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Michigan jobless rate edges up in November

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate advanced by two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.3 percent between October and November, according to data released today by the Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Both total employment and unemployment in the state rose over the month, resulting in a labor force gain of 23,000 during November.

“Despite an uptick in the unemployment rate this month, Michigan’s labor market is rebounding from the auto-related strike and associated layoff activity,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Payroll jobs rose by 7,000 during November, with modest job gains seen in the state’s auto sector.”

The national jobless rate inched down by two-tenths of a percentage point to 3.7 percent in November. Michigan’s rate was 0.6 percentage points above the U.S. rate. The national unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point over the year, while Michigan’s rate was reduced by one-tenth of a percentage point since November 2022.

Labor force trends and highlights

- Michigan’s unemployment rate continued its upward trend for the fourth consecutive month during November.
- The state’s total workforce rose by 0.5 percent over the month, an increase comparable to the labor force advance observed nationally (+0.3 percent).
- Michigan’s over-the-year percentage employment gain of 4.3 percent was 2.1 percentage points above the U.S. total employment increase (+2.2 percent).
- The November statewide labor force participation rate increased by three-tenths of a percentage point to 62.1 percent over the month, while Michigan’s employment-population ratio rose by 0.2 percentage points to 59.5 percent.

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Michigan
Labor Force Estimates
Seasonally Adjusted
(Data in Thousands)

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,036	5,013	4,833	23	0.5%	203	4.2%
Employed	4,821	4,806	4,622	15	0.3%	199	4.3%
Unemployed	216	207	210	9	4.3%	6	2.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.1	4.4	0.2	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Detroit metro area jobless rate advances in November

The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by three-tenths of a percentage point during November to 4.1 percent. Employment in the region rose by 3,000 and unemployment advanced by 7,000, resulting in a workforce gain of 10,000 over the month.

The Detroit MSA unemployment rate increased by 0.4 percentage points over the year. Since November 2022, both total employment and unemployment rose, resulting in a regional labor force increase of 87,000 over the year.

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

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,188	2,178	2,101	10	0.5%	87	4.1%
Employed	2,098	2,095	2,023	3	0.1%	75	3.7%
Unemployed	90	83	78	7	8.4%	12	15.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.8	3.7	0.3	XXX	0.4	XXX

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Michigan payroll employment increases during November

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 7,000, or 0.2 percent, over the month, resulting in a job total of 4,423,000.

Industry employment trends and highlights

- Following the end of auto-related strike and layoff activity, Michigan's manufacturing sector exhibited the largest over-the-month numerical gain, with employment rising by 8,000 since October.
- Leisure and hospitality jobs decreased by 3,000 over the month and 6,000 over the year primarily due to the impact of the casino worker strike, which occurred during November.
- Payroll jobs in the state's transportation equipment manufacturing sector increased by 5,000, or 2.9 percent, during November.
- Over the year, Michigan total nonfarm employment rose by 34,000, or 0.8 percent.
- The most pronounced over-the-year numerical industry job gains occurred in the state's education and health services (+20,000) and government (+19,000) sectors.
- Average weekly earnings in Michigan's manufacturing industry rose by 1.6 percent over the month.

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Michigan **Payroll Employment Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted

(Data in Thousands)

	Nov** 2023	Oct* 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month***		Over the Year ***	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,423	4,416	4,389	7	0.2%	34	0.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	8	8	7	0	0.0%	0	4.1%
Construction	186	188	186	-3	-1.3%	0	-0.1%
Manufacturing	605	597	605	8	1.4%	0	0.0%
Transportation Equipment	181	176	185	5	2.9%	-4	-1.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	813	813	807	0	0.0%	6	0.8%
Retail Trade	456	457	455	0	-0.1%	2	0.3%
Information	57	57	57	0	0.2%	0	0.7%
Financial Activities	228	228	230	0	0.1%	-1	-0.6%
Professional and Business Services	653	653	657	0	0.0%	-4	-0.6%
Education and Health Services	688	685	668	3	0.4%	20	2.9%
Leisure and Hospitality Services	407	410	413	-3	-0.6%	-6	-1.5%
Other Services	161	161	161	0	-0.2%	0	-0.2%
Government	617	616	598	1	0.1%	19	3.2%

* Revised data for October 2023

** Preliminary data for November 2023

*** Change calculated using unrounded data

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Michigan
Hours and Earnings for Production Workers
Seasonally Adjusted

Manufacturing							
	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,039.52	\$1,023.00	\$1,097.67	16.52	1.6%	-58.15	-5.3%
Average Weekly Hours	39.4	39.4	42.0	0.0	0.0%	-2.6	-6.3%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing							
	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,099.71	\$1,105.80	\$1,344.71	-6.09	-0.6%	-245.00	-18.2%
Average Weekly Hours	37.9	37.4	44.1	0.5	1.3%	-6.2	-14.1%

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