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Michigan's unemployment rate falls in March

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate receded by two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.1 percent, according to data released today by the Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Statewide employment advanced by 17,000 over the month, while unemployment fell by 7,000, resulting in a labor force gain of 10,000 in March.

"Michigan's labor market has been positive for the first three months of 2023," said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. "The three-month average jobless rate receded by two-tenths of a percentage point since the fourth quarter of 2022."

The national unemployment rate fell by one-tenth of a percentage point between February and March to 3.5 percent. Michigan's March rate was 0.6 percentage points larger than the national rate. The U.S. jobless rate declined by one-tenth of a percentage point over the year, while Michigan's rate remained unchanged since March 2022.

Labor force trends and highlights

- Michigan's labor force rose by 10,000, or 0.2 percent, over the month; an increase similar to the workforce gain seen nationally (0.3 percent).
- Total unemployment in the state advanced by 2.0 percent over the year, while the U.S. unemployment level receded by 2.2 percent since March 2022.
- Michigan's first quarter 2023 average unemployment rate of 4.2 percent was 0.2 percentage points below the rate seen in the previous quarter (4.4 percent).
- The March statewide labor force participation rate rose by one-tenth of a percentage point to 59.9 percent over the month, while Michigan's employment-population ratio increased by 0.2 percentage points to 57.5 percent.

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Michigan
Labor Force Estimates
 Seasonally Adjusted
 (Data in Thousands)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,852	4,842	4,836	10	0.2%	16	0.3%
Employed	4,652	4,635	4,640	17	0.4%	12	0.3%
Unemployed	200	207	196	-7	-3.4%	4	2.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.3	4.1	-0.2	XXX	0.0	XXX

Detroit metro area unemployment rate declines during March

The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area’s (MSA) seasonally adjusted employment total rose by 9,000 over the month, while total unemployment fell by 5,000, resulting in a minor workforce gain and a jobless rate reduction since February.

The Detroit MSA unemployment rate also decreased over the year. Both total employment and unemployment fell since March 2022. The regional labor force decreased by 16,000 over the year.

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

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,107	2,103	2,123	4	0.2%	-16	-0.8%
Employed	2,033	2,024	2,039	9	0.4%	-6	-0.3%
Unemployed	74	79	85	-5	-6.3%	-11	-12.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.8	4.0	-0.3	XXX	-0.5	XXX

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Michigan payroll employment stable in March

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs was nearly unchanged over the month, edging up by 2,000 since February. Minor employment changes were seen across multiple Michigan industries during March.

Industry employment trends and highlights

- The statewide education and health services sector demonstrated the largest over-the-month employment increase in March (+2,000).
- Jobs in the state's leisure and hospitality sector advanced for the third consecutive month.
- Average weekly hours in the manufacturing industry fell by five percent over the year.
- Statewide nonfarm jobs rose by 75,000, or 1.7 percent, since March 2022.
- On a numerical basis, Michigan's government industry exhibited the largest employment gain over the year (+22,000).
- Michigan quarterly average nonfarm employment increased by 24,000, or 0.6 percent, since fourth quarter 2022.
- On a seasonally adjusted basis, Michigan total nonfarm payroll jobs were only 33,000, or 0.7 percent, below its February 2020 pre-pandemic level.

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**Michigan
Payroll Employment Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

(Data in Thousands)

	Mar** 2023	Feb* 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month***		Over the Year ***	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,416	4,414	4,341	2	0.0%	75	1.7%
Natural Resources and Mining	7	7	7	0	0.0%	0	4.3%
Construction	190	190	182	0	0.2%	8	4.1%
Manufacturing	608	609	604	-1	-0.2%	4	0.7%
Transportation Equipment	185	187	186	-2	-1.0%	-1	-0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	811	810	805	0	0.0%	5	0.7%
Retail Trade	454	455	455	0	-0.1%	-1	-0.3%
Information	57	58	56	-1	-0.9%	2	2.9%
Financial Activities	228	229	234	-1	-0.4%	-6	-2.5%
Professional and Business Services	661	659	656	1	0.2%	4	0.7%
Education and Health Services	675	674	657	2	0.3%	19	2.9%
Leisure and Hospitality Services	416	415	397	1	0.1%	18	4.6%
Other Services	161	161	162	0	-0.2%	-1	-0.7%
Government	603	603	581	0	0.1%	22	3.8%

* Revised data for February 2023

** Preliminary data for March 2023

*** Change calculated using unrounded data

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Michigan
Hours and Earnings for Production Workers
 Seasonally Adjusted

Manufacturing							
	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,065.25	\$1,061.36	\$1,021.58	3.89	0.4%	43.67	4.3%
Average Weekly Hours	40.4	40.5	42.5	-0.1	-0.2%	-2.1	-5.0%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing							
	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,273.87	\$1,289.77	\$1,286.07	-15.90	-1.2%	-12.20	-0.9%
Average Weekly Hours	42.1	43.5	43.2	-1.4	-3.2%	-1.1	-2.5%

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