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Michigan unemployment rate edges down in July

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan’s seasonally adjusted jobless rate decreased by one-tenth of a percentage point in July to 4.2 percent, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Statewide employment inched up by 8,000 and unemployment was reduced by 5,000, resulting in a minor workforce gain of 3,000 over the month.

“Michigan’s jobless rate slid down to 4.2 percent in July after lingering at 4.3 percent over the previous three months,” said Wayne Rourke, associate director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. “Payroll jobs advanced by 26,000 in July, reflecting gains throughout most major statewide industries.”

Similar to Michigan, the national jobless rate edged down by one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.5 percent in July. Michigan’s July unemployment rate was seven-tenths of a percentage point above the U.S. rate. The national rate declined by 1.9 percentage points over the year, while the statewide rate fell by 2.0 percentage points since July 2021.

Labor force trends and highlights

- The national workforce was unchanged over the month, a change comparable to the minor statewide workforce increase of 0.1 percent since June.
- Michigan’s over-the-year total unemployment reduction of 32.4 percent was slightly below the unemployment decrease observed nationally (-34.6 percent).
- The July statewide labor force participation rate of 60.1 percent was unchanged over the month. Michigan’s employment-population ratio edged up by one-tenth of a percentage point to 57.6 percent. Both July 2022 measures remained below their February 2020 values (61.1 percent and 58.8 percent, respectively).

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Michigan
Labor Force Estimates
 Seasonally Adjusted
 (Data in Thousands)

	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,859	4,856	4,791	3	0.1%	68	1.4%
Employed	4,657	4,649	4,492	8	0.2%	165	3.7%
Unemployed	202	207	299	-5	-2.4%	-97	-32.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.3	6.2	-0.1	XXX	-2.0	XXX

Detroit metro area unemployment rate declines in July

The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area’s seasonally adjusted jobless rate receded over the month to 4.1 percent. Decreases in the Detroit metro area’s employment and unemployment totals over the month resulted in a workforce drop of 9,000 since June.

The Detroit metro area unemployment rate fell by 2.5 percentage points over the year. Employment rose by 63,000, and total unemployment was reduced by 52,000 since July 2021.

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

	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,133	2,142	2,122	-9	-0.4%	11	0.5%
Employed	2,046	2,047	1,983	-1	0.0%	63	3.2%
Unemployed	87	95	139	-8	-8.4%	-52	-37.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.4	6.6	-0.3	XXX	-2.5	XXX

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Michigan payroll employment increases in July

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs advanced by 26,000, or 0.6 percent, between June and July, resulting in a payroll job total of 4,349,000. Job gains occurred throughout multiple industry sectors over the month.

Industry employment trends and highlights

- Statewide total nonfarm employment advanced for the second consecutive month during July.
- Michigan's leisure and hospitality sector exhibited the largest payroll employment increase over the month of 10,000, or 2.6 percent.
- After four months of job declines, the statewide retail trade sector exhibited an employment increase over the month of 2,000, or 0.5 percent.
- On a percentage basis, minor unrounded nonfarm job declines occurred in the information and financial activities industries during July.
- Michigan total nonfarm jobs advanced by 133,000, or 3.1 percent, over the year.
- On a numerical basis, the most pronounced over-the-year industry job gain occurred in the statewide professional and business services sector (+34,000).
- Statewide total payroll employment in July was 103,000, or 2.3 percent, below its February 2020 pre-pandemic level.

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**Michigan
Payroll Employment Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted
(Data in Thousands)

	July** 2022	June* 2022	July 2021	Over the Month***		Over the Year ***	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,349	4,324	4,217	26	0.6%	133	3.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	8	8	7	0	1.3%	1	13.2%
Construction	178	176	178	2	1.3%	0	0.2%
Manufacturing	606	605	578	1	0.1%	28	4.8%
Transportation Equipment	192	189	173	3	1.7%	20	11.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	803	799	778	4	0.6%	25	3.2%
Retail Trade	454	452	450	2	0.5%	4	0.9%
Information	56	56	52	0	-0.2%	4	7.1%
Financial Activities	237	238	233	0	-0.1%	4	1.8%
Professional and Business Services	664	661	630	3	0.5%	34	5.4%
Education and Health Services	658	656	652	2	0.3%	6	0.8%
Leisure and Hospitality Services	393	383	376	10	2.6%	17	4.6%
Other Services	162	161	155	0	0.2%	6	4.1%
Government	586	583	578	3	0.5%	8	1.3%

* Revised data for June 2022

** Preliminary data for July 2022

*** Change calculated using unrounded data

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Michigan
Hours and Earnings for Production Workers
 Seasonally Adjusted

Manufacturing							
	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,088.42	\$1,043.90	969.19	44.52	4.3%	119.23	12.3%
Average Weekly Hours	43.5	42.0	41.4	1.5	3.6%	2.1	5.0%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing							
	July 2022	June 2022	July 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,274.02	\$1,233.89	\$1,248.82	40.13	3.3%	25.20	2.0%
Average Weekly Hours	43.2	41.8	43.5	1.4	3.3%	-0.3	-0.6%

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