Michigan has been successful in attracting investment for wind energy manufacturing and large wind energy projects.

Michigan now has over 2,000 MW of installed wind power and ranks 13th in the nation for installed capacity. The state has also attracted significant investment into the wind energy supply chain. There are at least 26 manufacturing facilities producing components for the wind industry, including Arcosa Inc, a wind tower manufacturing facility sited on a former brownfield site in Monroe. State utilities have proactively invested in wind projects to help the state reach its RPS target, with DTE Electric Company ranking 9th in the nation for utility ownership of wind power capacity.

**Jobs & Economic Benefits**

The U.S. wind industry is a major economic development driver. In addition to job creation and billions of dollars in project investment, the wind industry invests heavily in local communities, providing significant revenue in the form of property, state, and local taxes.

- Direct wind industry jobs in 2018: **2,001 to 3,000**
- Capital investment in wind projects through 2018*: **$3.7 billion**
- Annual state and local tax payments by wind projects: **$32.5 million**
- Annual land lease payments*: $5 - $10 million

*Source: Based on state and national averages from LBNL, NREL

**Wind-Related Manufacturing**

Over 500 manufacturing facilities in the U.S. make products for the wind industry, from blades, towers, and turbine nacelles to raw components such as fiberglass and steel.

- Number of active manufacturing facilities in the state: **26**
Wind Projects as of 4Q 2019
- Installed wind capacity: 2,190 MW
  » State rank for installed wind capacity: 13th
- Number of wind turbines: 1,165
  » State rank for number of wind turbines: 13th
- Wind projects online: 27 (Projects larger than 10 MW: 25)
- Wind capacity under construction: 805 MW
- Wind capacity in advanced development: 311 MW

Wind Generation
In 2018, wind energy provided 4.6% of all in-state electricity production.
- State rank for share of electricity: 22nd
- Equivalent number of homes powered by wind in 2018: 512,500

Wind Energy Potential
- Land-based technical wind potential at 80 m hub height: 81,311 MW
  (Source: AWS Truepower, NREL)
- Offshore net technical wind potential at 100 m hub height: 57,331 MW (Source: NREL)

Environmental Benefits
Generating wind power creates no emissions and uses virtually no water.
- 2018 annual state water consumption savings*: 904 million gallons
- 2018 equivalent number of water bottles saved: 6.8 billion
- 2018 annual state carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions avoided: 1.9 million metric tons
- 2018 equivalent cars’ worth of emissions avoided: 411,000
*Based on national average water consumption factors for coal and gas plants.

Renewable Portfolio Standard
Michigan first enacted a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) in 2008 requiring 10% renewable energy by 2015. After achieving the target in 2015, the state expanded the standard in 2016, requiring state electricity providers to generate 15% of their sales from renewable energy sources by 2021.