



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

INVESTING IN MID MICHIGAN

The Whitmer-Gilchrist administration has invested in every region of Michigan to deliver on the kitchen-table issues that matter most to families, communities, and small businesses.

Growing Mid Michigan's economy

- Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) investments:
 - Over \$11 million invested to support over 100 Business Development projects projected to create over 1,500 jobs and leverage over \$150 million in private investment.
 - \$108 million to support over 60 Community Development projects, leveraging nearly \$350 million in private investment and reactivating more than 1.5 million square feet of public space.
- Delivered \$17 million to support over 1,500 businesses and retain more than 12,000 jobs through COVID, with 51% of relief going to geographically disadvantaged areas.

Empowering workers in Mid Michigan

- 5,367 Michigan Reconnect applicants in Mid Michigan are on tuition-free paths to higher education or skills training.
- 5,195 Futures for Frontliners in Mid Michigan who served on the frontlines of the pandemic have been accepted to get on tuition-free paths to receiving a diploma or attending community college.
- Created 1,377 new registered apprenticeships with a focus on supporting opportunities for underrepresented populations: veterans, women, people of color, those with disabilities, and young Michiganders.
- COVID relief:
 - Saved 32,615 jobs with Workshare program which allowed employees to collect unemployment benefit while working part-time.
 - Set up 20 virtual job fairs connecting 380 employers to over 1,000 job-seekers.

Fixing roads, bridges, pipes, and parks in Mid Michigan

- Fixed 970 lane miles of road and 216 bridges, supporting 9,450 jobs.
- Invested \$3.4 million to upgrade or repair state and local parks.
- Invested \$190 million into water infrastructure in Mid Michigan to upgrade sewer systems, replaced lead pipes, and protected safe drinking water for families.

Investing in students and schools in Mid Michigan

- Increased per-student funding by \$789 for the 140,000+ students in Mid Michigan Since taking office.
- Expanded free preschool through the Great Start Readiness Program to 1,068 more kids in Mid Michigan.
- Raised childcare funding per kid in Mid Michigan by 168%.

Building housing and keeping families in their homes in Mid Michigan

- Constructed 1,953 affordable, attainable housing units.
- Helped 1,333 families with mortgages and down payments.
- Kept 13,776 families in their homes with rental and utility assistance.

Proposals to cut taxes for seniors and working families in Mid Michigan

- Governor Whitmer's proposal to roll back the retirement tax would save 51,800 families in Mid Michigan an average of \$1,000 a year, putting \$51.8 million back in people's pockets and the local economy.
- Governor Whitmer's proposal to triple Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit would deliver an average combined tax refund of \$3,000 to 75,800 working families in Mid Michigan, putting \$227.4 million in people's pockets and the local economy.

