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Michigan jobless rate remains constant in January

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged over the month at 4.3 percent, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment in the state advanced by 3,000, while unemployment remained constant over the month, resulting in a minor workforce increase of 3,000 in January.

"Michigan's labor market saw little movement between December and January," said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director of Michigan's Center for Data and Analytics. "The state's unemployment rate remained flat, while payroll jobs rose slightly."

The national unemployment rate declined by one-tenth of a percentage point between December 2022 and January 2023 to 3.4 percent. Michigan's January jobless rate was nine-tenths of a percentage point above the national rate. Over the year, the U.S. unemployment rate receded by 0.6 percentage points, while Michigan's rate decreased slightly by one-tenth of a percentage point since January 2022.

Labor force trends and highlights

- As a result of the annual revision process, Michigan's 2022 annual average jobless rate is now 4.2 percent.
- Unemployment in the state remained unchanged in January, while national unemployment fell by 0.5 percent over the month.
- Over the year, total employment in the state rose by 0.5 percent, while employment in the U.S. advanced by 1.9 percent.
- The January statewide labor force participation rate advanced by one-tenth of a percentage point to 59.8 percent, while Michigan's employment-population ratio remained unchanged at 57.2 percent.

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Michigan
Labor Force Estimates
Seasonally Adjusted
(Data in Thousands)

	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2022	Jan. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,836	4,833	4,814	3	0.1%	22	0.5%
Employed	4,627	4,624	4,603	3	0.1%	24	0.5%
Unemployed	209	209	210	0	0.0%	-1	-0.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Detroit metro area unemployment rate increases in January

The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate advanced by one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.8 percent over the month. The region's workforce remained unchanged in January.

The Detroit MSA jobless rate fell by 0.7 percentage points over the year. Employment edged down by 6,000 and unemployment was reduced by 15,000, resulting in a workforce reduction of 21,000 over the year.

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA
Labor Force Estimates
Seasonally Adjusted
(Data in Thousands)

	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2022	Jan. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,102	2,102	2,123	0	0.0%	-21	-1.0%
Employed	2,022	2,024	2,028	-2	-0.1%	-6	-0.3%
Unemployed	80	78	95	2	2.6%	-15	-15.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.7	4.5	0.1	XXX	-0.7	XXX

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Michigan payroll jobs edge up slightly over the month

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment advanced by 13,000, or 0.3 percent, during January. The total nonfarm job count was 4,403,000, with minor employment increases occurring throughout multiple industries.

Industry employment trends and highlights

- January marked the third consecutive month of seasonally adjusted job gains in the state.
- On a numerical basis, industries with the largest employment gains included trade, transportation, and utilities (+3,000) and education and health services (+3,000).
- Industries with the largest over-the-year payroll job gains included government (+22,000); education and health services (+20,000); and leisure and hospitality (+20,000).
- Financial activities were the only statewide sector to exhibit a decrease in payroll jobs over the year (-4,000).
- Total nonfarm jobs rose by 97,000, or 2.3 percent, since January 2022.

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Michigan
Payroll Employment Estimates
Seasonally Adjusted

(Data in Thousands)

	Jan.** 2023	Dec.* 2022	Jan. 2022	Over the Month***		Over the Year ***	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,403	4,390	4,306	13	0.3%	97	2.3%
Natural Resources and Mining	7	7	7	0	0.0%	1	8.8%
Construction	189	188	181	1	0.7%	8	4.3%
Manufacturing	606	605	598	1	0.2%	8	1.4%
Transportation Equipment	184	185	185	-2	-0.8	-1	-0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	807	804	797	3	0.4%	10	1.3%
Retail Trade	454	453	452	1	0.2%	2	0.5%
Information	58	58	55	0	-0.7%	3	5.9%
Financial Activities	229	228	232	1	0.4%	-4	-1.7%
Professional and Business Services	660	659	652	1	0.2%	8	1.2%
Education and Health Services	675	672	656	3	0.5%	20	3.0%
Leisure and Hospitality Services	411	410	391	1	0.2%	20	5.1%
Other Services	161	161	160	0	-0.1%	1	0.7%
Government	601	599	578	2	0.3%	22	3.9%

* Revised data for December 2022

** Preliminary data for January 2023

*** Change calculated using unrounded data

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Michigan
Hours and Earnings for Production Workers
Seasonally Adjusted

Manufacturing							
	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2022	Jan. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Average Weekly Earnings	$1,054.80	$1,076.23	$1,016.82	-21.43	-2.0%	37.98	3.7%
Average Weekly Hours	40.8	41.5	42	-0.7	-1.7%	-1.2	-2.9%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing							
	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2022	Jan. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Average Weekly Earnings	$1,279.97	$1,303.78	$1,332.46	-23.81	-1.8%	-52.49	-3.9%
Average Weekly Hours	42.7	43.8	44.3	-1.2	-2.6%	-1.6	-3.6%

Note:

Data Revisions:

The data in this release reflects recently revised historical estimates. All states in the nation participate in this revision process facilitated by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Seasonally adjusted and unadjusted monthly labor force estimates from 2018–2022 for Michigan and the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA were revised.

In addition, all unadjusted payroll job data was revised for 2021 and 2022. Seasonally adjusted payroll job data was revised back to 2018 for all industries. For certain industries with larger historical revisions, unadjusted and seasonally adjusted payroll job data was revised for multiple years, some back to 1990. For newly revised data, go to MILMI.org/DataSearch.

Previously published data for these years should be discarded and replaced with the new series.

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