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## Michigan jobless rate stays constant in April

**LANSING, Mich.** – Michigan’s seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 3.9 percent for the third consecutive month during April, according to data released today by the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. Employment and unemployment in the state both rose over the month, resulting in a workforce increase of 4,000 since March.

“Michigan’s jobless rate demonstrated little fluctuation during the first four months of 2024, staying at or below 4.0 percent,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for Michigan’s Center for Data and Analytics. “Nonfarm jobs rose by 37,000 since the start of 2024.”

The national jobless rate edged up by 0.1 percentage points to 3.9 percent over the month, matching the state rate in April. Over the year, the U.S. unemployment rate increased by 0.5 percentage points, while Michigan’s rate rose by 0.3 percentage points since April 2023.

### Labor force trends and highlights

- The statewide over-the-month minor workforce gain of 0.1 percent matched the labor force gain seen nationally.
- Over the year, total employment in the state advanced by 1.1 percent, an increase substantially larger than the employment addition in the U.S. (+0.3 percent).
- The April statewide labor force participation rate remained constant at 62.3 percent over the month. Michigan’s employment-population ratio was also stable, staying at 59.9 percent since March.

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**Michigan**  
**Labor Force Estimates**  
 Seasonally Adjusted  
 (Data in Thousands)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,051	5,047	4,984	4	0.1%	67	1.3%
Employed	4,856	4,852	4,804	4	0.1%	52	1.1%
Unemployed	196	194	180	2	1.0%	16	8.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.9	3.6	0.0	XXX	0.3	XXX

**Detroit metro area unemployment rate remains stable over month**

The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area’s (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.8 percent in April. The region’s labor force increased by 2,000 since March.

The Detroit MSA jobless rate advanced by 0.6 percentage points over the year. Employment rose by 25,000 and unemployment rose by 15,000 since April 2023.

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

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,206	2,204	2,167	2	0.1%	39	1.8%
Employed	2,123	2,121	2,098	2	0.1%	25	1.2%
Unemployed	84	83	69	1	1.2%	15	21.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.8	3.2	0.0	XXX	0.6	XXX

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## **Michigan payroll jobs advance in April**

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll jobs increased by 15,000, or 0.3 percent, over the month. Comparable to trends seen last month, employment growth during April was primarily driven by job additions within Michigan's construction industry.

## **Industry employment trends and highlights**

- Michigan total nonfarm jobs increased for the third consecutive month during April, with employment rising by 37,000, or 0.8 percent, since January.
- The state's construction and professional and business services sectors recorded the largest numerical job gains this month, with each industry adding 4,000 jobs in April.
- Michigan seasonally adjusted total nonfarm payroll jobs rose by 40,000, or 0.9 percent, over the year.
- The most significant over-the-year numerical industry job gains occurred in the state's government (+23,000) and private education and health services (+17,000) sectors.
- On a percentage basis, the state's construction sector saw the most notable industry employment gain over the year (+8.5 percent).

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**Michigan**  
**Payroll Employment Estimates**  
 Seasonally Adjusted  
 (Data in Thousands)

	Apr** 2024	Mar* 2024	Apr 2023	Over the Month***		Over the Year ***	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,494	4,479	4,455	15	0.3%	40	0.9%
Natural Resources and Mining	7	7	8	0	-1.4%	0	-2.7%
Construction	205	201	189	4	2.1%	16	8.5%
Manufacturing	611	610	618	1	0.2%	-7	-1.1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	820	818	812	3	0.3%	8	1.0%
Retail Trade	457	456	457	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
Information	58	58	58	0	0.2%	-1	-1.0%
Financial Activities	227	228	231	-1	-0.4%	-5	-2.1%
Professional and Business Services	650	646	663	4	0.6%	-14	-2.1%
Private Education and Health Services	701	700	684	1	0.2%	17	2.4%
Leisure and Hospitality Services	425	424	423	1	0.1%	2	0.4%
Other Services	170	169	170	0	0.2%	0	0.0%
Government	621	620	597	1	0.2%	23	3.9%

\* Revised data for March 2024

\*\* Preliminary data for April 2024

\*\*\* Change calculated using unrounded data

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