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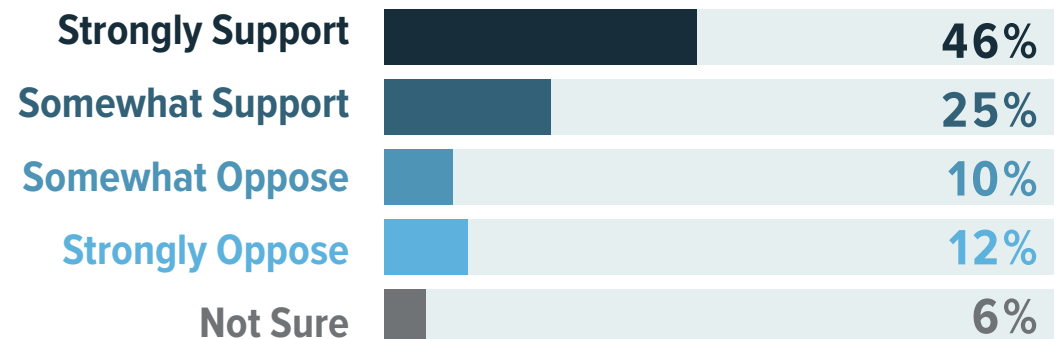
**POLL:**

**86%** of Michigan voters  
strongly or somewhat support  
eliminating the retirement tax.

## Strong Support for Legislature's Recent Actions

Michiganders support recent actions by the Democratic majority on expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit and repealing the tax on retirement savings. They also **support the recent supplemental spending bill with 66 percent strongly or somewhat supporting**, while just 25 percent strongly or somewhat oppose it, with 11 percent not sure.

Michigan lawmakers also voted to **expand Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit** to help low-income families. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose expanding Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit?



# Majority of Michiganders Support Whitmer Priorities

The majority of respondents support the priorities Governor Whitmer listed during her recent State of the State address, including free, public preschool and taking action to fight climate change. Voters also supported the following policies:

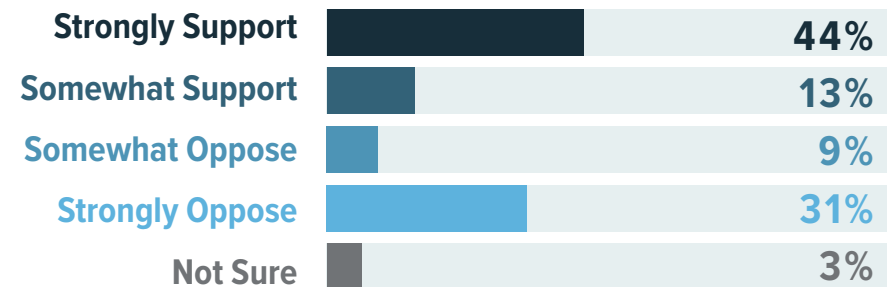
- *Funding college scholarships and apprenticeship programs:*  
79 percent strongly or somewhat support.
- *Reinvigorating Michigan as a manufacturing hub of electric cars and microchips:*  
69 percent strongly or somewhat support.
- *Increasing Michigan's clean energy production:*  
61 percent strongly or somewhat support.
- *Repealing Michigan's 1931 law banning abortion:* 52 percent strongly or somewhat support.
- *Expanding the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act:*  
68 percent strongly or somewhat support.
- *Investing in tutoring, after-school programs and other education initiatives to help get Michigan's children back on track:*  
85 percent strongly or somewhat support.

**POLL:**

**71%** of Michigan voters

**strongly or somewhat support free, public preschool for all of Michigan's 4-year-olds.**

During her State of the State address, Governor Gretchen Whitmer proposed additional priorities to tackle in 2023, one of which was **taking action to fight climate change**. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the legislature and Governor Whitmer taking action on this issue?





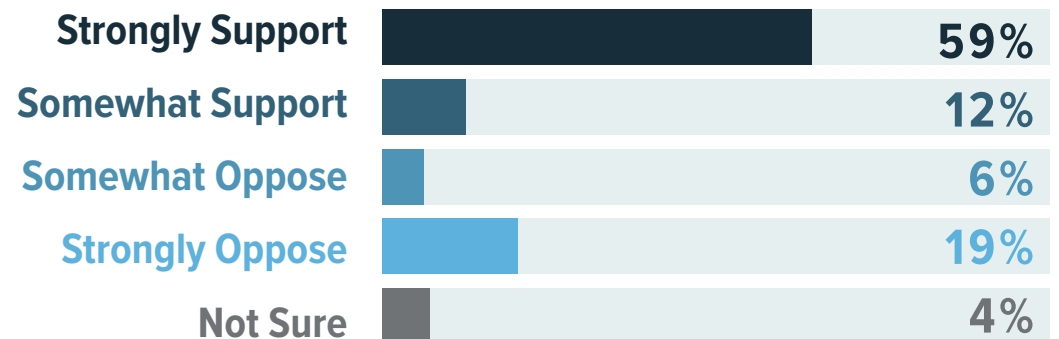
**POLL:**

**74%** of Michigan voters  
strongly or somewhat support  
enacting universal background  
checks for firearm sales.

## Voters Back Gun Violence Prevention Legislation

Michiganders also support enacting gun violence prevention measures including universal background checks for firearm sales and safe storage laws. **69 percent also strongly or somewhat support enacting extreme risk protection orders**, while just 26 percent strongly or somewhat oppose it, with 5 percent being unsure.

During her State of the State address, Governor Gretchen Whitmer proposed additional priorities to tackle in 2023, one of which was **enacting safe storage laws** to ensure firearms are safely stored and that if a firearm is not safely stored and is accessed by a child or someone else that shouldn't access it the owner is held responsible. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the legislature and Governor Whitmer taking action on this issue?



# Michiganders Say Tax the Rich

As Michigan lawmakers look at priorities for the new legislative term, Michigan voters support raising taxes on corporations and the rich.

Do you support or oppose raising taxes on corporations and the wealthy to ensure they're paying their fair share?

