic development and finance affordable housing in communities across Michigan.
- Signed an [executive order](#) to streamline housing funding, promote housing innovation, and help get dollars out the door faster.
- [Delivered](#) \$15 million to address workforce housing needs for the food and agriculture industries and \$10 million to support the acquisition, renovation, and resale of properties, while creating good-paying jobs and supporting apprentices.
- [Signed a budget](#) investing over \$100 million to build more affordable housing, provide grants to local communities to cover housing costs.
- [Signed](#) an executive directive to review ways state government can speed up permitting on community revitalization, housing, manufacturing, clean energy, and water protection.
- [Reduced costs](#) every month for first-time homebuyers with a new Rate Relief Mortgage program lowering interest rates by one full percentage point.

Helping families stay in their homes

- Signed the ['First-Time Home Buyer Savings'](#) bill to help families buy their first home.
- Helped thousands of families buy homes and stay in their homes through the [Down Payment Assistance Program](#), [MI Home Loan Mortgage Programs](#), [Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund](#), [MI Mortgage Relief Partnership](#) and [Emergency Rental Assistance](#) program.
- Signed ['Pay as you stay.'](#) to help Detroit homeowners struggling to pay property taxes.
- Signed [a bill](#) helping low-income homeowners get a 3-year property tax exemption.
- [Prevented landlords](#) with five or more rental units from denying a tenant housing based on their source of income, ensuring potentially 34,000 families can better afford housing.
- Distributed over \$16 million [Emergency Solutions Grants](#) to nonprofits across the state to help individuals experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness.

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Making housing more comfortable and sustainable

- Secured [\\$212 million](#) for home energy rebates and [\\$5.5 million](#) for clean energy improvements for homes and businesses, lowering costs.
- [Invested](#) in [Michigan's green bank](#) and [residential clean energy improvements](#) to make homes more sustainable and lower family utility bills.
- Awarded [Neighborhood Enhancement Program grants](#) to strengthen neighborhoods, provide amenities, and repair housing.
- Incentivized [low-income housing](#) developers to meet sustainability and energy efficiency commitments and shift construction of new units near essential amenities.
- Rate Reduction Mortgage



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 over 40,000 new 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.
- Stellantis: [first new plant in Detroit](#) in 30 years, creating 6,000 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.

Building the economy of the future in Michigan

- [Michigan named](#) leader in clean energy race, [ranked](#) 6th nationally for clean energy jobs, with investments that will drive household energy bills down \$297, secure \$15.6 billion in federal funding.
- [Established](#) the Michigan Innovation Fund and R&D tax credit, lowering costs for businesses, supporting investors and research, and creating good-paying jobs.
- [Announced 27,000](#) new jobs added in fiscal year 2024, with labor participation rate at highest level since 2009.
- Established the [Growing Michigan Together Council](#) to create a plan to grow Michigan's population, including identifying a population goal by 2050.
- Secured \$500 million for the [Make it in Michigan Fund](#) to continue competing with other states and nations to bring home advanced manufacturing projects.
- [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.
- [Funded](#) an Innovation Fund to launch hundreds of new Michigan-based companies, creating thousands of jobs.
- [Streamlined](#) Renaissance Zones, cutting red tape and incentivizing job growth.
- Worked to establish Michigan as the [#1 state](#) for energy sector job growth, [automotive industry and electric vehicle investments](#).
- Made Michigan a standout state for investors with [better than ever bond returns](#).
- Ranked #1 for fastest [foreign direct investment](#) job growth over past 5 years.
- [Opened office](#) in Taiwan to grow ties and create high-skilled jobs in Michigan.
- 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](#).

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GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

GROWING THE ECONOMY AND CREATING GOOD-PAYING JOBS



- Signed a [bipartisan tax cut](#), [reduced tax burden](#), and [increased tax flexibility](#) for small businesses, enabling them to grow and create jobs.
- [Brought](#) Michigan construction jobs to a 22-year high.
- 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.
- Signed an [agreement with Ontario](#) to strengthen economic ties, trade, and job creation.
- [Won](#) \$1 billion in federal funding for clean hydrogen hub, creating thousands of good-paying jobs and building on Michigan's manufacturing leadership.
- [Established new Office of Defense and Aerospace Innovation](#), enhancing Michigan's defense and aerospace ecosystem.
- [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](#) 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.
- [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.
- Eliminated the [tampon tax](#).
- 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.
- [Proposed](#) a budget continuing retiree and working families tax cuts, pre-K for every four-year-old, expanding the MiABLE program, capping test fees for low-income students, and creating water affordability programs for families struggling with bills.

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. [Lowered](#) the age for participants to 21, expanding eligibility to 350,000 more.
- [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.
- [Proposed historic expansion](#) of Career and Technical Education programs and registered apprenticeship and apprenticeship readiness programs to help more kids find pathways to opportunity.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to train 5,000 infrastructure workers to maximize federal investments in the state.
- Signed a bipartisan [supplemental budget](#) expanding apprenticeships and investing in SmartZones for entrepreneurs.
- 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.
- [Announced](#) a \$50 million partnership to build Michigan's defense manufacturing workforce.
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GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

BUILDING ON MICHIGAN'S LEADERSHIP IN MOBILITY AND ELECTRIFICATION



Governor Whitmer is building on Michigan's manufacturing legacy by creating thousands of good-paying auto jobs, bringing supply chains home, and investing in the future of mobility and electrification.

Announcing over 40,000 good-paying auto jobs.

- GM: [\\$7 billion/4,000 jobs](#) in Lansing and Orion Township, [\\$2.2 billion/2,000 jobs](#) in Detroit-Hamtramck, [\\$1 billion](#) in Flint.
- Stellantis: [first new plant in Detroit](#) in 30 years, creating 6,000 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.
- [Detroit Diesel](#): \$285 million/2,000 jobs retained to manufacture ICE and EV components.
- DENSO: [\\$63 million](#) in Battle Creek facility during governor's Japan trip.
- Toyota announced a [\\$47.7 million investment](#) in testing at its R&D headquarters.
- European engineering services provider [Expleo](#) is establishing its first North American research and development facility in Michigan, creating 196 high-wage jobs.
- Partnered with the City of Detroit, Ford, and Google on [Michigan Central, a mobility innovation hub](#) to attract and retain skilled talent and high-growth companies in Detroit.
- Projected to "[dominate](#)" battery manufacturing; [top state](#) for electric vehicle investments.

Making historic investments to transition to advanced mobility

- Michigan [named](#) national leader in battery and clean energy race, with \$21.3 billion in projects, 16,600+ jobs created, 167,000 jobs projected.
- Created the [Office of Future Mobility and Electrification](#) to coordinate mobility-related initiatives and implement the '[MI Future Mobility Plan](#),' a statewide mobility strategy.
- [Launched](#) new office to help Michigan workers take advantage of high-tech, high-paying jobs in automotive and clean energy sectors.
- [Launched](#) battery and advanced manufacturing challenge offering matching grants to secure transformative projects and federal investments.
- [Secured](#) \$657 million federal grant to retool existing factories to build electric vehicles, support good-paying manufacturing jobs, and bring supply chains home.
- [Signed a budget](#) with hundreds of millions to help schools purchase electric school buses, expand our vehicle charging network, strengthen Michigan's battery supply chain, and invest in clean energy and electric vehicle infrastructure.
- Secured \$500 million for the [Make it in Michigan Fund](#) to continue competing with other states and nations to bring home advanced manufacturing projects.
- Launched the [EV Jobs Academy](#), [Mobility Talent Action Team](#), [Battery Job Training Program](#), and [MI EV Scholars Program](#) to upskill Michigan's workforce.
- Led [REV Midwest](#), [CAVNUE](#), and the [Binational EV Corridor](#), interstate and -national compacts to build regional charging infrastructure and innovate.
- Announced the [Lake Michigan Circuit](#): America's best electric vehicle road trip.
- Piloted new [inductive charging technology](#) that charges vehicles while in motion.
- Announced a [Smart Parking Lab](#) to test mobility, logistics, and charging technologies.
- Partnered with Rivian to install electric vehicle chargers in [Michigan State Parks](#).
- [Announced](#) \$1.25 million in grants to 3 companies pioneering electrification of outdoor recreation through the state's MP4 grant program.

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GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

BUILDING ON MICHIGAN'S LEADERSHIP IN MOBILITY AND ELECTRIFICATION



- Launched the Fresh Coast Maritime challenge to electrify Michigan's water economy. Funded a grant to [electrify](#) Mackinac Island ferries, first of its kind in the nation.
- [Joined](#) National Park Service to launch future mobility program in 4 of Michigan's national parks and lakeshores.
- [Announced](#) grants under National Park Service Mobility Challenge to boost access visitor experiences in national parks.
- [Signed](#) executive directive to transition the state fleet to 100% zero-emission vehicles.
- Leveraged [\\$52.2 million](#) to bring more auto investment and jobs to Southeast Michigan.
- Invested \$25 million in the [Mobility Futures Initiative](#) to build on the state's leadership.
- Secured more than \$150 million through [Charge Up Michigan](#) and the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) (BIL) to build Michigan's electric vehicle charging network.
- Secured over \$70 million to help school districts buy cleaner buses through the [Fuel Transformation Program](#) and [the BIL](#).



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

REBUILDING MICHIGAN'S ROADS AND BRIDGES



In Governor Whitmer's first term, Michigan fixed over 16,000 lane miles of road and 1,200 bridges. The governor is focused on rebuilding our roads and bridges with the right mix and materials, so they stay fixed, supporting 118,000 good-paying construction jobs along the way.

Securing funding for our roads & bridges

- Since taking office and through the end of this construction season, fixed more than 23,000 lane miles of road and 1,600 bridges, supporting over 118,000 jobs.
- Signed 6 bipartisan budgets investing over \$19 billion in Michigan's roads and bridges.
- [Proposed \\$4.9 billion](#) to fix state and local roads and bridges across Michigan in executive budget recommendation, including ongoing support for transit and rail programs and funds to install EV charging stations.
- Called on the legislature to work with her on a bipartisan, long-term solution to fix the damn roads.
- Launched the [Rebuilding Michigan Plan](#), a \$3.5 billion bond plan that expands hundreds of major new road projects, rebuilding our state highways and bridges over the next 5 years, without an increase at the pump.
 - This investment supported approximately 22,800 construction jobs in 2021 along with an additional 21,700 jobs in other industries.
- Signed the [Building Michigan Together Plan](#), investing \$316 million into roads and bridges, \$66 million into pump station generators to keep highways clear during severe storms, and \$92 million to upgrade regional airports.
- [Signed a budget](#) investing \$4.2 billion for road and bridge construction projects across the state.
- Launched the [Bridge Bundling program](#) to streamline permitting and improve bridge conditions on local routes around the state. [Secured](#) \$80 million for the program.
- Won a nearly \$105 million competitive federal grant to [replace I-375](#) in Detroit with a street-level boulevard and reconnect communities split apart nearly 60 years ago.
- Signed a bill providing [more road funding](#) to local agencies to fix local roads.
- Signed a bill to [protect construction workers](#) as they rebuild infrastructure.
- Signed [anti-distracted driving legislation](#) to save lives, prevent injuries, and promote safe and reliable mobility.
- [Proposed a budget](#) investing hundreds of millions to improve state and local roads, highways, bridges, and culverts and invest in transit across the state.

Taking action to fix more roads

- Launched the [Michigan Infrastructure Office](#) to ensure funding from the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is spent and deployed effectively.
- Signed an executive directive to [speed up pothole repairs](#).
- Signed an [executive directive](#) to streamline and improve permitting for infrastructure.

Investing in critical infrastructure

- [Secured](#) \$115 million to improve transit access and local bus operations.
- Continued partnership with the Canadian government on the Gordie Howe International Bridge, a major trade corridor that supports at least [2,500 good-paying jobs](#) for Michiganders.
- [Secured](#) \$150 million to reopen the Palisades Nuclear Facility, protecting thousands of jobs and powering 800,000 homes.
- [Delivered](#) \$95 million to support local transit, marine services, rail, and more.
- [Protected construction workers](#) by implementing work zone safety cameras.
- [Invested](#) more than \$550 million to help local communities upgrade water infrastructure, mitigate climate change, and replace lead service lines.
- Worked with federal partners to [secure funding for the Soo Locks](#) Modernization Project and the [Blue Water Bridge Plaza](#) project.
- Secured over \$97 million in federal [funding](#) to improve Michigan's airports and [ports](#).
- Landed a grant to modernize [intercity passenger rail service](#).
- Announced Michigan's first [railroad enhancement grants](#), investing \$19 million towards freight rail projects in Michigan.
- [Signed bill ending transit opt-out zones](#) in Wayne County and giving 500,000 voters a direct say in funding public transit services.
- Signed legislation investing in rail grade [separation](#) across Michigan.



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

PROTECTING OUR LAND, AIR, AND WATER



Governor Whitmer understands the health of our economy is inextricably linked to the health of our people and our planet. She will work with anyone to protect clean air and water and face climate change head-on while creating good-paying jobs for Michiganders.

Protecting our drinking water

- Established [health-based standards for PFAS](#) and the strongest [Lead and Copper Rule](#) for drinking water in the country.
- Signed [bipartisan legislation](#) to screen all students for lead poisoning and [ensure](#) children in schools and childcare centers have access to clean drinking water.
- Signed an executive directive to [improve Michigan's drinking water protections](#).

Investing billions in water infrastructure

- Launched the [MI Clean Water Plan, a comprehensive water infrastructure funding program](#), and invested over \$4.6 billion, supporting nearly 60,000 jobs to remove lead service lines, reduce toxic contaminants like PFAS, and protect our water resources.
- [Leveraged \\$290 million](#) to expand the MI Clean Water Plan to rebuild water infrastructure and help ensure safer, cleaner, more affordable drinking water.
- [Secured](#) a budget with millions to replace lead service lines and invest in critical local water infrastructure projects.
- Took action to [replace all lead water service lines](#) in the City of Benton Harbor in under 18 months at no cost to residents.
- Signed a [package of bills](#) to help communities access funding for water infrastructure.
- Signed the [Water Shut-Off Protection Act](#) and [secured](#) \$95 million to protect families from water shutoffs and [support](#) local water affordability program.
- [Proposed](#) a budget helping families pay their water bills, strengthening the energy grid, and investing \$80 million to help local communities protect clean drinking water, replace lead service lines, and upgrade water infrastructure.

Building a pathway for environmental justice

- Worked with Attorney General Nessel to achieve the [largest settlement](#) in Michigan history for Flint, totaling over \$600 million.
- Created the [Office of the Environmental Justice Public Advocate](#) and created an [environmental justice screening tool](#).
- [Invested over \\$50 million](#) to support organizations doing environmental justice work and [remediate sites](#) in historically disadvantaged communities.

Defending the Great Lakes and our waters

- [Appointed](#) as next Chair of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers.
- Took action to [revoke and terminate the easement](#) that allowed Enbridge Energy to run its dual oil pipelines through the Straits of Mackinac.
- Made [investments](#) to protect the Great Lakes from pollution, [revitalize wetlands](#), [protect groundwater](#), [remove dams](#), and more.
- [Signed landmark agreement](#) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Illinois to construct the Brandon Road Interbasin Project, protecting the Great Lakes from invasive species.

Putting Michigan on a path to a cleaner economy

- Launched the [MI Healthy Climate Plan](#), to lower costs, create jobs, and make Michigan 100% carbon neutral by 2050.
- [Signed](#) a package of bills making Michigan a national leader in clean energy with the adoption of a 100% clean energy standard and more.
- Led by example by deploying clean energy at state facilities and powering state government with [100% renewable energy](#).
- [Signed bipartisan budgets](#) investing [millions](#) in climate-resilient infrastructure, electric school buses, renewable energy for low-income families, and more.
- Signed [legislation](#) to help Michigan communities foster clean energy, lower costs.
- Made Michigan the [No. 1 state](#) in landing clean energy projects from the Inflation Reduction Act, leveraging \$26 billion and supporting over 21,000 jobs
- [Brought home](#) \$367 million in federal funding to lower energy costs, help homeowners with clean energy home improvements.
- [Launched](#) the MI Healthy Climate Corps, a new workforce program focused on advancing and reaching MI Healthy Climate Plan goals.
- [Won \\$159 million](#) in federal funding to lower the cost of community and rooftop solar for thousands of low-income households.



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

PROTECTING OUR LAND, AIR, AND WATER



- [Launched](#) new office to help Michigan workers take advantage of high-tech, high-paying jobs in automotive and clean energy sectors.
- [Reopened Palisades](#), protecting 600 union jobs and clean power for 800,000 homes.
- [Won federal](#) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants to lower costs, create jobs, protect clean air and water, and achieve climate goals.

Expanding Access to Outdoor Recreation

- Invested over \$590 million in Michigan parks through [Building Michigan Together Plan](#), [budgets](#), DNR programs.
- Invested over \$100 million in parks and public lands through DNR programming.
- Created the [Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry](#) to grow Michigan's outdoor industry.
- [Established](#) Nature Awaits to give every 4th grader a free field trip to a state park or recreation area so that every kid can experience Pure Michigan.
- [Joined](#) the America the Beautiful Freshwater Challenge to conserve and restore rivers, lakes, streams, and wetlands.
- [Proposed a budget](#) investing \$46 million to improve and maintain Michigan's state parks.



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

STANDING UP FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY



Governor Whitmer is fighting to make Michigan a place where the LGBTQ+ community feels safe, valued, and knows that their state will invest in their health and potential.

Advocating for LGBTQ+ right

- Established first-ever [statewide LGBTQ+ commission](#) to address issues facing Michigan's LGBTQ+ community.
- Amended the [Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act](#) to reaffirm and expand protections for sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, ensuring no one can be fired from their jobs or evicted from their home for who they love or how they identify.
- [Filed an amicus brief](#) in the Michigan Supreme Court arguing the language of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act [prohibits discrimination](#) based on sexual orientation. Michigan Supreme Court issued a ruling agreeing that the Act provides protections for sexual orientation.
- [Signed legislation](#) making it easier for Michiganders to change their names or gender designation on official documents.

Protecting the LGBTQ+ community and youth

- [Signed](#) an executive directive to strengthen protections against discrimination in state employment, including for gender identity or expression and sexual orientation. This directive extended those protections to the employees of anyone doing business with the state too.
- [Signed](#) an executive directive to prohibit the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to use any funds for conversion therapy on minors. It also requires any department or agency that regulates, provides, procures, or pays for medical or mental health services to protect minors from conversion therapy.
- Signed legislation [banning conversion therapy](#) for minors in Michigan.
- Vetoed [anti-trans budget language](#) that sought to deny gender affirming healthcare.
- [Outlawed](#) the "gay or transgender panic defense" in a court of law.

Recognizing the LGBTQ+ community

- Issued an annual [proclamation](#) marking June as Pride Month.
- Was the first Governor to march at the Motor City Pride parade and fly the [Pride Flag](#) on a State of Michigan building in 2019.
- [Renamed](#) Downtown Lansing's Lewis Cass Building to the "Elliot-Larsen Building" in honor of the bipartisan sponsors of Michigan's Civil Rights Law.



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

INVESTING IN RURAL COMMUNITIES



Governor Whitmer is focused on delivering for rural families, communities, and small businesses. She will work with anyone to lower the cost of child care, build more housing, empower rural economic development, and expand access to high-speed internet.

Key investments in rural communities

- [Established](#) the [Office of Rural Prosperity](#) to support rural economic growth.
- Connected more than 23,000 unserved families, small businesses, and communities to high-speed internet, with a goal to [connect everyone by the end of the second term](#).
- [Signed budgets](#) investing more than \$76 million in food and agriculture economic development projects and agricultural climate resiliency to help farmers implement regenerative agriculture, support agriculture supply chains, invest in minority owned food and agriculture ventures, and more.
- Signed bills to [boost the food and agriculture industry](#) by ensuring Michigan food and agriculture businesses can export their products to other nations.
- Made historic investments in affordable housing to build 2,000 affordable, attainable rental housing units, and leverage \$380 million in private funding.
- Increased funding to support [local conservation districts](#) and [farmers](#) implement conservation practices.
- Created the [Food and Agricultural Housing Task Force](#) to address the impediment housing accessibility has had on rural economic development.
- [Established](#) a Farm to Family program, focusing on building agricultural diversity, food security, climate resilience, and economic growth in agriculture.
- [Urged](#) federal government to provide relief to businesses impacted by low-snow winters.
- [Announced](#) expansion of Rural Readiness Program providing federal resources to rural communities.
- [Proposed expansion](#) of Rural Development Grant Program, supporting projects that enhance rural infrastructure including job training, child care, housing, and utilities, as well as new funds to protect Michigan's agriculture industry from threats.

Creating jobs and expanding access to childcare, education, and skills

- Made infrastructure [investments to support the agriculture economy](#) generating \$187 million in economic activity and supporting 145 jobs.
- Invested over \$53 million in Michigan State University's [dairy center and greenhouses](#).
- [Opened](#) the hemp market to Michigan's producers, bringing a new commodity to Michigan's diverse agricultural market.
- Highest ever per-student state funding and [closed the funding gap](#), ensuring every school district has the same baseline funding.
- [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.
- Funded programs like [Reconnect](#), [Futures for Frontliners](#), and [Michigan Opportunity Scholarship](#) to provide hundreds of thousands of Michiganders tuition-free higher education or skills training that leads to a high-skill, good-paying job.
- [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.
- [Signed a budget](#) investing \$15 million to recruit and retain educators in rural areas.
- Extended [Healthy Michigan](#) to [over 1 million people](#), and [eliminated red tape](#).
- Expanded access to [telemedicine](#) and required all insurers to [cover telehealth](#).
- Established the [Michigan Opioids Task Force](#), secured [\\$80 million in federal funding](#) to combat the opioid crisis, and supported Attorney General Nessel's work to sue major opioid distributors and win a [historic \\$800 million settlement](#).
- Secured [funding to respond to mental stress](#) and fatigue of Michigan farmers and agricultural workers and their families.
- Created the [Food Security Council](#) to identify opportunities to reduce food insecurity.

Strengthening relationships with Michigan's tribal communities

- [Signed legislation](#) creating the Office of the Tribal Legislative Liaison to support tribal relations.
- [Signed legislation](#) requiring schools to allow Native American students to bring traditional objects or wear traditional regalia during ceremonies of honor, including graduation ceremonies.

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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.
- [Signed bills](#) ensuring 35,000 home care workers can bargain for better pay and benefits while ensuring Michiganders can access quality health care.
- [Proposed historic expansion](#) of Career and Technical Education programs, continuing Going PRO, registered apprenticeship, and apprenticeship readiness programs to help more kids find pathways to opportunity.

Supporting good-paying jobs

- Announced over 40,000 good-paying auto jobs and counting, including the first auto plant in Detroit in nearly 30 years.
- [Brought](#) Michigan construction jobs to a 22-year high.
- [Supported](#) Michiganders who are pursuing apprenticeships by ensuring the Michigan Education Savings Program covers fees, books, and supplies.
- 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.
- 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 23,000 lane miles of road and 1,600 bridges, supporting 118,000 jobs.
- 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](#).

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GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

STANDING UP FOR WORKING PEOPLE



- Invested over \$4 billion to upgrade water infrastructure, supporting 57,000 jobs.
- 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.



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

FIGHTING FOR OLDER MICHIGANDERS

Governor Whitmer is focused on getting things done for older Michiganders: lowering costs for seniors by rolling back the retirement tax, expanding nursing home support payments, and working across the aisle to tackle the high cost of prescription drugs.

Making Michigan an Age-friendly state

- Rolled back the [retirement tax](#) to save half a million households an average of \$1,000 a year.
- [Proposed budget](#) expanding PACE, providing meals, transportation, and social services for seniors who live at home, strengthens oversight of state homes for the age, and protecting nursing home residents with more resources to investigate complaints.
- Became the first "[Age-Friendly State](#)" in the Midwest.
- Helped make Michigan [the most affordable state to retire](#) in 2022.
- Launched the [Thriving Seniors Tour](#) to highlight what needs to be done to make Michigan a great place to live, work, and retire.
- [Established](#) the Health and Aging Services Administration (HASA), which will strengthen the continuum of support and services to older Michiganders.
- Expanded [Michigan's Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly \(PACE\) program](#) which provides comprehensive care for individuals who require long term care.
- [Signed a budget](#) increasing wages for direct care workers and other staff assisting seniors who require home-based and nursing home services and supports.
- Consistently [invested in programs supporting older Michiganders](#) including increasing nursing home support payments; expanding services to age in place, senior home care, and access to senior centers; improving preventative services, transportation options, health screenings and services, and meal delivery; reducing hospital readmission; combatting elder abuse, and [more](#).
- [Signed legislation](#) protecting vulnerable adults and seniors from financial abuse.
- Created and [consistently](#) funded a [dementia care unit](#) with DHHS to reduce the burden of dementia in the state and to create a dementia-capable Michigan.
- Established the [Nursing Home Workforce Stabilization Council](#) to identify, review, develop, and recommend approaches to support high-quality nursing home care.
- Invested \$553 million in [Protecting MI Pension Grant Program](#).

Expanding access to healthcare and lowering the cost of prescription drugs

- Extended [Healthy Michigan](#) to [over 1 million people](#).
- Expanded [dental care](#) for Michiganders covered by Medicaid or Healthy Michigan plans.
- Expanded access to [telemedicine](#) and signed bipartisan legislation requiring all insurers to [cover telehealth](#).
- Signed bipartisan legislation to protect Michiganders against [surprise medical billing](#).
- Established [Prescription Drugs Task Force](#) and received their recommendations to drive down costs, promote transparency, and improve health outcomes.
- Signed a bill to [lower the cost of prescription drugs](#) and increase pharmacy oversight based on recommendations from the Prescription Drug Task Force.



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP TO GROW MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY

Since taking office, Governor Whitmer has reduced Michigan's debt by \$18.1 billion, signed 5 balanced, bipartisan budgets, and raised the rainy-day fund to an all-time high of over \$2 billion by the end of 2024, all without raising taxes by a dime.

Prioritizing fiscal responsibility and reducing state debt

- Enacted 0 tax increases.
- Brought Michigan's rainy-day fund to a record high of over \$2.2 billion by the end of 2025.
- [Proposed](#) a budget bringing the rainy day fund to nearly \$2.3 billion by end of FY2026—double the 2019 balance—bringing the rainy day fund for schools to \$550 million, and paying down more than \$25.3 billion in debt through the end of FY26.
- [Signed a budget](#) investing \$450 million in a new rainy-day fund for schools.
- Won credit rating upgrades from [Fitch Ratings](#), a national financial institution, for the first time in nearly 10 years.
- Made Michigan a standout state for investors with [better than ever bond returns](#).
- Signed [6 balanced, bipartisan budgets](#) focused on the kitchen-table issues that matter most to working families, communities, and small businesses.
- [Paid off](#) MPERS debts early, freeing up \$670 million to invest in schools.
- [Established](#) a \$75 million new Revenue Sharing Trust Fund to continue support for cities, villages, and townships across the state

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GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

STANDING UP FOR SERVICEMEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY FAMILIES



Governor Whitmer has worked to ensure Michigan's service members, veterans, and their families have the opportunities and support they need to succeed. The administration has boosted outreach to veterans, ensuring they and their families have affordable healthcare, attainable housing, and paths to education and good-paying jobs.

Recognizing Michigan's servicemembers, veterans, and military families

- Appointed over 100 active military and veterans to numerous statewide boards and commissions to ensure their voices are heard.
- [Appointed by President Biden](#) to the Council of Governors to work with federal officials on defense, National Guard, disaster response, and other security issues.
- [Signed](#) legislation designating February 1 as "Blue Star Mothers Day"
- [Signed](#) legislation expanding eligibility of the Disabled Veteran registration plate.
- [Created](#) a "woman veteran" special license plate, increasing recognition for women veterans and allowing them to proudly display their service.
- [Proposed](#) a budget expanding child care for approximately 700 children of Michigan National Guard members, improving recruitment and retention.

Standing up for Selfridge

- [Pushed](#) for a new fighter mission and [funding](#) at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Macomb County and secured resources to [modernize](#) and [improve the base](#).
- [Proposed budget](#) investing \$26 million to improve Selfridge and support ongoing efforts to attract a new fighter mission.
- [Signed a budget](#) investing \$5 million to protect and grow Michigan's cutting-edge defense and homeland security industry and expand R&D opportunities.
- [Announced](#) the Unmanned Triple Challenge, a competition to drive innovation in autonomous drone technology.

Securing paths to opportunity and career advancement

- Signed [bipartisan bills](#) to make it easier for military service members, veterans, and their families to receive a professional license within the state.
- Signed [bipartisan bills](#) expanding the Michigan National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program, lowering the cost of education for military families.
- [Announced a partnership](#) between the Michigan National Guard (MING) and Michigan Helmets to Hardhats, a program connecting veterans to skill-training opportunities and careers in the construction trades.
- Reinvigorated the Michigan [Veteran Friendly Schools Program](#), to highlight Michigan educational institutions that support the needs of military-connected students.

Providing services for veterans, servicemembers, and military families

- Consistently increased funding for [veteran's services organizations](#) and officers.
- [Signed bipartisan budgets](#) consistently investing in suicide prevention outreach for service members, veterans, and their families.
- Launched the "[She is a Veteran](#)" campaign to reach 47,000 women veterans and created [Check on MIVet](#), serving 500+ families requesting a check-in on their loved ones.
- Received the state's fourth [Abraham Lincoln Pillar Award](#) from the VA, recognizing outstanding programs that support veterans.
- Signed legislation expanding voting rights for [military members and families](#) serving overseas.
- [Eliminated the fee](#) associated with having a veteran-designated license plate.
- [Lowered](#) costs and property taxes for disabled veterans and their families.
- [Announced](#) expansion of child care benefits for military families in Michigan.
- [Delivered](#) \$2.5 million in grants to nonprofits reducing veteran homelessness.



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

STANDING UP FOR SERVICEMEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY FAMILIES



Investing in facilities for veterans and servicemembers

- Fully funded the construction of a new veteran's home in Marquette and celebrated the opening of [two new Michigan Veterans Home facilities](#) in Grand Rapids and Chesterfield Township.
- Invested in the modernization of all [Michigan National Guard armories](#) to accommodate [female service members](#).
- Opened the [Kelly Johnson Joint All Domain Innovation Center](#) for military members, government, and industry professionals to research and collaborate.
- Stood up the [National All-Domain Warfighting Center](#) at Camp Grayling and Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center.
- Secured funding for a new [state veterans cemetery](#) in the Northern lower peninsula and to evaluate the need for a state veterans cemetery in northern Michigan.
- Hosted over 17,000 military and coalition forces between 2019 and 2022.



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

DELIVERING FOR WOMEN ACROSS MICHIGAN



Governor Whitmer has centered Michigan's women and families by empowering them to build their lives and pursue their potential in Michigan while protecting their fundamental rights.

Investing in women and working families

- Quintupled the [Michigan Working Families Tax Credit](#) to give over 700,000 working families an average tax refund of \$3,150.
- Eliminated the [tampon tax](#).
- Signed [executive directive](#) requiring equal pay for equal work and [another](#) strengthening protections against gender identity or expression discrimination.
- [Signed](#) bills codifying the Affordable Care Act into state law, protecting care for millions.
- [Signed](#) the Reproductive Health Act to decriminalize abortions and ensure access to reproductive healthcare.
- [Signed bills](#) giving thousands of Michiganders access to basic health care by allowing pharmacists to directly prescribe and dispense contraceptives to patients.
- Consistently [expanded Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies](#), an initiative to address disproportionate racial impacts of maternal and infant mortality and ensure moms have the support they need for healthy pregnancies, deliveries, and postpartum care.
- [Continued](#) summer meals so every kid eats free.

Focusing on women's health and prosperity

- Extended [Healthy Michigan](#) to [over 1 million people](#).
- Filed a lawsuit to [protect abortion access](#) for 2.2 million women in Michigan.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) instructing state departments to shore up reproductive health protections in Michigan.
- [Repealed](#) Michigan's extreme 1931 abortion ban.
- Signed a [law](#) prohibiting employers from discriminating against women because they've had an abortion.
- [Directed](#) the Women's Commission to focus on building economic security for women and launched the [Women's Economic Recovery Tour](#).
- [Awarded grants](#) to community-based organizations to help women workers understand and exercise their rights and benefits in the workplace.
- Signed legislation [banning child marriage in Michigan](#), [protecting minors](#).
- [Signed legislation](#) protecting Michiganders' ability to qualify for unemployment benefits if they leave their job due to domestic violence.

Ensuring representation in state government

- Two-thirds of the Governor's office and cabinet are women or people of color.
- Appointed more than 1,280 women to boards, commissions, and full-time positions. Over 60% of appointees and 70% of judges appointed are women or people of color.

Rebuilding our infrastructure

- Highest ever per-student state funding, a 22% increase, and [closed the funding gap](#), ensuring every school district has the same baseline funding.
- Expanded access to free preschool for [22,000+ more four-year olds](#) through Great Start Readiness Program and affordable child care for [150,000 more children](#). Now, a family of four earning up to \$60,000 is eligible for free or low-cost child care under subsidies.
- [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.
- Led by example by [enacting paid parental leave](#) up to 12 weeks for state employees— in just over two years over 3,000 employees have taken advantage of this benefit.

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GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

EMPOWERING SMALL BUSINESSES



Governor Whitmer is committed to supporting small businesses and small business owners as Michigan continues growing its economy.

Putting small businesses first

- 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](#).
- Signed a [bipartisan tax cut, reduced tax burden](#), and [increased tax flexibility](#) for small businesses, lowering their costs and enabling them to grow and create jobs.
- Signed an executive directive to review ways state government can [speed up state permitting](#), make Michigan more competitive.
- Signed an executive directive to increase [state procurement and contracts](#) with small and geographically disadvantaged businesses.
- Signed a bipartisan [supplemental budget](#) investing \$75 million to support small business smart zones, business accelerators, and entrepreneurial activities.
- Leveraged federal funding to launch a [\\$10 million partnership](#) to support women, veterans and entrepreneurs of color in accessing microloans.
- [Protected](#) federal funding for small businesses in 28 counties and census tracts through the federal HUBZone program fueling small business growth in underutilized areas.
- Proclaimed [Small Business Week](#) in Michigan and declared [Small Business Saturday](#), urging Michiganders to buy locally on Saturdays throughout the year.
- [Delivered](#) investments in talent action teams and to promote Michigan as a destination for special events and national conventions.
- [Established](#) the small business support hubs program to help small business owners with the resources they need to create jobs and grow the economy.
- [Urged](#) federal government to provide relief to businesses impacted by low-snow winters
- [Signed](#) legislation supporting small businesses by increasing democratization in community development.
- [Proposed a budget](#) expanding Small Business Entrepreneurial Support Hubs, connecting with employers to meet their talent needs, and expanding employer assisted housing program.
- Established [Michigan Secure Retirement](#), helping small businesses set up retirement savings plan for their employees at no cost to the employer.
- [Delivered](#) \$10 million in grants for minority-owned businesses and continued the MI Contracting Program, helping minority-owned businesses win state contracts.
- Launched [MI New Economy](#), a \$2.1 billion plan to grow Michigan's middle class, support small businesses, and invest in communities.

Connecting small businesses with talent

- Funded programs like [Reconnect](#), [Futures for Frontliners](#), and [Michigan Opportunity Scholarship](#) to provide hundreds of thousands of Michiganders tuition-free higher education or skills training that leads to a high-skill, good-paying job.
- Invested in [Going Pro](#) to help businesses up-skill in-house talent, secured resources for talent retention in key industries, and expanded partnerships with union training facilities. In the last 4 years, created over 22,000 new apprenticeships in Michigan.
- Invested in future talent through [STEM Forward](#), connecting Michigan's higher education students in STEM fields to internships with a wage-match at Michigan businesses.

Helping families get back to work

- [Signed](#) a record \$1.4 billion in child care funding supporting child care businesses and professionals and expanding access to affordable child care for [150,000 more children](#). Now, a family of four earning up to \$55,500 is eligible for free or low-cost child care.
- Expanded access to free preschool for [22,000+ more four-year olds](#) through the high-quality, homegrown Great Start Readiness Program.
- Launched [MI Tri-Share Childcare Program](#), an innovative childcare program that partners with business to lower costs of care for families in 59 counties.
- [Signed a budget](#) putting Michigan on a path towards [Pre-K for All](#), to make preschool free for all four-year-olds by the end of the second term by significantly expanding the Great Start Readiness Program, saving Michigan families an average of \$10,000.
- [Expanded](#) access to free pre-K to every four-year-old in Michigan while prioritizing families who need it most so every kid can arrive at kindergarten ready to learn.

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GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

DELIVERING FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY



Governor Whitmer is focused on delivering for the Black community by getting things done on the issues that make a real difference in people's lives.

Building the most inclusive government in Michigan history

- Appointed more than 550 Black Michiganders to boards, commissions, and full-time positions. More than 60% of appointees are women or people of color.
- 28, or one-third, of judicial appointees are Black, including the first Black woman on the [Michigan Supreme Court](#).
- Created the [Black Leadership Advisory Council](#) to help tackle racial inequity in Michigan.
- Vetoed bills that would have [disenfranchised](#) and [intimidated](#) voters.
- [Signed legislation](#) to make [Juneteenth](#) a state holiday.
- Signed the bipartisan [CROWN Act](#), banning hair discrimination.
- [Signed](#) bipartisan bill recognizing May 2 as Negro Leagues Day in Michigan.

Growing Michigan's economy for all

- Secured 36,193 good-paying auto jobs and first auto plant in Detroit in nearly 30 years.
- Hired a Black-woman-owned firm to oversee \$3.5B Rebuilding Michigan Plan.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) raising diversity goal for state contracting dollars.
- Awarded \$370 million in construction contracts to firms owned and operated by people of color and women under MDOT's [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program](#).
- Lowered [cost of car insurance](#) and delivered [\\$400 refund checks per vehicle](#).
- 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.
- Deployed more than half a million dollars through the [Michigan Economic Opportunity Fund](#), a microbusiness loan program for women and entrepreneurs of color.
- [Awarded funds](#) under the Small Business Venture capital Program to Michigan's 1st Black-led VC fund to support early-stage companies and small businesses.

Empowering Michiganders, from cradle to career

- [Free preschool](#) to all eligible 4-year olds, including 8,600+ Black children, through the Great Start Readiness Program.
- [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.
- Expanded access to affordable child care for [150,000 more children](#). Now, a family of four earning up to \$55,500 is eligible for free or low-cost child care.
- Raised per-pupil funding by \$1,729 since taking office, a 22% increase.
- [Closed the funding gap](#), ensuring every school district has the same baseline funding and consistently dedicated more state resources to students with the highest needs.
- Funded programs like [Reconnect](#), [Futures for Frontliners](#), and [Michigan Achievement Scholarship](#) to provide hundreds of thousands of Michiganders tuition-free higher education or skills training that leads to a high-skill, good-paying job.

Reforming criminal justice and prioritizing public safety

- Signed ["Clean Slate" bills](#) making hundreds of thousands of Michiganders eligible to have their records expunged, expanding their opportunities for jobs and housing. Invested millions of dollars to assist returning citizens with expungement.
- Signed [Clean Slate for Kids](#) to seal juvenile court records from public view and create a process to automatically expunge records for those who do not commit future offenses.
- [Called on the legislature](#) to ban chokeholds, limit no-knock warrants, require independent investigations of police shootings, classify false, racially motivated 911 calls as a hate crime, mandate retention of disciplinary records resulting from improper use of force.

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GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

DELIVERING FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY



Addressing health inequities

- Established the [Racial Disparities Task Force](#) and made “[lasting structural change.](#)” Released [a report](#) detailing progress made and actions still to be taken to close disparities.
- [Made investments](#) to reduce disparities, including Sickle Cell treatment, and [invested](#) nearly \$50 million to implement their recommendations.
- Consistently [invested](#) in [Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies](#), an initiative to address disproportionate racial impacts of maternal and infant mortality.
- Declared [racism a public health crisis](#) and required all medical professionals to undergo [unconscious bias training](#) to improve healthcare and target disparities
- [Signed bills supporting moms](#) and newborns by licensing freestanding birth centers, setting up a doula scholarship program, and continuing support for perinatal quality collaboratives.