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Michigan unemployment rate advances during January

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan’s seasonally adjusted jobless rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.3 percent during January, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment in Michigan rose by 6,000, while unemployment increased by 6,000 over the month, resulting in a workforce gain of 12,000 in January.

“The state’s unemployment rate and total labor force both increased slightly in January,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for Michigan’s Center for Data and Analytics. “Michigan businesses showed overall growth in payroll jobs this month.”

The national unemployment rate declined by one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to 4.0 percent. Michigan’s January rate was 1.3 percentage points above the U.S. rate. Over the year, the national unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage points, while Michigan’s rate advanced by 1.3 percentage points since January 2024.

Labor force trends and highlights

- As a result of the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics’ (BLS) annual revision process*, Michigan’s 2024 annual average jobless rate was adjusted upward by two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.7 percent.
- Michigan’s December 2024 unemployment rate was revised up by two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.2 percent during the BLS annual revision process.
- The number of unemployed people rose by 67,000 over the year, a 33.3 percent increase since January 2024.
- The January statewide labor force participation rate advanced by two-tenths of a percentage point to 62.0 percent. Michigan’s employment-population ratio remained unchanged at 58.7 percent.

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Michigan
Labor Force Estimates
 Seasonally Adjusted
 (Data in Thousands)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,092	5,080	5,033	12	0.2%	59	1.2%
Employed	4,824	4,818	4,832	6	0.1%	-8	-0.2%
Unemployed	268	262	201	6	2.3%	67	33.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.2	4.0	0.1	XXX	1.3	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 5.1 percent over the month. The region’s workforce increased by 5,000 in January.

Over the year, the Detroit MSA jobless rate rose by 1.3 percentage points. Employment receded by 31,000 and unemployment advanced by 28,000, resulting in a workforce decline of 2,000 since January 2024.

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

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,181	2,176	2,183	5	0.2%	-2	-0.1%
Employed	2,070	2,067	2,101	3	0.1%	-31	-1.5%
Unemployed	111	109	83	2	1.8%	28	33.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.0	3.8	0.1	XXX	1.3	XXX

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Michigan payroll employment rises in January

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment advanced by 9,000 over the month, or 0.2 percent, resulting in a job total of 4,518,000 in January.

Industry employment trends and highlights

- January marked the third consecutive month of seasonally adjusted job gains in the state.
- Michigan's private education and health services recorded the most significant over-the-month numerical employment gain during January (+7,000).
- Over the year, total nonfarm jobs rose by 45,000, or 1.0 percent.
- Industries with the largest over-the-year payroll gains included private education and health services (+30,000), leisure and hospitality services (+12,000), and government (+11,000).
- Manufacturing recorded the greatest decline of all industries both over the month (-4,000 jobs or -0.6 percent) and over the year (-20,000 jobs or -3.2 percent).

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Michigan
Payroll Employment Estimates
 Seasonally Adjusted
 (Data in Thousands)

	Jan.**	Dec.*	Jan.	Over the Month***		Over the Year***	
	2025	2024	2024	Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,518	4,510	4,473	9	0.2%	45	1.0%
Natural Resources and Mining	8	7	7	0	2.7%	0	2.7%
Construction	200	199	194	1	0.5%	6	3.0%
Manufacturing	595	598	614	-4	-0.6%	-20	-3.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	811	812	810	-1	-0.1%	1	0.1%
Retail Trade	453	453	454	0	0.0%	-1	-0.2%
Information	57	57	57	0	0.7%	0	-0.3%
Financial Activities	239	238	233	0	0.2%	6	2.5%
Professional and Business Services	640	640	647	0	-0.1%	-7	-1.1%
Private Education and Health Services	734	726	704	7	1.0%	30	4.3%
Leisure and Hospitality Services	435	435	424	0	0.1%	12	2.8%
Other Services	178	175	172	3	1.5%	6	3.6%
Government	623	621	611	2	0.2%	11	1.8%

* Revised data for December 2024

** Preliminary data for January 2025

*** Change calculated using unrounded data

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***Important note about annual 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, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Seasonally adjusted and unadjusted monthly labor force estimates were revised for 1976-2024 for Michigan and for 1990–2024 for the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA.

In addition, all unadjusted payroll job data was revised for 2023 and 2024. Seasonally adjusted payroll job data was revised back to 2020 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 www.milmi.org/datasearch.

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

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