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## **Regional Michigan unemployment rates rise in January**

**LANSING, Mich.** – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates rose in all 17 Michigan labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan’s regional labor markets experienced typical increases in unemployment rates in January,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director of the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Payroll job totals also fell seasonally in all Michigan metro areas over the month.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 3.5 to 9.5 percent during January. Jobless rate increases ranged from 0.5 to 2.0 percentage points, with a median increase of 1.0 percentage point. The largest over-the-month increase occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+2.0 percentage points).

### **Annual average jobless rates decrease in 2022**

Annual regional jobless rates fell in all 17 Michigan labor market areas since 2021. The most pronounced reductions were seen in the Detroit and Muskegon metro areas.

### **Total employment down over month, up over year**

Fourteen Michigan regions exhibited employment declines over the month, with a median decline of 0.5 percent. The Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA) demonstrated the largest employment reduction since December (-2.1 percent). The only metro areas to record an increase in employment were the Kalamazoo MSA (+0.1 percent) and the Midland MSA (+0.5 percent).

Employment advanced in 16 Michigan labor market areas over the year, with a median increase of 1.8 percent. The Lansing MSA had the largest employment gain since January 2022 (+5.2 percent).

### **Workforce levels up over month, up over year**

Labor force levels increased in 15 regions over the month, with a median advance of 0.7 percent. The most pronounced labor force hike occurred in both the Bay City MSA and Northeast Lower Michigan region (+1.4 percent).

Sixteen Michigan labor market areas exhibited labor force advances over the year, with a median increase of 2.0 percent. The Lansing MSA demonstrated the largest workforce increase since January 2022 (+5.2 percent).

### **Regional payroll employment levels fall in January**

The monthly survey of employers indicated that Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment dropped by 70,000, or 1.6 percent, over the month. The largest over-the-month employment losses occurred in the trade, transportation, and utilities (-18,000); government (-15,000); and professional and business services (-8,000) sectors.

Every metro area demonstrated payroll job reductions between December and January, with a median decrease of 1.4 percent. Payroll job declines ranged from -0.5 to -2.3 percent, with the largest employment dip occurring in the Flint MSA.

Michigan seasonally unadjusted total nonfarm employment rose by 101,000 over the year, or 2.4 percent. All 14 metro areas exhibited job advances over the year, with a median increase of 3.2 percent.

### **County jobless rates up over month and year**

All Michigan counties displayed an uptick in jobless rates between December and January, with a median increase of 1.2 percentage points. Jobless rates rose in 58 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.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 196,100      | 195,700      | 191,400      | 400            | 0.2%    | 4,700         | 2.5%    |
| Employed             | 189,200      | 189,800      | 184,900      | -600           | -0.3%   | 4,300         | 2.3%    |
| Unemployed           | 6,900        | 5,900        | 6,500        | 1,000          | 16.9%   | 400           | 6.2%    |
| Unemployment Rate    | 3.5          | 3.0          | 3.4          | 0.5            | XXX     | 0.1           | XXX     |

**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 59,900       | 59,500       | 59,000       | 400            | 0.7%    | 900           | 1.5%    |
| Employed             | 56,800       | 56,900       | 55,800       | -100           | -0.2%   | 1,000         | 1.8%    |
| Unemployed           | 3,100        | 2,500        | 3,200        | 600            | 24.0%   | -100          | -3.1%   |
| Unemployment Rate    | 5.1          | 4.3          | 5.4          | 0.8            | XXX     | -0.3          | XXX     |

**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 49,500       | 48,800       | 48,300       | 700            | 1.4%    | 1,200         | 2.5%    |
| Employed             | 46,300       | 46,400       | 45,400       | -100           | -0.2%   | 900           | 2.0%    |
| Unemployed           | 3,100        | 2,400        | 3,000        | 700            | 29.2%   | 100           | 3.3%    |
| Unemployment Rate    | 6.3          | 4.9          | 6.1          | 1.4            | XXX     | 0.2           | XXX     |

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

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

(Data in Thousands)

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 2,089        | 2,111        | 2,111        | -22            | -1.0%   | -22           | -1.0%   |
| Employed             | 2,000        | 2,043        | 2,009        | -43            | -2.1%   | -9            | -0.4%   |
| Unemployed           | 89           | 68           | 102          | 21             | 30.9%   | -13           | -12.7%  |
| Unemployment Rate    | 4.2          | 3.2          | 4.8          | 1.0            | XXX     | -0.6          | XXX     |

**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 178,400      | 177,900      | 175,800      | 500            | 0.3%    | 2,600         | 1.5%    |
| Employed             | 167,500      | 169,100      | 164,300      | -1,600         | -0.9%   | 3,200         | 1.9%    |
| Unemployed           | 10,900       | 8,800        | 11,500       | 2,100          | 23.9%   | -600          | -5.2%   |
| Unemployment Rate    | 6.1          | 4.9          | 6.5          | 1.2            | XXX     | -0.4          | XXX     |

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

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 584,700      | 581,300      | 571,500      | 3,400          | 0.6%    | 13,200        | 2.3%    |
| Employed             | 563,200      | 563,300      | 550,100      | -100           | 0.0%    | 13,100        | 2.4%    |
| Unemployed           | 21,600       | 18,000       | 21,400       | 3,600          | 20.0%   | 200           | 0.9%    |
| Unemployment Rate    | 3.7          | 3.1          | 3.7          | 0.6            | XXX     | 0.0           | XXX     |

**Jackson MSA (Jackson County)**

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 74,100       | 73,500       | 73,000       | 600            | 0.8%    | 1,100         | 1.5%    |
| Employed             | 70,500       | 70,500       | 69,300       | 0              | 0.0%    | 1,200         | 1.7%    |
| Unemployed           | 3,600        | 2,900        | 3,700        | 700            | 24.1%   | -100          | -2.7%   |
| Unemployment Rate    | 4.9          | 4.0          | 5.1          | 0.9            | XXX     | -0.2          | XXX     |

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

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 166,200      | 164,900      | 162,900      | 1,300          | 0.8%    | 3,300         | 2.0%    |
| Employed             | 158,600      | 158,500      | 155,700      | 100            | 0.1%    | 2,900         | 1.9%    |
| Unemployed           | 7,700        | 6,400        | 7,300        | 1,300          | 20.3%   | 400           | 5.5%    |
| Unemployment Rate    | 4.6          | 3.9          | 4.5          | 0.7            | XXX     | 0.1           | XXX     |

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

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 244,200      | 243,000      | 232,200      | 1,200          | 0.5%    | 12,000        | 5.2%    |
| Employed             | 232,100      | 234,500      | 220,700      | -2,400         | -1.0%   | 11,400        | 5.2%    |
| Unemployed           | 12,000       | 8,500        | 11,500       | 3,500          | 41.2%   | 500           | 4.3%    |
| Unemployment Rate    | 4.9          | 3.5          | 4.9          | 1.4            | XXX     | 0.0           | XXX     |

**Midland MSA (Midland County)**

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 40,000       | 39,500       | 39,000       | 500            | 1.3%    | 1,000         | 2.6%    |
| Employed             | 38,100       | 37,900       | 37,200       | 200            | 0.5%    | 900           | 2.4%    |
| Unemployed           | 2,000        | 1,600        | 1,800        | 400            | 25.0%   | 200           | 11.1%   |
| Unemployment Rate    | 4.9          | 4.0          | 4.6          | 0.9            | XXX     | 0.3           | XXX     |

**Monroe MSA (Monroe County)**

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 74,400       | 73,900       | 73,500       | 500            | 0.7%    | 900           | 1.2%    |
| Employed             | 70,600       | 70,900       | 69,900       | -300           | -0.4%   | 700           | 1.0%    |
| Unemployed           | 3,800        | 3,000        | 3,600        | 800            | 26.7%   | 200           | 5.6%    |
| Unemployment Rate    | 5.2          | 4.1          | 4.9          | 1.1            | XXX     | 0.3           | XXX     |

**Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)**

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 76,300       | 75,800       | 75,800       | 500            | 0.7%    | 500           | 0.7%    |
| Employed             | 72,200       | 72,300       | 71,300       | -100           | -0.1%   | 900           | 1.3%    |
| Unemployed           | 4,000        | 3,400        | 4,500        | 600            | 17.6%   | -500          | -11.1%  |
| Unemployment Rate    | 5.3          | 4.5          | 5.9          | 0.8            | XXX     | -0.6          | XXX     |

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

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 72,000       | 71,600       | 69,400       | 400            | 0.6%    | 2,600         | 3.7%    |
| Employed             | 68,200       | 68,400       | 65,800       | -200           | -0.3%   | 2,400         | 3.6%    |
| Unemployed           | 3,800        | 3,100        | 3,600        | 700            | 22.6%   | 200           | 5.6%    |
| Unemployment Rate    | 5.3          | 4.4          | 5.2          | 0.9            | XXX     | 0.1           | XXX     |

**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 83,100       | 82,500       | 82,900       | 600            | 0.7%    | 200           | 0.2%    |
| Employed             | 77,900       | 78,300       | 77,700       | -400           | -0.5%   | 200           | 0.3%    |
| Unemployed           | 5,300        | 4,300        | 5,200        | 1,000          | 23.3%   | 100           | 1.9%    |
| Unemployment Rate    | 6.3          | 5.2          | 6.2          | 1.1            | XXX     | 0.1           | XXX     |

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

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 132,500      | 131,600      | 131,000      | 900            | 0.7%    | 1,500         | 1.1%    |
| Employed             | 123,000      | 123,900      | 122,500      | -900           | -0.7%   | 500           | 0.4%    |
| Unemployed           | 9,500        | 7,700        | 8,600        | 1,800          | 23.4%   | 900           | 10.5%   |
| Unemployment Rate    | 7.2          | 5.8          | 6.6          | 1.4            | XXX     | 0.6           | XXX     |

**Northeast Lower Michigan LMA**

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

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 80,200       | 79,100       | 78,400       | 1,100          | 1.4%    | 1,800         | 2.3%    |
| Employed             | 72,600       | 73,200       | 71,400       | -600           | -0.8%   | 1,200         | 1.7%    |
| Unemployed           | 7,600        | 5,900        | 7,000        | 1,700          | 28.8%   | 600           | 8.6%    |
| Unemployment Rate    | 9.5          | 7.5          | 8.9          | 2.0            | XXX     | 0.6           | XXX     |

**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

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

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 143,200      | 143,200      | 140,300      | 0              | 0.0%    | 2,900         | 2.1%    |
| Employed             | 134,300      | 136,000      | 131,900      | -1,700         | -1.3%   | 2,400         | 1.8%    |
| Unemployed           | 8,900        | 7,200        | 8,500        | 1,700          | 23.6%   | 400           | 4.7%    |
| Unemployment Rate    | 6.2          | 5.0          | 6.0          | 1.2            | XXX     | 0.2           | XXX     |

**Michigan (Data in Thousands)**

|                      | Jan.<br>2023 | Dec.<br>2022 | Jan.<br>2022 | Over the Month |         | Over the Year |         |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
|                      |              |              |              | Numeric        | Percent | Numeric       | Percent |
| Civilian Labor Force | 4,814        | 4,821        | 4,780        | -7             | -0.1%   | 34            | 0.7%    |
| Employed             | 4,584        | 4,640        | 4,542        | -56            | -1.2%   | 42            | 0.9%    |
| Unemployed           | 230          | 181          | 238          | 49             | 27.1%   | -8            | -3.4%   |
| Unemployment Rate    | 4.8          | 3.8          | 5.0          | 1.0            | XXX     | -0.2          | XXX     |



**Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - January 2023**

|    |                       |     |    |                     |      |
|----|-----------------------|-----|----|---------------------|------|
| 1  | Oakland County        | 3.4 | 43 | Huron County        | 6.1  |
| 2  | Livingston County     | 3.4 | 44 | Otsego County       | 6.3  |
| 3  | Washtenaw County      | 3.5 | 45 | Saginaw County      | 6.3  |
| 4  | Ottawa County         | 3.5 | 46 | Bay County          | 6.3  |
| 5  | Kent County           | 3.6 | 47 | Charlevoix County   | 6.4  |
| 6  | Kalamazoo County      | 4.1 | 48 | Gogebic County      | 6.4  |
| 7  | Macomb County         | 4.2 | 49 | Missaukee County    | 6.4  |
| 8  | Allegan County        | 4.3 | 50 | Van Buren County    | 6.5  |
| 9  | Grand Traverse County | 4.4 | 51 | Tuscola County      | 6.7  |
| 10 | Barry County          | 4.5 | 52 | Mecosta County      | 6.8  |
| 11 | Clinton County        | 4.5 | 53 | Sanilac County      | 6.8  |
| 12 | Ionia County          | 4.6 | 54 | Delta County        | 6.9  |
| 13 | Dickinson County      | 4.7 | 55 | Mason County        | 7.2  |
| 14 | Branch County         | 4.9 | 56 | Benzie County       | 7.5  |
| 15 | Jackson County        | 4.9 | 57 | Gladwin County      | 7.6  |
| 16 | Midland County        | 4.9 | 58 | Kalkaska County     | 7.9  |
| 17 | Ingham County         | 4.9 | 59 | Antrim County       | 7.9  |
| 18 | Hillsdale County      | 5.0 | 60 | Iron County         | 8.0  |
| 19 | Menominee County      | 5.0 | 61 | Ontonagon County    | 8.2  |
| 20 | Lenawee County        | 5.0 | 62 | Manistee County     | 8.2  |
| 21 | Wayne County          | 5.0 | 63 | Keweenaw County     | 8.3  |
| 22 | St. Clair County      | 5.0 | 64 | Crawford County     | 8.5  |
| 23 | Calhoun County        | 5.1 | 65 | Chippewa County     | 8.5  |
| 24 | Leelanau County       | 5.1 | 66 | Emmet County        | 8.5  |
| 25 | Monroe County         | 5.2 | 67 | Luce County         | 8.7  |
| 26 | Eaton County          | 5.2 | 68 | Iosco County        | 8.7  |
| 27 | Muskegon County       | 5.3 | 69 | Oceana County       | 8.7  |
| 28 | Berrien County        | 5.3 | 70 | Baraga County       | 8.8  |
| 29 | Newaygo County        | 5.4 | 71 | Alcona County       | 9.1  |
| 30 | Montcalm County       | 5.4 | 72 | Clare County        | 9.1  |
| 31 | Gratiot County        | 5.4 | 73 | Lake County         | 9.3  |
| 32 | Isabella County       | 5.5 | 74 | Ogemaw County       | 10.0 |
| 33 | Houghton County       | 5.7 | 75 | Alger County        | 10.3 |
| 34 | Osceola County        | 5.7 | 76 | Montmorency County  | 10.3 |
| 35 | Cass County           | 5.7 | 77 | Oscoda County       | 10.5 |
| 36 | Wexford County        | 5.8 | 78 | Arenac County       | 10.5 |
| 37 | Shiawassee County     | 5.8 | 79 | Roscommon County    | 11.6 |
| 38 | Alpena County         | 5.9 | 80 | Schoolcraft County  | 11.9 |
| 39 | Lapeer County         | 5.9 | 81 | Presque Isle County | 12.5 |
| 40 | St. Joseph County     | 5.9 | 82 | Cheboygan County    | 15.3 |
| 41 | Marquette County      | 6.0 | 83 | Mackinac County     | 21.2 |
| 42 | Genesee County        | 6.1 |    |                     |      |

**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. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor force estimates for Michigan counties have been revised for all months of 2022. Revised data will be released in coming weeks for 2018–2021.

In addition, all unadjusted payroll job data for Michigan and all metro areas was revised for 2021 and 2022. For certain industries with larger historical revisions, unadjusted payroll job data was revised for multiple years, some back to 1990. For newly revised data, go to [MILMI.org/DataSearch](https://MILMI.org/DataSearch).

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