

Gretchen Whitmer

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Whitmer in 2024

49th [Governor of Michigan](#)

[Incumbent](#)

Assumed office

January 1, 2019

Lieutenant [Garlin Gilchrist](#)

Preceded by [Rick Snyder](#)

Prosecutor of [Ingham County](#)

In office

July 2, 2016 – December 31, 2016

Preceded by [Stuart Dunnings III](#)

Succeeded by Carol Siemon

Minority Leader of the [Michigan Senate](#)

In office

January 12, 2011 – January 1, 2015

Deputy [Steve Bieda](#)

Preceded by [Mike Prusi](#)

Succeeded by [Jim Ananich](#)

Member of the [Michigan Senate](#) from the 23rd district

In office

March 21, 2006 – January 1, 2015

Preceded by [Virg Bernero](#)

Succeeded by [Curtis Hertel Jr.](#)

Member of the [Michigan House of Representatives](#)

In office

January 1, 2001 – March 16, 2006

Preceded by Laura Baird

Succeeded by [Mark Meadows](#)

Constituency 70th district (2001–2003)
69th district (2003–2006)

Personal details

Born Gretchen Esther Whitmer
August 23, 1971 (age 53)
[Lansing, Michigan](#), U.S.

Political party [Democratic](#)

Spouse(s) Gary Shrewsbury (divorced)
Marc Mallory (m. 2011)

Children	2 (3 stepchildren)
Education	Michigan State University (BA, JD)
Website	Government website

Gretchen Esther Whitmer (born August 23, 1971) is an American politician who is the [49th and current Governor](#) of [Michigan](#). She won the [2018 gubernatorial election](#).^[1]

Whitmer is a former [Democratic](#) member of the [Michigan Senate](#) and Senate Democratic Leader. Whitmer was a member of the [Michigan House of Representatives](#) from 2000 to 2006.^{[2][3]}

On January 3, 2017, Whitmer announced her plans to run for governor, making her among the first to announce.^[4] On August 7, 2018, she became the Democratic nominee in the [2018 gubernatorial election](#). She won the general election on November 6, 2018.

In 2020, she delivered the Democrats' response to [President Trump's 2020 State of the Union Address](#).

Whitmer was considered as a choice for running mate for [Joe Biden](#), the Democratic nominee for president, in his [2020 campaign for president](#).^[5]

Political career

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Michigan Legislature

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Michigan House of Representatives

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Whitmer began her political career in 2001, when she was inaugurated to the [Michigan House of Representatives](#). She served there until March 16, 2006. Five days later, she joined the [Michigan Senate](#).

Michigan Senate

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Whitmer was inaugurated to the Michigan Senate on March 21, 2006, five days after leaving the Michigan House. She would continue serving through 2014. She spent the last four years in the Michigan Senate as Minority Leader.

Ingham County Prosecutor

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After the resignation of Stuart Dunning III as the result of a scandal, Whitmer was unanimously chosen as his successor in the position of Prosecutor of [Ingham County](#). She served their through the second half of 2016.

Governor of Michigan

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She was elected governor in 2018. She described herself as progressive, and has worked with progressive leaders in Michigan as governor.

On October 8, 2020, the [FBI](#) arrested 13 people for attempting to [kidnap](#) her and overthrow the state government. The suspects were tied to a far-right militia group called the Wolverine Watchmen.^[6]

Personal life

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Early life

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Gretchen Esther Whitmer was born on August 23, 1971, in [Lansing, Michigan](#), and grew up in Michigan.

Personal life

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Whitmer married Gary Shrewsbury, with whom she had two children, before their divorce. In 2011, she married dentist Marc Mallory, who had 3 sons in his previous marriage. The family currenty lives in [East Lansing](#).

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