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## Michigan jobless rate unchanged during April

**LANSING, Mich.** – Michigan’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was steady over the month, remaining at 5.5 percent, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Employment edged down by 2,000 over the month and the number of unemployed people fell by 1,000, resulting in a workforce decline of 4,000 during April.

“Michigan added 11,000 payroll jobs in April with increases across several major sectors,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for Michigan’s Center for Data and Analytics. “The state’s unemployment rate remained flat over the month as the size of the labor force and the number of unemployed people experienced minimal reductions.”

The national unemployment rate remained stable at 4.2 percent over the month. Michigan’s April unemployment rate was 1.3 percentage points above the U.S. rate. Over the year, the national jobless rate advanced by three-tenths of a percentage point, while the statewide rate increased by 1.1 percentage points since April 2024.

### Labor force trends and highlights

- After three consecutive months of jobless rate gains, Michigan’s unemployment rate remained constant in April.
- Total unemployment in the state receded by 0.4 percent over the month, while the national unemployment level increased by 1.2 percent.
- Michigan’s labor force rose by 1.0 percent over the year, an increase nine-tenths of a percentage point below the national workforce gain (+1.9 percent).
- The April statewide labor force participation rate was unchanged over the month at 62.0 percent. Michigan’s employment-population ratio was stable at 58.6 percent during April.

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

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,097	5,101	5,048	-4	-0.1%	49	1.0%
Employed	4,820	4,822	4,828	-2	0.0%	-8	-0.2%
Unemployed	278	279	220	-1	-0.4%	58	26.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.5	4.4	0.0	XXX	1.1	XXX

**Detroit metro area jobless rate decreases in April**

The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined by two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.1 percent during April. Employment in the Detroit MSA increased by 5,000, while unemployment was reduced by 2,000, resulting in a labor force advance of 3,000 over the month.

Over the year, the Detroit MSA unemployment rate advanced by 1.0 percentage points. Employment declined by 13,000 and unemployment increased by 23,000 since April 2024.

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

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,192	2,189	2,183	3	0.1%	9	0.4%
Employed	2,079	2,074	2,092	5	0.2%	-13	-0.6%
Unemployed	113	115	90	-2	-1.7%	23	25.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.3	4.1	-0.2	XXX	1.0	XXX

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## **Payroll jobs increase during April**

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll jobs rose by 11,000, or 0.2 percent, during April. Most of this month's employment increase was due to job additions within the private education and health services sector, while several other industries recorded positive employment changes in April. No major industry sector recorded notable job losses this month.

## **Industry employment trends and highlights**

- Michigan's private education and health services sector exhibited the largest numerical employment gain both over the month (+3,000) and over the year (+21,000).
- Jobs advanced in the state's government sector for the sixth consecutive month, with employment rising by 9,000 since October 2024.
- Over the year, seasonally adjusted total nonfarm payroll jobs rose by 38,000, or 0.8 percent.
- Manufacturing employment rose by 2,000 this month but remained down 11,000 jobs since April 2024.

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

	Apr** 2025	Mar* 2025	Apr 2024	Over the Month***		Over the Year***	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,523	4,512	4,486	11	0.2%	38	0.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	7	7	7	0	-1.4%	0	-1.4%
Construction	201	199	196	2	1.0%	5	2.4%
Manufacturing	599	597	609	2	0.3%	-11	-1.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	811	811	810	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Retail Trade	454	454	455	0	0.0%	-1	-0.2%
Information	57	56	57	1	1.1%	0	0.7%
Financial Activities	239	239	233	0	0.0%	6	2.6%
Professional and Business Services	640	638	645	2	0.3%	-6	-0.9%
Private Education and Health Services	732	729	710	3	0.4%	21	3.0%
Leisure and Hospitality Services	433	433	428	0	0.1%	5	1.2%
Other Services	180	179	173	1	0.5%	7	3.9%
Government	626	624	616	1	0.2%	9	1.5%

\* Revised data for March 2025

\*\* Preliminary data for April 2025

\*\*\* Change calculated using unrounded data

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