

## 13 Reasons Act 10 Saved Wisconsin (WALKERSCONSIN)

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With the state Supreme Court releasing its decision on the constitutionality of Act 10, we at the MacIver Institute wanted to take a quick look at all the good that has come from Wisconsin's 2011 collective bargaining reforms. This is not an exhaustive list by far, but it does clearly show that Act 10 is an overwhelming and unquestioned success for taxpayers.

Please feel free to add other ways that Act 10 has helped Wisconsin on social media by using the hashtags **#ItsWorkingWI** and **#ThenAct10Happened** and in the comment section below.

1. Act 10 has saved taxpayers nearly \$3 billion, and the savings continue to add up.
2. Act 10 gave local units of government and school districts the flexibility to choose any health care plan, saving taxpayers millions.

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Like the City of Eau Claire, which saved \$2.3 million.

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Business People Jumping.jpg

6. Act 10 allowed more taxpayer money to flow into the classroom, instead of union bosses' pockets.

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7. Act 10 rescued taxpayers from having to pay for nearly all of government workers' retirement costs. Prior to Act 10, taxpayers forked over \$1.37 billion for state pensions, while employees only paid \$8 million. Now public employees pay a portion of their retirement, similar to the private sector.

8. Act 10 gave school districts more budgetary flexibility, allowing them to expand programming.

9. Act 10 gave workers the option to vote on whether or not they even need a union. In 2013, 81 school district unions were dismantled by their members.

10. Act 10 increased efficiency and reduced state overtime by 22 percent in 2012, a savings of nearly \$14 million.

Overtime Savings.png

11. Act 10 saved the jobs of hard-working teachers all across the state, including more than 1,000 in Milwaukee.

12. Act 10 allowed school districts to focus on keeping the best teachers in the classroom, not just the oldest.

13. Act 10 saved the state alone hundreds of millions of dollars each budget, paving the way for tax cut, after tax cut, after tax cut.