



# 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.
- [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.
- 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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- 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.
- [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.