

Governor JB Pritzker

Governor JB Pritzker (Democrat) was sworn in as the 43rd Governor of Illinois on Jan. 14, 2019. After taking the oath of office, Governor Pritzker accomplished one of the most ambitious and consequential legislative agendas in state history.

The governor won bipartisan passage for Rebuild Illinois, the largest investment in state history to upgrade roads, bridges, rail, broadband, and universities. He took bold action, putting state government back on the side of working families by creating jobs, raising the minimum wage to a living wage, making college more affordable, and advancing equal pay for women. As a national leader in early childhood education, the governor intends to make Illinois the best state in the nation to raise a family.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Pritzker prioritized preserving the health and safety of Illinois residents. A defining feature of the governor's response has been protecting hardworking families from additional hardship, by launching the nation's largest pandemic relief grant program for small businesses and the nation's largest housing assistance program.

In 2021, Governor Pritzker proposed and signed a comprehensive clean energy bill, making Illinois a national leader on climate action and the first state in the Midwest to pass a law phasing out fossil fuels.

Before becoming governor, Pritzker founded 1871, the non-profit small business incubator in Chicago. Since its creation, Chicago has been named one of the top ten technology startup hubs in the world, and 1871 was named the best incubator in the world. As governor, he continues to expand support for new business incubators and cut taxes for hundreds of thousands of small businesses while incentivizing job creation and innovation.

Governor Pritzker and his wife, MK, have been married for more than 25 years, and they are the proud parents of daughter, Teddi, and son, Donny.

