

Michigan

Voters in Michigan will elect a Governor and Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and state legislators in the 2018 election cycle. All 110 seats are up in the House and all 38 seats are up in the Senate. Republicans will be defending a trifecta while Democrats hope to pick up a Governor's Mansion and gain ground in the legislature.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

[Gretchen Whitmer](#)

Gretchen Whitmer served in the Michigan State House from 2001 to 2006 and the State Senate from 2006 to 2015. She is also a former County Prosecutor. She has been running full-time for governor for two years. The campaign's catch phrase is "Get It Done" and strikes a progressive but experienced tone.

She's pledging to invest more in road repair and upgrades, to use dig-once policies to lay broadband, and add traffic controls such as smart lanes. Whitmer has hit the current administration on its handling of the Flint crisis and has pledged to remove dams, secure long-term funding for PFA cleanup sites and sewer and water systems, and to build a new Soo Lock. Whitmer also promises to join the US Climate Alliance committing Michigan to lowering its carbon emissions.

She supports raising the minimum wage to \$15, paid family leave, and repealing the state's right-to-work law. She has also pledged to pursue a 52-week Jobs Blitz using the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Whitmer is also running on a two-year debt free postsecondary education or skill training platform that will require participants to complete community service, be enrolled full-time, maintain good attendance and a GPA in addition to owning a high attendance record from three years enrolled in a Michigan high school.

Whitmer has pledged to restore full funding to Planned Parenthood and wants to find ways to lower prescription drug costs. She favors expanding opioid addiction treatment services, treatment courts, and to hold both physicians and drug companies accountable for "perpetuating the crisis."

She pledges to repeal the Retirement Tax and restore the Earned Income Tax Credit.

She supports the legalization and taxing of marijuana.

Whitmer supports strengthening renter protections, giving more control to local governments to allow programs like inclusionary zoning, and growing affordable housing through policies like the New Market Tax Credits.

Trivia: Whitmer's campaign released a "Gretchen Reads Mean Tweets" video.