



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

GROWING THE ECONOMY AND CREATING GOOD-PAYING JOBS



Leading the way on Defense and National Security

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

Cutting costs for consumers and families

- Completely rolled back the [retirement tax](#), saving 500,000 seniors an average of \$1,000 a year.
- Quintupled the [Michigan Working Families Tax Credit](#) to give over 700,000 working families an average tax refund of \$3,150.
- [Eliminated state taxes](#) on tips, overtime pay, and Social Security income, saving hundreds of thousands of seniors and working families money on their taxes every year.
- [Expanded](#) access to free pre-K to every four-year-old can arrive at kindergarten ready to learn.
- [Signed bills](#) to lower the cost of online tickets, preventing bots from buying up large numbers of tickets to concerts, sporting events, and other events.
- Delivered [\\$200M](#) to continue free school meals for all 1.4 million public school students, saving families around \$1,000 per year, per child.
- Delivered refunds of [\\$400 per vehicle back](#) in the pockets of Michigan drivers.
- Announced the [MI Open Account Coalition](#) offering low or no-cost financial services, saving eligible families an average of \$3,000 a year and helping them build wealth.
- [Expanded Michigan's unemployment benefits](#) for the first time since 2011, putting more money into peoples' pockets.
- [Signed a deal](#) raising the minimum wage for more than 700,000 workers, making Michigan's earned sick time the best in the country, and providing flexibility for small businesses.
- [Led 19 states](#) in submitting a letter calling on congressional leadership to adhere to the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on imposing tariffs.

Paving pathways for opportunity

- Funded programs like [Reconnect](#), to lower the cost of higher education for hundreds of thousands of Michiganders ages 21 and up and put them on paths to college or skills training that lead to good-paying jobs.
- [Expanded](#) the Michigan Achievement Scholarship so more than 100,000 students can get up to \$27,500 toward a 4-year degree at a public or private university.
- [Delivered](#) on the Community College Guarantee giving every Michigan high school graduate the chance to earn an associate degree or skill certificate at their local community college, tuition-free.
- [Invested in Going Pro](#) to help businesses up-skill in-house talent, secure resources for talent retention, expand partnerships with union training facilities, and more. In the last 4 years, created over 22,000 new apprenticeships in Michigan.
- [Supported](#) Michiganders who are pursuing apprenticeships by ensuring the Michigan Education Savings Program covers fees, books, and supplies.
- Signed an [executive directive](#) and launched \$107 million effort to train infrastructure workers in Michigan.
- 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.