



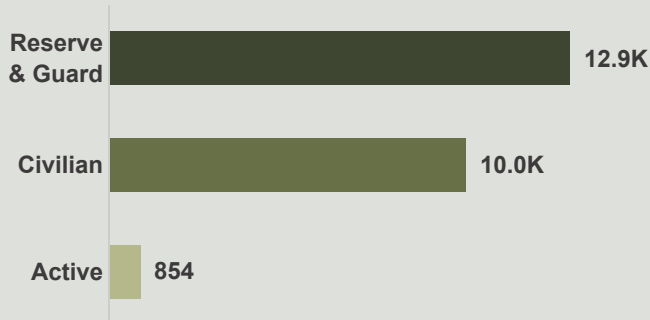
**OVERVIEW**

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, the state of Michigan received \$7.2 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of War (DoW) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DoW personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investments, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DoW and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. The Department created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through the REPI Program, DoW works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DoW installations and ranges. The REPI Program has benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2007 through FY 2025, DoW and its partners have contributed nearly \$2.6 million to REPI projects supporting two installations in Michigan.

**DOW IN MICHIGAN**

**DOW Personnel** (as of 30 Sept 2024)



**Total DOW Personnel: 23.7K**

**Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact**

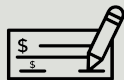
(in FY 2024)



**\$7.2 billion**  
in Federal Defense spending



**1.0%**  
of state Gross Domestic Product



**\$1.5B**  
in payroll contributed  
**\$5.0B**  
in contracts awarded

**Acres of National Defense Land**

(as of 30 Sept 2024)

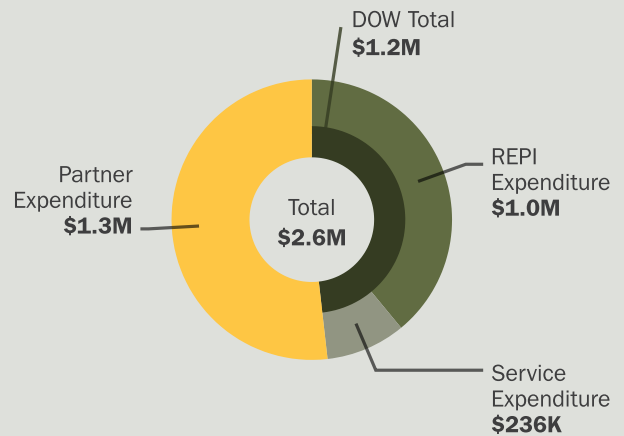
**13,753 acres**  
DOW Managed Land

**147,137 acres**  
State-Owned National Guard Land

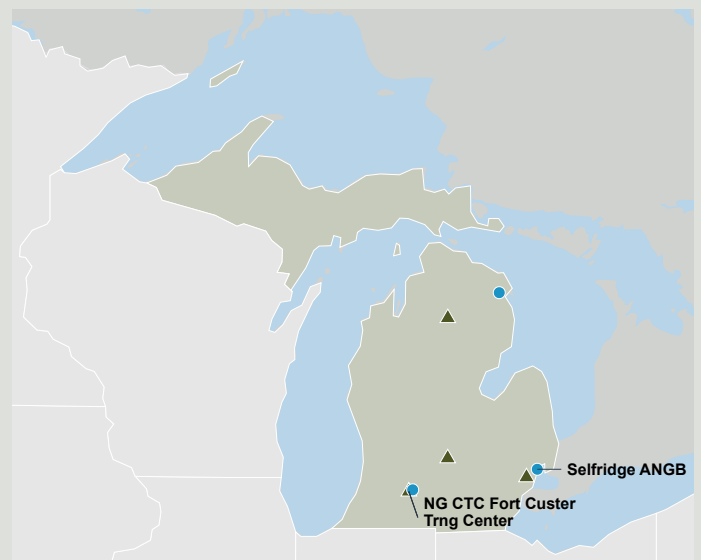
**160,890 acres**  
Total Defense Land

**REPI PROJECTS IN MICHIGAN**

**Funding Summary** (from FY 2007 through FY 2025)



**Acres Protected (FY 2007 through FY 2025): 391**



▲ Army ◆ Navy  
 ■ Marine Corps ● Air Force

**REPI Installations and Ranges**

## MILITARY PRESENCE

- According to the Detroit Regional Chamber, Michigan’s defense industry contributed \$31 billion in overall economic activity through 155,000 defense-related jobs and 17 commands and installations throughout the state. In 2020, the Detroit region was home to 3,338 businesses serving the defense and aerospace industry. Together, they employ more than 91,900 with annual average wages of \$89,142. Michigan is ranked 8th for aerospace manufacturing attractiveness.
- Michigan is home to more engineers per capita than any other state. The state’s **numerous R&D centers provide engineering, design and research support for the defense industry.**
- Detroit Arsenal, in Warren, Michigan, was the first plant ever built in the U.S. for tank mass production.
- **The 127th Wing, Michigan Air National Guard, is based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan**, a joint DoW and Department of Homeland Security installation. Its mission is to provide trained, equipped and motivated tanker, fighter and support resources for the community, state and nation.
- Fort Custer’s training facilities are used by the Michigan National Guard and other branches of the armed forces, primarily from Ohio, Illinois and Indiana. Many Reserve Officer Training Corps students from colleges in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana also train at this facility, as well as the FBI, the Michigan State Police, and various law enforcement agencies.

## REPI PROJECTS

Installation	County	Congressional District
Fort Custer	Calhoun, Kalamazoo	4th
Selfridge Air National Guard Base	Macomb	10th

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: [www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx](http://www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx)



Army Sgt. Maj. Peter Klundt jumps out of an Air Force C-130J Super Hercules over a designated landing zone during Bright Star in Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 8, 2025.

## Key REPI Partners

- Calhoun Conservation District
- Chesterfield Township
- Macomb County
- Six Rivers Land Conservancy
- State of Michigan

## Data Sources

- **For Economic Impact Information:** Detroit Regional Chamber, 2020: <https://www.detroitchamber.com/research/regional-overview/industries/defense/>
- **For Michigan Military Installation Information:** <https://www.minationalguard.com/fort-custer-training-center/>
- **For Land Information:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of War for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: “Base Structure Report – FY25 Baseline” (as of 30 Sept 2024)
- **For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:** Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: “Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2024”: <https://www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023>
- **For REPI Projects Information:** “2026 REPI Report to Congress”: [https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/REPI\\_2026\\_RT\\_C\\_20260305.pdf](https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/REPI_2026_RT_C_20260305.pdf)