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Regional Michigan unemployment rates increase seasonally 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 Center for Data and Analytics.

“All Michigan labor market areas exhibited typical seasonal unemployment rate increases in January,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “January nonfarm jobs also fell across all Michigan metro areas over the month.”

Regional unemployment rates in the state ranged from 2.9 to 7.3 percent during January. Rate increases ranged from 0.2 to 0.7 percentage points, with a median increase of 0.5 percentage points. The largest over-the-month increase occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region.

Annual average unemployment rates down over year

Annual regional unemployment rates fell in all 17 Michigan regions over the year, with a median decrease of 0.2 percentage points. The most pronounced over-the-year rate reduction occurred in the Muskegon metro area (-0.6 percentage points).

Total employment down over month, up over year

Employment levels receded in 15 Michigan labor market areas during January, with a median reduction of 0.4 percent. The largest employment decrease occurred in the Lansing metropolitan statistical area (MSA). Total employment in the Ann Arbor and Midland MSAs remained unchanged since December 2023.

All 17 Michigan labor market areas demonstrated employment advances over the year, with a median increase of 2.4 percent. The Niles metro area demonstrated the largest over-the-year employment gain (+4.6 percent).

Workforce level trends mixed over month, up over year

Regional labor force totals fell in nine Michigan regions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.3 percent. The most prominent over-the-month decrease occurred in the Lansing metro area (-1.9 percent). Workforce levels advanced in eight labor market areas in January, with a median increase of 0.3 percent.

All 17 Michigan labor market areas exhibited labor force gains over the year, with a median increase of 1.4 percent. The largest over-the-year workforce advance occurred in the Niles MSA (+3.8 percent).

Regional nonfarm employment declines in January

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll jobs fell by 100,000, or 2.2 percent, over the month. Industries with the most prominent over-the-month reductions included trade, transportation, and utilities (-21,000) and government (-20,000).

All 14 Michigan metro areas demonstrated payroll job decreases over the month, with a median reduction of 2.0 percent. The largest nonfarm employment decline occurred in the Lansing MSA (-4.5 percent).

Michigan total nonfarm jobs increased by 24,000 over the year, or 0.6 percent. Twelve metro areas demonstrated job gains since January 2023, with a median increase of 1.6 percent.

County jobless rates up over month, down over year

Eighty-two Michigan counties displayed unemployment rate increases during January, with a median increase of 0.5 percentage points. Eighty Michigan counties exhibited unemployment rate reductions since January 2023.

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. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	201,800	201,500	196,600	300	0.1%	5,200	2.6%
Employed	196,000	196,000	189,900	0	0.0%	6,100	3.2%
Unemployed	5,800	5,500	6,700	300	5.5%	-900	-13.4%
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.7	3.4	0.2	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	61,400	61,500	61,000	-100	-0.2%	400	0.7%
Employed	58,800	59,000	58,000	-200	-0.3%	800	1.4%
Unemployed	2,600	2,400	3,000	200	8.3%	-400	-13.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.0	4.8	0.2	XXX	-0.6	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,000	49,800	49,200	200	0.4%	800	1.6%
Employed	47,400	47,500	46,200	-100	-0.2%	1,200	2.6%
Unemployed	2,600	2,300	3,000	300	13.0%	-400	-13.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.5	6.1	0.6	XXX	-1.0	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,193	2,205	2,130	-12	-0.5%	63	3.0%
Employed	2,107	2,132	2,044	-25	-1.2%	63	3.1%
Unemployed	86	73	85	13	17.8%	1	1.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.3	4.0	0.6	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	182,900	183,200	181,100	-300	-0.2%	1,800	1.0%
Employed	173,900	175,100	170,600	-1,200	-0.7%	3,300	1.9%
Unemployed	9,000	8,000	10,500	1,000	12.5%	-1,500	-14.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.4	5.8	0.5	XXX	-0.9	XXX

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

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	602,100	603,100	595,500	-1,000	-0.2%	6,600	1.1%
Employed	584,200	586,000	574,700	-1,800	-0.3%	9,500	1.7%
Unemployed	17,900	17,100	20,800	800	4.7%	-2,900	-13.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.8	3.5	0.2	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,200	75,100	74,100	100	0.1%	1,100	1.5%
Employed	72,300	72,400	70,600	-100	-0.1%	1,700	2.4%
Unemployed	3,000	2,700	3,500	300	11.1%	-500	-14.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.6	4.7	0.3	XXX	-0.8	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	169,200	169,500	168,300	-300	-0.2%	900	0.5%
Employed	163,000	163,600	160,900	-600	-0.4%	2,100	1.3%
Unemployed	6,200	5,900	7,400	300	5.1%	-1,200	-16.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.5	4.4	0.2	XXX	-0.7	XXX

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

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	250,200	255,000	244,300	-4,800	-1.9%	5,900	2.4%
Employed	241,000	247,200	232,700	-6,200	-2.5%	8,300	3.6%
Unemployed	9,200	7,800	11,600	1,400	17.9%	-2,400	-20.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.1	4.8	0.6	XXX	-1.1	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	40,500	40,300	40,300	200	0.5%	200	0.5%
Employed	38,900	38,900	38,400	0	0.0%	500	1.3%
Unemployed	1,600	1,400	1,900	200	14.3%	-300	-15.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.5	4.7	0.4	XXX	-0.8	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,100	77,900	75,500	200	0.3%	2,600	3.4%
Employed	74,900	75,000	71,800	-100	-0.1%	3,100	4.3%
Unemployed	3,300	2,900	3,700	400	13.8%	-400	-10.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.7	4.9	0.5	XXX	-0.7	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,200	79,500	76,900	-300	-0.4%	2,300	3.0%
Employed	75,800	76,300	73,100	-500	-0.7%	2,700	3.7%
Unemployed	3,400	3,200	3,900	200	6.3%	-500	-12.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.0	5.0	0.2	XXX	-0.8	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	74,400	74,200	71,700	200	0.3%	2,700	3.8%
Employed	71,200	71,300	68,100	-100	-0.1%	3,100	4.6%
Unemployed	3,200	2,800	3,700	400	14.3%	-500	-13.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	3.8	5.1	0.5	XXX	-0.8	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,100	84,400	83,200	-300	-0.4%	900	1.1%
Employed	79,800	80,400	78,100	-600	-0.7%	1,700	2.2%
Unemployed	4,300	3,900	5,100	400	10.3%	-800	-15.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.7	6.1	0.4	XXX	-1.0	XXX

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

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	136,400	135,900	135,000	500	0.4%	1,400	1.0%
Employed	128,800	129,100	125,800	-300	-0.2%	3,000	2.4%
Unemployed	7,600	6,800	9,200	800	11.8%	-1,600	-17.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.0	6.8	0.6	XXX	-1.2	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	82,500	82,200	81,400	300	0.4%	1,100	1.4%
Employed	76,500	76,800	74,000	-300	-0.4%	2,500	3.4%
Unemployed	6,000	5,400	7,300	600	11.1%	-1,300	-17.8%
Unemployment Rate	7.3	6.6	9.0	0.7	XXX	-1.7	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	146,200	146,700	145,200	-500	-0.3%	1,000	0.7%
Employed	139,000	140,300	136,600	-1,300	-0.9%	2,400	1.8%
Unemployed	7,200	6,400	8,600	800	12.5%	-1,400	-16.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.3	5.9	0.6	XXX	-1.0	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Jan. 2024	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,992	5,010	4,891	-18	-0.4%	101	2.1%
Employed	4,792	4,833	4,669	-41	-0.8%	123	2.6%
Unemployed	201	177	222	24	13.6%	-21	-9.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.5	4.5	0.5	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - January 2024

1	Kent County	2.9	43	Genesee County	4.9
2	Livingston County	2.9	44	Van Buren County	5.0
3	Ottawa County	2.9	45	Bay County	5.1
4	Washtenaw County	2.9	46	Saginaw County	5.1
5	Oakland County	3.1	47	Charlevoix County	5.2
6	Kalamazoo County	3.3	48	Missaukee County	5.2
7	Allegan County	3.4	49	Osceola County	5.2
8	Clinton County	3.4	50	Mecosta County	5.4
9	Barry County	3.5	51	Tuscola County	5.4
10	Grand Traverse County	3.5	52	Benzie County	5.5
11	Branch County	3.6	53	Delta County	5.5
12	Ionia County	3.6	54	Mason County	5.5
13	Menominee County	3.6	55	Keweenaw County	5.7
14	Ingham County	3.7	56	Lapeer County	5.7
15	Macomb County	3.7	57	Ontonagon County	5.7
16	Dickinson County	3.8	58	Sanilac County	5.7
17	Eaton County	3.8	59	Kalkaska County	5.9
18	Jackson County	3.9	60	Antrim County	6.0
19	Midland County	3.9	61	Gladwin County	6.1
20	Leelanau County	4.0	62	Iron County	6.2
21	St. Joseph County	4.1	63	Luce County	6.3
22	Calhoun County	4.2	64	Crawford County	6.4
23	Monroe County	4.2	65	Baraga County	6.5
24	Muskegon County	4.2	66	Manistee County	6.7
25	Berrien County	4.3	67	Clare County	6.8
26	Cass County	4.3	68	Emmet County	6.8
27	Hillsdale County	4.3	69	Iosco County	6.8
28	Houghton County	4.3	70	Lake County	6.8
29	Isabella County	4.3	71	Chippewa County	6.9
30	Lenawee County	4.3	72	Oceana County	7.1
31	Montcalm County	4.3	73	Ogemaw County	7.6
32	Newaygo County	4.3	74	Alcona County	8.0
33	St. Clair County	4.3	75	Arenac County	8.1
34	Alpena County	4.4	76	Roscommon County	8.1
35	Gratiot County	4.4	77	Oscoda County	8.6
36	Marquette County	4.5	78	Montmorency County	9.0
37	Shiawassee County	4.6	79	Alger County	9.2
38	Gogebic County	4.7	80	Presque Isle County	9.4
39	Huron County	4.7	81	Schoolcraft County	9.5
40	Otsego County	4.7	82	Cheboygan County	12.7
41	Wayne County	4.7	83	Mackinac County	17.0
42	Wexford County	4.8			

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 2023. Revised data will be released in coming weeks for 2019–2022.

In addition, all unadjusted payroll job data for Michigan and all metro areas was revised for 2022 and 2023. 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 www.milmi.org/datasearch.

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