



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

INVESTING IN SOUTHEAST 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 Southeast Michigan's economy

- Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) investments:
 - Over \$610 million invested to support over 130 Business Development projects projected to create nearly 30,000 jobs and leverage over \$14 billion in private investment.
 - \$330 million to support over 120 Community Development projects, leveraging more than \$2 billion in private investment and reactivating more than 3 million square feet of public space.
- Delivered \$80 million to support over 12,000 businesses and retain more than 87,000 jobs through COVID, with 30% of relief going to geographically disadvantaged areas.

Empowering workers in Southeast Michigan

- 53,742 Michigan Reconnect applicants in Southeast Michigan are on tuition-free paths to higher education or skills training.
- 44,586 Futures for Frontliners in Southeast 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 8,390 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 34,354 jobs with Workshare program which allowed employees to collect unemployment benefit while working part-time.
 - Set up 75 virtual job fairs connecting 1,435 employers to over 7,089 job-seekers.

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

- Fixed 2,172 lane miles of road and 320 bridges, supporting 23,440 jobs.
- Invested \$14.8 million to upgrade or repair state and local parks.
- Invested \$460 million into water infrastructure in Southeast Michigan to upgrade sewer systems, replace lead pipes, and protect safe drinking water for families.

Investing in students and schools in Southeast Michigan

- Increased per-student funding by \$729 for the 675,000+ students in Southeast Michigan since taking office.
- Expanded free preschool through the Great Start Readiness Program to 9,546 more kids in Southeast Michigan.
- Raised childcare funding per kid in Southeast Michigan by 173%

Building housing and keeping families in their homes in Southeast Michigan

- Constructed 4,770 affordable, attainable housing units.
- Helped 7,004 families with mortgages and down payments.
- Kept 49,766 families in their homes with rental and utility assistance.

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

- Governor Whitmer's proposal to roll back the retirement tax would save 244,000 families in Southeast Michigan an average of \$1,000 a year, putting \$244 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 378,000 working families in Southeast Michigan, putting \$1.13 billion in people's pockets and the local economy.

