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## **Michigan regional jobless rates move up seasonally in January**

**LANSING, Mich.** – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates rose in all 17 Michigan labor market areas between December and January, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan regional labor markets exhibited typical seasonal increases in unemployment rates in January,” said Wayne Rourke, associate director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. “January nonfarm job totals also fell seasonally in all Michigan metro areas.”

January regional unemployment rates ranged from 3.3 to 8.8 percent. Jobless rate advances ranged from 0.4 to 2.2 percentage points, with a median increase of 1.0 percentage point. The most pronounced over-the-month unemployment rate hike occurred in the Northeast Michigan region.

### **Annual average jobless rates decline in 2021**

Annual regional jobless rates in 2021 fell notably in all 17 labor market areas as Michigan continued to experience recalls of workers from layoffs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The most pronounced jobless rate reduction during 2021 occurred in the Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

### **Regional employment levels down over month, up over year**

Employment levels fell in 16 Michigan labor market areas in January, with a median decline of 0.8 percent. The most prominent over-the-month change was a seasonal employment reduction in the Lansing MSA (-2.8 percent). The Muskegon metro area was the only major labor market without an employment decline in January, recording no change over the month.

Sixteen labor market areas had employment advances since January 2021, with a significant median increase of 3.4 percent. The Detroit metro area exhibited the largest over-the-year employment gain (+5.7 percent). The Lansing MSA was the only region with a small over-the-year employment reduction, which was primarily related to an unusual seasonal job pattern in the state education sector.

### **Labor force levels mixed over month, up over year**

Nine regions recorded workforce advances over the month, led by the Muskegon MSA (+1.1 percent). Labor force totals moved down in seven areas over the month and remained unchanged in the Midland metro area.

Workforce levels rose in 12 labor market areas over the year, with the largest labor force hike occurring in the Detroit MSA (+3.1 percent).

### **Regional nonfarm jobs decline seasonally during January**

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll employment fell by 66,000, or 1.5 percent, over the month. This was similar to the seasonal reduction recorded in January 2021, but less than the January job drop in prior years. Employment declines occurred in most major statewide industries, especially trade, transportation, and utilities (-19,000), and government (-17,000).

All 14 metro areas exhibited payroll job decreases over the month, with a median reduction of 1.8 percent. The largest over-the-month job decline occurred in the Lansing MSA (-4.0 percent).

Statewide nonfarm jobs rose by 219,000, or 5.5 percent, since January 2021. All 14 metro regions registered employment advances during this period, with a median increase of 5.2 percent.

### **County unemployment rates advance over month, decline over year**

All 83 Michigan counties had jobless rate increases over the month with the largest rate hike occurring in Mackinac County. Unemployment rates fell in all Michigan counties over the year.

**Note:** Data in this release is not seasonally adjusted. As a result, employment and unemployment trends may differ from previously released Michigan seasonally adjusted data.

A breakdown of not seasonally adjusted January workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for January.

**Note to editors:** Please ensure that the source for state unemployment rates reads "Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget."

**Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	192,200	192,600	187,700	-400	-0.2%	4,500	2.4%
Employed	185,900	187,000	178,700	-1,100	-0.6%	7,200	4.0%
Unemployed	6,300	5,600	9,100	700	12.5%	-2,800	-30.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	2.9	4.8	0.4	XXX	-1.5	XXX

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**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	58,800	59,100	59,400	-300	-0.5%	-600	-1.0%
Employed	55,500	56,300	54,700	-800	-1.4%	800	1.5%
Unemployed	3,300	2,900	4,700	400	13.8%	-1,400	-29.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.8	7.9	0.8	XXX	-2.3	XXX

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**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	48,300	47,800	47,600	500	1.0%	700	1.5%
Employed	45,400	45,600	43,800	-200	-0.4%	1,600	3.7%
Unemployed	2,900	2,300	3,800	600	26.1%	-900	-23.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	4.8	7.9	1.2	XXX	-1.9	XXX

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**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

(Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, and St. Clair counties)

(Data in Thousands)

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,141	2,134	2,076	7	0.3%	65	3.1%
Employed	2,031	2,045	1,922	-14	-0.7%	109	5.7%
Unemployed	110	90	153	20	22.2%	-43	-28.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.2	7.4	1.0	XXX	-2.2	XXX

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**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	174,700	173,900	174,500	800	0.5%	200	0.1%
Employed	162,700	164,200	159,400	-1,500	-0.9%	3,300	2.1%
Unemployed	12,000	9,700	15,100	2,300	23.7%	-3,100	-20.5%
Unemployment Rate	6.9	5.6	8.7	1.3	XXX	-1.8	XXX

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**Grand Rapids - Wyoming MSA (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, and Ottawa counties)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	562,500	563,900	561,000	-1,400	-0.2%	1,500	0.3%
Employed	541,400	545,800	529,700	-4,400	-0.8%	11,700	2.2%
Unemployed	21,000	18,100	31,200	2,900	16.0%	-10,200	-32.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.2	5.6	0.5	XXX	-1.9	XXX

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**Jackson MSA** (Jackson County)

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	71,800	72,300	71,800	-500	-0.7%	0	0.0%
Employed	68,100	69,300	66,700	-1,200	-1.7%	1,400	2.1%
Unemployed	3,700	3,000	5,100	700	23.3%	-1,400	-27.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.2	7.0	1.0	XXX	-1.8	XXX

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**Kalamazoo - Portage MSA** (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	163,100	163,000	161,500	100	0.1%	1,600	1.0%
Employed	155,900	156,900	151,200	-1,000	-0.6%	4,700	3.1%
Unemployed	7,200	6,100	10,300	1,100	18.0%	-3,100	-30.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.7	6.4	0.7	XXX	-2.0	XXX

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**Lansing - East Lansing MSA** (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	230,800	234,400	234,400	-3,600	-1.5%	-3,600	-1.5%
Employed	219,700	226,000	220,800	-6,300	-2.8%	-1,100	-0.5%
Unemployed	11,100	8,400	13,500	2,700	32.1%	-2,400	-17.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	3.6	5.8	1.2	XXX	-1.0	XXX

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**Midland MSA (Midland County)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	38,200	38,200	38,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Employed	36,500	36,800	35,800	-300	-0.8%	700	2.0%
Unemployed	1,700	1,400	2,400	300	21.4%	-700	-29.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	3.7	6.2	0.8	XXX	-1.7	XXX

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**Monroe MSA (Monroe County)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	72,600	72,300	71,500	300	0.4%	1,100	1.5%
Employed	69,100	69,400	66,700	-300	-0.4%	2,400	3.6%
Unemployed	3,500	2,800	4,800	700	25.0%	-1,300	-27.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	3.9	6.7	0.9	XXX	-1.9	XXX

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**Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,100	75,300	74,500	800	1.1%	1,600	2.1%
Employed	71,200	71,200	67,800	0	0.0%	3,400	5.0%
Unemployed	4,900	4,100	6,700	800	19.5%	-1,800	-26.9%
Unemployment Rate	6.5	5.4	9.0	1.1	XXX	-2.5	XXX

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**Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	69,500	69,600	68,900	-100	-0.1%	600	0.9%
Employed	65,900	66,600	63,700	-700	-1.1%	2,200	3.5%
Unemployed	3,600	3,000	5,100	600	20.0%	-1,500	-29.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.3	7.5	0.9	XXX	-2.3	XXX

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**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,600	81,100	81,600	500	0.6%	0	0.0%
Employed	76,200	76,800	74,700	-600	-0.8%	1,500	2.0%
Unemployed	5,400	4,300	6,800	1,100	25.6%	-1,400	-20.6%
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.3	8.4	1.3	XXX	-1.8	XXX

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**Upper Peninsula Labor Market Area (LMA) (15 counties)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	130,500	129,300	127,700	1,200	0.9%	2,800	2.2%
Employed	122,300	122,800	117,700	-500	-0.4%	4,600	3.9%
Unemployed	8,200	6,500	10,000	1,700	26.2%	-1,800	-18.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.3	5.0	7.9	1.3	XXX	-1.6	XXX

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**Northeast Lower Michigan LMA**

(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon counties)

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	77,500	76,700	76,200	800	1.0%	1,300	1.7%
Employed	70,700	71,600	68,200	-900	-1.3%	2,500	3.7%
Unemployed	6,800	5,100	8,100	1,700	33.3%	-1,300	-16.0%
Unemployment Rate	8.8	6.6	10.6	2.2	XXX	-1.8	XXX

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**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties)

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	139,500	140,000	138,600	-500	-0.4%	900	0.6%
Employed	131,100	133,200	126,900	-2,100	-1.6%	4,200	3.3%
Unemployed	8,400	6,800	11,800	1,600	23.5%	-3,400	-28.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	4.8	8.5	1.2	XXX	-2.5	XXX

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**Michigan (Data in Thousands)**

	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,792	4,788	4,714	4	0.1%	78	1.7%
Employed	4,547	4,589	4,380	-42	-0.9%	167	3.8%
Unemployed	245	199	334	46	23.1%	-89	-26.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.2	7.1	0.9	XXX	-2.0	XXX

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**Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - January 2022**

1	Washtenaw County	3.3	43	Mecosta County	6.1
2	Ottawa County	3.4	44	Charlevoix County	6.2
3	Kent County	3.7	45	Missaukee County	6.2
4	Livingston County	3.7	46	Sanilac County	6.2
5	Oakland County	3.9	47	Tuscola County	6.3
6	St. Joseph County	3.9	48	Lapeer County	6.4
7	Clinton County	4.0	49	Otsego County	6.4
8	Kalamazoo County	4.0	50	Wayne County	6.4
9	Menominee County	4.1	51	Delta County	6.5
10	Allegan County	4.2	52	Muskegon County	6.5
11	Ionia County	4.2	53	Keweenaw County	6.6
12	Barry County	4.3	54	Saginaw County	6.6
13	Branch County	4.3	55	Mason County	6.8
14	Cass County	4.4	56	Benzie County	6.9
15	Dickinson County	4.5	57	Genesee County	6.9
16	Grand Traverse County	4.5	58	Iron County	6.9
17	Midland County	4.5	59	Gladwin County	7.3
18	Isabella County	4.7	60	Ontonagon County	7.3
19	Monroe County	4.8	61	Luce County	7.4
20	Houghton County	4.9	62	Manistee County	7.6
21	Ingham County	4.9	63	Antrim County	7.7
22	Lenawee County	4.9	64	Chippewa County	7.7
23	Macomb County	4.9	65	Emmet County	7.7
24	Gratiot County	5.0	66	Crawford County	7.9
25	Hillsdale County	5.0	67	Kalkaska County	8.1
26	Montcalm County	5.0	68	Iosco County	8.4
27	Eaton County	5.1	69	Lake County	8.4
28	Berrien County	5.2	70	Clare County	8.5
29	Jackson County	5.2	71	Alcona County	8.6
30	Leelanau County	5.2	72	Oceana County	8.6
31	Marquette County	5.3	73	Baraga County	8.8
32	Osceola County	5.3	74	Alger County	9.1
33	Alpena County	5.4	75	Ogemaw County	9.4
34	Newaygo County	5.4	76	Arenac County	9.9
35	Gogebic County	5.5	77	Oscoda County	9.9
36	Shiawassee County	5.5	78	Schoolcraft County	10.0
37	Calhoun County	5.6	79	Montmorency County	10.5
38	St. Clair County	5.6	80	Presque Isle County	10.9
39	Huron County	5.7	81	Roscommon County	11.7
40	Wexford County	5.7	82	Cheboygan County	12.9
41	Bay County	6.0	83	Mackinac County	17.0
42	Van Buren County	6.0			

**Note data revisions:**

The data in this release reflects recently revised historical estimates. All states in the nation participate in this revision process facilitated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor force estimates for Michigan counties have been revised for all months of 2021. Revised data will be released in coming weeks for 2010–2020.

In addition, all unadjusted payroll job data for Michigan and all metro areas was revised for 2020 and 2021. For certain industries with larger historical revisions, unadjusted payroll job data was revised for multiple years, some back to 1990. For newly revised data, visit [milmi.org/datasearch](http://milmi.org/datasearch).

Previously published data for these years should be discarded and replaced with these new series.

**An earlier issue with the monthly county estimates of employment and unemployment for January through August 2021 has been corrected with the annual revision process. Users may download the revised 2021 data from the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives [website](#). This revised data for all months of 2021 is fully comparable with the data for January 2022.**