



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, components, agriculture, chips, and clean energy and ensuring every community can thrive.

Announcing tens of thousands of good-paying auto jobs building cars, components, and batteries

- GM: [\\$1 billion](#) in Flint; [\\$4 billion](#) in Orion Township.
- Stellantis: [first new plant in Detroit](#) in 30 years, creating 6,000 jobs; [\\$230 million](#) in Warren and Detroit, creating 900 jobs.
- Ford: Ford: [\\$1.45 billion/3,000 jobs](#) in Wayne and Dearborn, [\\$2 billion/3,200 jobs](#) across several plants in Southeast Michigan, [\\$2.2 billion/1,700 jobs](#) in Marshall.
- LG Energy Solution: [\\$1.7 billion/1,200 jobs](#) in Holland; [\\$4.3 billion/1,500 jobs](#) in Lansing.
- Chobani: [\\$567 million expansion/337 new jobs](#) in Norton Shores.
- Fairlife: [\\$650 million expansion/200 new jobs](#) in Coopersville.
- Mitra Chem: [\\$125 million investment/150 new jobs](#) in Muskegon.

Securing investments in chip manufacturing, clean energy, and AI

- Corning Incorporated: [\\$900 million/1,100 jobs](#) in Richland Township.
- Hemlock Semiconductor: [\\$375 million/170 good-paying jobs](#) in Thomas Township; [secured](#) \$325 million in further federal funding to create 180 jobs.
- Luxwall announced a [\\$165 million investment](#) creating more than 276 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: [\\$50.98 million/270 jobs](#) in the Keweenaw Peninsula.
- [Announced the largest economic project in Michigan history](#)—a new Stargate OpenAI facility that will create 2,500 good-paying construction jobs and nearly 2,000 good-paying permanent high-skill, high-paying jobs.

Showed the world that Michigan gets the job done

- [Grew Michigan's population](#) with more people moving into Michigan from other states than out for the first time since the 1990s.
- Ranked #1 for fastest [foreign direct investment](#) job growth over past 5 years.
- Ranked top 5 in country for [workforce, opportunity](#).
- 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](#).
- Made Michigan a standout state for investors with [better than ever bond returns](#).
- [Michigan named](#) a top 5 state for workforce development by Site Selection.
- [Michigan named](#) a top 10 state for business 4th year in a row at #6.
- [Michigan named](#) a leader in clean energy race, [ranked](#) 6th nationally for clean energy jobs, [#1 state](#) for energy sector job growth, [automotive industry and electric vehicle investments](#).

Building the economy of the future in Michigan

- [Established](#) the Michigan Innovation Fund and R&D tax credit, lowering costs for businesses, supporting investors and research, and creating good-paying jobs.
- Expanded critical programs to support development like the [Transformational Brownfield](#) Program to help get underutilized spaces ready for investment.
- [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](#) 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.
- [Made investments](#) to create and retain jobs in Michigan, get sites ready for development, and support vibrant neighborhoods and downtowns.
- [Streamlined](#) Renaissance Zones, cutting red tape and incentivizing job growth.
- Signed a [bipartisan tax cut](#), [reduced tax burden](#), and [increased tax flexibility](#) for small businesses, enabling them to grow and create jobs.
- 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.
- Released a report on recommendations to [cut red tape](#), making it easier to do business in Michigan.



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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.