



To the people of Pennsylvania,

For the past two years, it has been my great honor to serve you as the 48th Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. From Day One, I've made clear that my top priority has been, and will always be, delivering commonsense solutions to the problems Pennsylvanians face everyday.

I firmly believe that government can be a force for good in Pennsylvanians' lives — that's why every day in my Administration, my team and I try to live by three letters: G-S-D. We get stuff done for you.

As we reach the halfway point in my first term as Governor, I wanted to share some of our many accomplishments over the first two years. I'm proud of the work we've done together — work that has made a real difference in the lives of Pennsylvanians — and I'm laser focused on continuing to get stuff done for you.

- Working together with Democrats and Republicans, we passed historic increase in funding for K-12 education, delivered critical reform in order to adequately fund our schools, and secured the first significant progress on higher education access and affordability in 30 years.
- We developed Pennsylvania's first economic development strategy in nearly 20 years and followed through on that by delivering over 1 billion dollars to support our farmers and agricultural innovation, develop shovel-ready sites for companies that want to grow here, and strengthen our main streets and downtowns.
- We reformed our permitting processes to speed up government, cut down processing times, and eliminate paperwork backlogs that had literally existed for years to ensure Pennsylvanians can get answers more quickly.
- We cut taxes for families with kids in child care, for small businesses, and for Pennsylvanians paying off their student loans. We reduced the corporate net income tax rate twice — and we passed the largest targeted tax cut for older Pennsylvanians in nearly two decades.



- We've invested in public safety and delivered real resources for law enforcement — securing funding to hire more than 800 new state troopers and support the hiring of 700 local law enforcement officers.
- We've put points on the board in repairing and rebuilding Pennsylvania's infrastructure — fixing 12,000 miles of roadway and repairing more poor-condition bridges than any other state in the country.
- We've passed sweeping commonsense criminal justice reforms to give more people second chances and get more people back to work.

We've done all of this — and so much more — with a divided legislature. Here in Pennsylvania, we have clearly shown that we know how to get around the table, have tough conversations, and get stuff done for the people that we are sworn to serve.

But our work is far from over. Over the past two years, I've had the privilege of meeting many of you in your communities — in fact, I've hosted well over 200 events all across the Commonwealth. I'm going to continue to show up, listen to you, bring people together to solve problems, and to get stuff done on your behalf.

I'm proud to serve as your Governor — and we're just getting started.

Governor Josh Shapiro

GETTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DONE

130,000 additional jobs

\$3 billion in new private sector investments, creating over 4,700 new jobs

Lower unemployment rate today than when inaugurated

Over 11,500 new apprentices enrolled & 74 new apprenticeship programs registered

50% increase in funding for workforce development (65M more)

\$20 million to revitalize and invest in main streets

Almost 200 million tourists in 2023 — an increase of 4.2 million from 2022

Opened the CRIZ program for the first time since 2013 and approved new economic development zones in Erie and Reading

Launched first statewide economic development strategy in nearly 20 years

Cut taxes for small businesses by increasing the Net Operating Loss deduction limit to 80 percent

\$65 million secured to support Pennsylvania poultry farmers impacted by the avian influenza crisis

Launched the new state tourism brand and secured \$15 million to support tourism



JIM MARTIN CEO OF MARTIN'S POTATO ROLLS

"The Shapiro Administration... has really helped further our ability to cut the red tape. We had permits that were supposed to take up to maybe nine months. We were able to get them turned around in two and a half months, which was unbelievable, and that enabled us to basically open up our production facility in record time."

\$10 million in funding for the first-of-its-kind Agriculture Innovation Program

30% more spent on small diverse and veteran businesses by the Commonwealth

1st state to be awarded the NFL Draft in two cities

CASE STUDY: DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH

Governor Shapiro brought local leaders, organized labor, the private sector, major nonprofits, and others together to launch a major revitalization of Downtown Pittsburgh — helping spur nearly \$600 million in investments over the first four years to create over 3,500 construction jobs, create or preserve nearly 1,000 residential units, invest in public safety, and foster the local arts scene.



GETTING LOWER COSTS DONE

Cut taxes more than four times in two years

Largest tax cut for seniors in nearly two decades — delivering over \$300 million in tax cuts to more than 500,000 Pennsylvanians in 2024

Cut taxes for small businesses by increasing the Net Operating Loss Deduction Limit

2x the state investment for the Neighborhood Assistance Program to encourage businesses to invest in affordable housing

Created the Employer Child Care Contribution Tax Credit to encourage businesses to contribute to their employees' childcare expenses

Allowed taxpayers to deduct up to \$2,500 of student loan interest from their state taxes

Created a tax credit to allow businesses to match employee contributions to college savings plans

Nearly doubled the funding cap for the PHARE Fund to expand affordable housing

Expanded the Child and Dependent Care Enhancement Tax Credit to a maximum benefit of \$2,100 for over 218,000 families

Signed bipartisan legislation into law to increase regulatory oversight of PBMs, which will result in lower out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications



LIZ BRYANT
DAUPHIN COUNTY

"It's been a pleasure having the rent rebates as a senior, and before being a senior, I was a disabled person, the rent rebate always came in the middle of summer. **It was like Christmas in July — and I think all of the seniors feel the same way.** Living on a fixed income is very hard. I had started a part time job last year and I was not eligible for the rent rebate. Governor Shapiro raised the ceiling for the amount that you can make this year — and now I can get the rent rebate, and I thank [him] for that."

Secured historic investments to raise the wages for direct support professionals caring for Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities and/or autism (ID/A) and begin the process of clearing the emergency wait list so more residents can receive the services they need



CASE STUDY: PROPERTY TAX RENT REBATE

Governor Shapiro signed into law the largest targeted tax cut for seniors in nearly two decades, raising the maximum tax rebate from \$650 to \$1,000, increasing the income cap for renters and homeowners to \$45,000 a year, and tying the cap to automatic cost-of-living increases so seniors would not lose benefits through no fault of their own. In the first year, more than 500,000 Pennsylvanians received a rebate, including over 105,000 first-time filers.



CHELLIE CAMERON PRESIDENT & CEO,
THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FOR GREATER PHILADELPHIA

“The Fast Track Program provides businesses with the certainty and predictability they need to make strategic decisions and minimize potential risks. **When business leaders can rely on accurate forecasting, they can confidently pursue opportunities that create jobs and drive greater economic growth** for Pennsylvania and the Greater Philadelphia region.”

Helped new teachers get their initial certification in less than two weeks — a drop from 12 weeks

Eliminated 75% of the permit backlog at DEP

Reduced the wait times for Pennsylvanians seeking unemployment compensation by more than 50%

GETTING GOOD GOVERNMENT DONE

Two credit rating increases for the sound financial management of the Commonwealth, saving taxpayers tens of millions of dollars

Filled nearly 600 vacancies for Commonwealth positions related to permit, licensure, and certification processes

Cut red tape to allow registered nurses and licensed practical nurses with multistate licenses to be able to practice in Pennsylvania

Reduced the processing time for businesses and corporate filings from eight weeks to just 3 days

Eliminated a long-standing backlog of over 35,000 Medicaid provider enrollment and revalidation applications, so more health care providers are available to Pennsylvanians on Medicaid

Cut the time it takes to certify small businesses to work with the Commonwealth by 33%

Cut the time for doctors' licenses from 43 days to 2 days and for initial physical therapists' license from nearly a month to 2 days

Turned around cosmetology and barbershop licenses on the same day, down from almost 2 weeks

CASE STUDY: OFFICE OF TRANSFORMATION & OPPORTUNITY

In his first year in office, Governor Shapiro signed an executive order establishing the Office of Transformation and Opportunity (OTO) to spur economic growth, create jobs, and foster innovation in Pennsylvania. OTO has cut through red tape for businesses expanding in the Commonwealth; in one case, the office helped Spark Therapeutics receive a PennDOT permit that threatened to slow down its \$575 million construction of the Gene Therapy Innovation Center.





MATT SMITH

CHIEF GROWTH OFFICER
ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE ON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

“The Shapiro Administration’s focus on infrastructure investment and the actions taken to repair the Commonwealth’s roads and bridges support the preservation of our efficient transportation network and **position our region to continue to compete for business attraction and retention.**”

Reopened I-95 in just 12 days after it collapsed

Secured \$4 million from Norfolk Southern to pay for damages to local first responders, businesses, residents, and state agencies

GETTING INFRASTRUCTURE DONE

Repaired more poor-condition bridges than any other state

Fixed 12,000+ miles of roadways — more than the prior two years

Secured over \$380 million in new state funding for Pennsylvania roads and bridges

Prevented SEPTA’s immediate service cuts and fare hike by flexing \$153 million in federal highway funds to the transit authority and its 800,000 daily riders

Pennsylvania was one of the first states to open its first electric vehicle charging stations under the federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program

Banned the use of cellphones while driving to make our roads safer

Secured \$1.16 billion in federal funds to bring reliable broadband to more than 276,000 households, businesses, and schools

Replaced over 30,000 lead pipes in thousands of homes



CASE STUDY: I-95

After I-95 collapsed, experts said the repair would take months. Governor Shapiro and his team brought local, state, and federal partners together with unions, contractors, and the private sector to respond to the crisis. Working around the clock, the crews demolished the damaged and collapsed highway, built a temporary roadway, and reopened 6 lanes of traffic in just 12 days — months ahead of experts’ original predictions.

GETTING STUFF DONE TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER



CPT. JAMAL PRATT
CAPTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE

“Vacancies in law enforcement as a whole nationwide is an epidemic right now. The men and women who are serving us on the street right now need help. **The Governor... increasing our trooper compliment by 384 troopers in [2023-2024] is very important for me.**”

All together, Governor Shapiro has overseen a decrease in violent crime across the Commonwealth, including an almost 15% decrease in murder and manslaughter from 2022 to 2023

Secured new state funding for nearly 800 new Pennsylvania State Police troopers and helped fill almost 700 municipal law enforcement positions — adding nearly 1,500 new law enforcement officers in our communities in just two years

Secured an additional \$60 million for county 911 services, increasing critical emergency funding for counties

Secured \$20.7 million for increased mileage reimbursements for ambulance services, ensuring EMS workers and first responders are properly reimbursed

Rolled out body worn cameras for Pennsylvania State Police covering 51 counties

Awarded more than \$31 million in grants to over 2,000 volunteer and career fire companies, emergency medical services, and rescue squads

Doubled state funding for the Nonprofit Security Grant Fund to equip places of worship with security measures, helping over 301 nonprofits and places of worship improve their security

Took almost \$120 million worth of illegal drugs off the streets through the Pennsylvania State Police

Re-established the Pennsylvania Office of Gun Violence Prevention to create one comprehensive, coordinated strategy to reduce gun deaths, injuries, and crime

Twice increased funding for the Violence Intervention and Prevention Program

Signed legislation to limit access to xylazine, a veterinary sedative often found in illicit drugs

Secured \$11.5 million to create the Building Opportunity through Out of School Time (BOOST) Program to reduce community violence by providing more after-school learning opportunities

CASE STUDY: FUNDING AND RECRUITING HUNDREDS OF NEW STATE TROOPERS

Governor Shapiro has ensured the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) have the resources and support they need. The Governor secured new funding for four trooper cadet classes in 2023 and in 2024 to train nearly 800 new troopers and fill staffing gaps. In addition, the PSP removed the college credit requirement for Pennsylvanians who want to serve as state troopers and the agency saw a 258% increase in the number of applicants taking the test to become a state trooper.

GETTING HISTORIC EDUCATION FUNDING DONE



LUKE SCOBORIA

STUDENT TEACHER
EXETER TOWNSHIP SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

"I think this huge investment that Governor Shapiro made in education is really exciting. And I think in the next coming years to see how it actually impacts our education system. I think it's going to be huge. **It's going to help so many people. It's going to take a lot of weight off our shoulders, it'll help us a lot by not having to get a second job.** It's going to help so many more student teachers focus on our school work and making sure we do great with our upcoming placements."

\$1.5 billion in new funding for Pennsylvania's students and schools

\$100 million cyber charter reimbursement for public school districts

\$250 million for environmental repairs and upgrades to Pennsylvania's schools

\$200 million to make student-based mental health services available

Secured state funding for free menstrual products in schools

Delivered universal breakfast for 1.7 million Pennsylvania students, nearly 10 million more breakfasts served than in the prior school year

Increased funding for career and technical education and apprenticeships by nearly \$65 million

Appointed two Pennsylvania parents to the State Board of Education

Pennsylvania students made educational gains in math and science on the Commonwealth's standardized tests

Sped up the timeline to get new teachers in the classroom by cutting the administrative time for in-state teacher certifications from 10 weeks to 1.5 weeks

A 27% increase in new teachers earning their teaching certification compared to 2021-2022

Delivered \$10,000 stipends to more than 2,000 student teachers through the new PA Student Teacher Support Program

Governor Shapiro made higher education a priority and has sought to make higher education more affordable for Pennsylvanians.

Established a new State Board of Higher Education to coordinate every sector of higher education for the first time ever

Secured a \$120 million increase for scholarships and grants to make higher education more affordable

Created a tax deduction for Pennsylvanians to deduct up to \$2,500 in student loan interest from state taxes

Offered a new tax credit for businesses to match employee contributions to a state-run college savings plan



MEEK MILL
CO-CHAIR, REFORM ALLIANCE

"I can't explain how much this bill means to me. My experience on probation reflected millions of other stories that go unheard. So when the world saw my case and the absurdity of sending people to prison for non-criminal technical violations, it sparked a movement. It's an honor and a blessing to see this change come to my home state."

GETTING CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM DONE

Announced he would not sign any execution warrants during his term as Governor

Secured state funding for indigent defense for the first time in Pennsylvania history

Secured \$5 million for those facing eviction to have access to legal counsel

Funded a new Department of Corrections unit to address backlogs in the pardons project

Chaired by Lt. Governor Austin Davis, the Board of Pardons doubled its staff to process clemency applications and created an expedited review process for applicants with nonviolent offenses on their record

Granted over 570 pardons in two years

Gave more Pennsylvanians a second chance at success by expunging criminal records automatically through the expanded Clean Slate law

Signed bipartisan comprehensive probation reform into law

DEFENDING OUR FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS



Stopped defending a state law banning Medicaid coverage for abortion



Major insurers announced they would cover over-the-counter contraceptives



Maintained an executive order ensuring non-Pennsylvanians seeking abortion care in the Commonwealth can do so without fear of arrest at the request of another state



475,000+ Pennsylvania voter registration and registration update applications, a 96% increase from the same period two years prior



Redesigned the mail-in ballot envelope language and formatting to reduce common voter errors, resulting in a 13.5% decrease in mail ballot rejections during the April 2024 primary



Pennsylvania's five state medical licensing boards adopted new policies opposing conversion therapy for minors