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Michigan**



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You've probably cut expenses or changed how you make purchasing decisions if your income changed within the past few years. The state of Michigan needs your help because it must do the same – particularly if we want our state to stay competitive.

***We cannot wait to change
Michigan's future.***

- To identify candidates in your area who support job growth, visit jobpositivemichigan.com.
- Complete and mail the attached form and join in the effort to have lawmakers follow a job-positive Michigan plan.
- Share this information with your co-workers, friends and family members.

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In the 2010 election:

- The Governor's office is open
- The Attorney General's office is open
- The Secretary of State's office is open
- 52 of 110 House seats are open
- 29 of 38 Senate seats are open

Every vote counts. Did you know that some elections across America have been decided by as few as seven votes?

Get involved and help change the future of Michigan.

Register to vote

Visit any Secretary of State branch office

www.michigan.gov/sos



tax ranking



Companies are limiting their investments in the state because Michigan has the third highest corporate tax rate in the nation.¹



Ranking:

New Hampshire	50
Delaware	49
Michigan	48
Ohio	38
Wisconsin	29
Illinois	27
Indiana	21





Within the next 10 years, Michigan is expected to experience an increased shortage of doctors, especially primary care physicians.²

A shortage in physicians limits patients' access to primary care and increases health care costs.

Physician shortage projections 2010-2020³

<u>Year</u>	<u>Physicians</u>
2010	900
2015	2,400
2020	4,500

Michigan's shortage of primary care physicians can be attributed to, among other factors, the state's policy of paying physicians less than their costs for treatments. Michigan needs to develop incentives for students who commit to a primary care career in Michigan.





In 2008-2009, Michigan taxpayers invested \$17.2 billion to fund K-12 public education. Only 57% of that money went to instruction, with the remaining funds being spent on building operations, administration, transportation and food services.⁴ Most states keep much more of their education funding focused on instruction.⁵



57% - instruction

43% - administration, building operations, transportation and food services



education directly affects income



Regions with a larger percentage of bachelor's degrees are more likely to attract companies than regions with fewer college graduates per capita. Michigan's metro areas are falling behind. A region's average income also rises in proportion to its percentage of bachelor's degrees.

Metro Area⁶	% Bachelor's Degrees	Per Capita Income
Minneapolis	36.3%	\$46,383
Chicago	32.6%	\$45,049
Lansing Area	28.6%	\$32,943
Pittsburgh	28.2%	\$41,704
Detroit/Flint	27.7%	\$38,107
West Michigan	23.7%	\$32,593

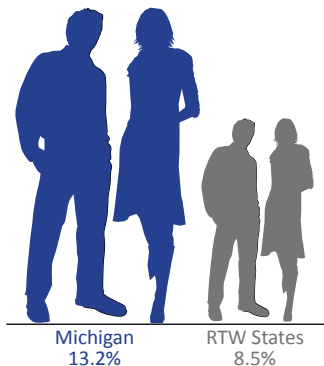


what is a right-to-work state?



Many states have laws that do not require union membership and allow workers to choose whether or not joining a union is right for them. These states are known as Right-to-Work (RTW) states. Currently, Michigan is not a RTW state.

Unemployment rates



When this document was printed, Michigan's unemployment rate was 13.2%.⁷ In 2009, the average RTW state unemployment rate was 8.5%.⁸





Michigan's teachers and state employees are compensated at a higher level than their peers in other states. They also contribute much less toward their health benefits.⁹ What government workers don't pay, Michigan taxpayers do. This costs Michigan taxpayers a lot of money.

Nationally, in 2009, government workers (including teachers) paid 17.9% of their health care/benefits costs; Michigan government workers (including our teachers) paid only 10%.¹⁰

	Average State Worker's Salary ¹¹	Average Teacher's Salary ¹²	% of health care benefits paid by state employee ¹³
MI	\$54,147	\$58,482	10.0%
IN	\$43,039	\$47,832	14.7%
OH	\$48,724	\$50,314	15.0%
IL	\$52,749	\$47,041	15.0%
NY	\$58,786	\$56,200	18.9%

investing in transportation



Did you know that \$1 billion invested in transportation yields approximately 47,500 jobs?¹⁴

Michigan is lagging in transportation investments.

	Ohio ¹⁵	\$7.3
	Wisconsin ¹⁶	6.8
Spending: (in billions)	Pennsylvania ¹⁷	5.0
	Illinois ¹⁸	4.8
	Indiana ¹⁹	2.8
	Michigan ²⁰	1.8





**Here are five plans that support
a job-positive Michigan:**

- 1. West Michigan Policy Forum**
Legislative Agenda
www.grandrapids.org/policyforum
- 2. The Center for Michigan**
*Michigan's Defining Moment:
10,000 Voices To Transform Our State*
www.thecenterformichigan.net
- 3. Business Leaders for Michigan**
Michigan Turnaround Plan
www.michiganturnaroundplan.com
- 4. Mackinac Center for Public Policy**
101 Ways to Revitalize Michigan
www.mackinac.org
- 5. Mlive.com's Michigan 10.0 series**
[http://topics.mlive.com/tag/
Michigan%2010.0/index-oldest.html](http://topics.mlive.com/tag/Michigan%2010.0/index-oldest.html)

To view these plans in their entirety and for direct links to all sources, visit www.jobpositivemichigan.com.



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