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Michigan unemployment rate drops in April

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by three-tenths of a percentage point to 3.8 percent during April, according to data released today by the Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Employment in the state rose by 30,000, while unemployment decreased by 14,000. Michigan’s labor force rose by 18,000 over the month.

“There was a large drop in the number of unemployed people this month in Michigan, causing the state’s unemployment rate to fall,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director of the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Payroll jobs rose for the sixth consecutive month during April.”

The national unemployment rate fell by one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.4 percent during April. Michigan’s April jobless rate was 0.4 percentage points above the U.S. rate. The national and statewide unemployment rates both demonstrated a rate reduction of two-tenths of a percentage point over the year.

Labor force trends and highlights

- Michigan’s April employment level of 4,682,000 was the largest employment total seen in the state since March 2020 (4,731,000).
- Total unemployment in the state decreased by 7.0 percent over the month, a reduction over twice the unemployment drop seen nationally (-3.1 percent).
- Although Michigan’s April 2023 rate of 3.8 percent matched its February 2020 pre-pandemic rate, the statewide labor force in April 2023 remained 72,000 below its February 2020 level.
- The statewide workforce advanced by 0.5 percent over the year, while the national workforce rose by 1.7 percent since April 2022.
- The April statewide labor force participation rate rose by three-tenths of a percentage point to 60.2 percent over the month, while Michigan’s employment-population ratio increased by 0.3 percentage points to 57.8 percent.

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**Michigan
Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted
(Data in Thousands)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,869	4,851	4,843	18	0.4%	26	0.5%
Employed	4,682	4,652	4,651	30	0.6%	31	0.7%
Unemployed	186	200	193	-14	-7.0%	-7	-3.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.1	4.0	-0.3	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Detroit metro area unemployment rate drops in April

The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area’s (MSA) seasonally adjusted employment total increased by 11,000 over the month, while unemployment declined by 7,000, resulting in a minor workforce gain and a jobless rate reduction during April.

The Detroit MSA unemployment rate was reduced by six-tenths of a percentage point over the year. Employment edged up by 3,000 and unemployment fell by 13,000, resulting in a labor force decline of 10,000 since April 2022.

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA
Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted
(Data in Thousands)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,111	2,107	2,121	4	0.2%	-10	-0.5%
Employed	2,044	2,033	2,041	11	0.5%	3	0.1%
Unemployed	67	74	80	-7	-9.5%	-13	-16.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.5	3.8	-0.3	XXX	-0.6	XXX

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Michigan payroll jobs edge up in April

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased slightly by 5,000, or 0.1 percent, over the month. Much of this month's employment increase came from the professional and business services sector while most other industries recorded only minor job changes.

Industry employment trends and highlights

- Total nonfarm jobs in the state rose for the sixth consecutive month during April.
- Michigan's professional and business services sector exhibited the largest numerical employment gain over the month, with employment rising by 3,000 since March.
- Statewide nonfarm employment rose by 61,000, or 1.4 percent, over the year.
- Industries with the largest numerical over-the-year employment gains included government (+19,000) and education and health services (+19,000).
- On a percentage basis, the state's construction industry demonstrated the largest over-the-year employment increase (+4.3 percent).
- As of April 2023, Michigan payroll jobs were still 30,000 below their February 2020 pre-pandemic level.
- Average weekly earnings in Michigan's manufacturing industry rose by nearly six percent over the year.

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**Michigan
Payroll Employment Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

(Data in Thousands)

	Apr** 2023	Mar* 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month***		Over the Year ***	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,420	4,415	4,359	5	0.1%	61	1.4%
Natural Resources and Mining	7	7	7	0	0.0%	0	2.8%
Construction	191	190	184	1	0.6%	8	4.3%
Manufacturing	608	607	602	1	0.1%	6	1.0%
Transportation Equipment	187	186	183	1	0.7%	4	2.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	810	810	808	0	0.0%	2	0.2%
Retail Trade	453	454	458	-1	-0.2%	-6	-1.2%
Information	57	57	56	-1	-0.9%	1	1.1%
Financial Activities	228	228	234	0	0.1%	-6	-2.5%
Professional and Business Services	663	660	661	3	0.4%	2	0.3%
Education and Health Services	677	676	658	2	0.3%	19	2.9%
Leisure and Hospitality Services	413	415	401	-2	-0.4%	12	3.0%
Other Services	161	161	163	0	-0.2%	-3	-1.7%
Government	605	603	585	1	0.2%	19	3.3%

* Revised data for March 2023

** Preliminary data for April 2023

*** Change calculated using unrounded data

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Michigan
Hours and Earnings for Production Workers
 Seasonally Adjusted

Manufacturing							
	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,087.17	\$1,065.89	\$1,027.91	21.28	2.0%	59.26	5.8%
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	40.3	41.9	0.7	1.7%	-0.9	-2.2%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing							
	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,348.30	\$1,270.10	\$1,206.81	78.20	6.2%	141.49	11.7%
Average Weekly Hours	44.9	42.1	41.0	2.8	6.7%	3.9	9.6%

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