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Regional Michigan unemployment rates advance in January

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates rose in all 18 Michigan labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“In January, Michigan labor market areas demonstrated typical seasonal unemployment rate increases along with the usual winter reduction in payroll jobs,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Over the year, payroll jobs and workforce levels have increased throughout the state’s metro areas.”

Regional unemployment rates in the state ranged from 4.5 to 10.4 percent during January. Rate increases ranged from 0.4 to 1.6 percentage points, with a median increase of 0.8 percentage points. The largest over-the-month increase occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region.

Annual average unemployment rates advance in 2024

Annual regional unemployment rates rose in all 18 Michigan regions between 2023 and 2024, with a median increase of 0.7 percentage points. The most pronounced over-the-year rate gain occurred in the Monroe metro area (+1.0 percentage points)

Total employment down over month, up over year

Employment levels decreased in 13 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median reduction of 0.8 percent. The largest employment decrease occurred in the Lansing metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

Sixteen Michigan labor market areas demonstrated employment advances over the year, with a median increase of 1.4 percent. The Traverse City metro area exhibited the largest employment gain since January 2024 (+3.1 percent).

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Regional labor force levels up over month and year

Regional workforce totals rose in 13 Michigan regions over the month, with a median increase of 0.6 percent. The most prominent over-the-month workforce gain occurred in the Bay City metro area (+1.4 percent). Workforce levels receded in four labor market areas in January and remained unchanged in the Muskegon MSA.

All 18 Michigan labor market areas exhibited labor force gains over the year, with a median increase of 3.2 percent. The largest over-the-year workforce advance occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+4.8 percent).

Regional nonfarm employment recedes in January

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll jobs fell by 82,000, or 1.8 percent, over the month. Industries with the largest over-the-month reductions included trade, transportation, and utilities (-24,000) and government (-15,000).

All 15 Michigan metro areas demonstrated payroll job decreases over the month, with a median reduction of 1.9 percent. The largest nonfarm employment decline occurred in the Lansing MSA (-3.9 percent).

Michigan total nonfarm jobs increased by 42,000 over the year, or 1.0 percent. All 15 metro areas demonstrated job gains since January 2024, with a median increase of 1.4 percent.

County jobless rates up over month and year

Eighty-two Michigan counties displayed unemployment rate gains during January, with a median increase of 1.0 percentage points. All 83 Michigan counties exhibited unemployment rate increases since January 2024.

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 18 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.”

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Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	211,300	210,100	205,400	1,200	0.6%	5,900	2.9%
Employed	201,800	201,900	199,300	-100	0.0%	2,500	1.3%
Unemployed	9,500	8,200	6,100	1,300	15.9%	3,400	55.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	3.9	3.0	0.6	XXX	1.5	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	64,600	64,800	62,200	-200	-0.3%	2,400	3.9%
Employed	60,600	61,200	59,400	-600	-1.0%	1,200	2.0%
Unemployed	4,000	3,700	2,800	300	8.1%	1,200	42.9%
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.7	4.5	0.4	XXX	1.6	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	51,300	50,600	49,700	700	1.4%	1,600	3.2%
Employed	47,600	47,600	46,900	0	0.0%	700	1.5%
Unemployed	3,700	3,000	2,700	700	23.3%	1,000	37.0%
Unemployment Rate	7.2	5.9	5.5	1.3	XXX	1.7	XXX

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Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,193	2,173	2,172	20	0.9%	21	1.0%
Employed	2,071	2,071	2,086	0	0.0%	-15	-0.7%
Unemployed	122	102	87	20	19.6%	35	40.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.7	4.0	0.9	XXX	1.6	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	192,100	190,800	185,300	1,300	0.7%	6,800	3.7%
Employed	178,100	179,200	175,700	-1,100	-0.6%	2,400	1.4%
Unemployed	14,000	11,600	9,600	2,400	20.7%	4,400	45.8%
Unemployment Rate	7.3	6.1	5.2	1.2	XXX	2.1	XXX

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

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	633,500	630,700	623,000	2,800	0.4%	10,500	1.7%
Employed	603,600	603,500	602,400	100	0.0%	1,200	0.2%
Unemployed	30,000	27,200	20,600	2,800	10.3%	9,400	45.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.3	3.3	0.4	XXX	1.4	XXX

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Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,700	75,300	74,000	400	0.5%	1,700	2.3%
Employed	71,000	71,300	70,800	-300	-0.4%	200	0.3%
Unemployed	4,600	4,000	3,200	600	15.0%	1,400	43.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.3	4.3	0.8	XXX	1.8	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo County)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	142,400	142,000	138,700	400	0.3%	3,700	2.7%
Employed	135,500	135,700	134,000	-200	-0.1%	1,500	1.1%
Unemployed	6,900	6,400	4,700	500	7.8%	2,200	46.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.5	3.4	0.4	XXX	1.5	XXX

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

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	255,800	260,900	247,700	-5,100	-2.0%	8,100	3.3%
Employed	242,900	249,100	238,000	-6,200	-2.5%	4,900	2.1%
Unemployed	12,900	11,800	9,700	1,100	9.3%	3,200	33.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.5	3.9	0.5	XXX	1.1	XXX

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Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	44,000	43,600	42,200	400	0.9%	1,800	4.3%
Employed	41,600	41,500	40,500	100	0.2%	1,100	2.7%
Unemployed	2,500	2,100	1,700	400	19.0%	800	47.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.8	4.0	0.8	XXX	1.6	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,300	79,600	78,300	700	0.9%	2,000	2.6%
Employed	74,800	75,400	74,800	-600	-0.8%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	5,500	4,200	3,500	1,300	31.0%	2,000	57.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.8	5.3	4.5	1.5	XXX	2.3	XXX

Muskegon–Norton Shores MSA (Muskegon County)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,900	85,900	83,300	0	0.0%	2,600	3.1%
Employed	80,500	80,800	79,700	-300	-0.4%	800	1.0%
Unemployed	5,400	5,000	3,600	400	8.0%	1,800	50.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.2	5.8	4.3	0.4	XXX	1.9	XXX

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Niles MSA (Berrien County)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,900	77,300	74,600	-400	-0.5%	2,300	3.1%
Employed	72,100	73,000	71,200	-900	-1.2%	900	1.3%
Unemployed	4,800	4,300	3,400	500	11.6%	1,400	41.2%
Unemployment Rate	6.2	5.6	4.6	0.6	XXX	1.6	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,500	86,000	84,200	500	0.6%	2,300	2.7%
Employed	79,900	80,600	79,600	-700	-0.9%	300	0.4%
Unemployed	6,600	5,500	4,600	1,100	20.0%	2,000	43.5%
Unemployment Rate	7.6	6.3	5.4	1.3	XXX	2.2	XXX

Traverse City MSA

(Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau counties)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,600	81,800	78,000	-200	-0.2%	3,600	4.6%
Employed	77,000	77,800	74,700	-800	-1.0%	2,300	3.1%
Unemployed	4,500	4,000	3,400	500	12.5%	1,100	32.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.9	4.3	0.7	XXX	1.3	XXX

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

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	142,400	141,000	136,300	1,400	1.0%	6,100	4.5%
Employed	131,200	131,000	128,000	200	0.2%	3,200	2.5%
Unemployed	11,300	10,000	8,300	1,300	13.0%	3,000	36.1%
Unemployment Rate	7.9	7.1	6.1	0.8	XXX	1.8	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,900	86,400	82,900	500	0.6%	4,000	4.8%
Employed	77,800	78,800	76,400	-1,000	-1.3%	1,400	1.8%
Unemployed	9,100	7,600	6,500	1,500	19.7%	2,600	40.0%
Unemployment Rate	10.4	8.8	7.9	1.6	XXX	2.5	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	157,900	157,500	152,100	400	0.3%	5,800	3.8%
Employed	147,500	148,600	144,400	-1,100	-0.7%	3,100	2.1%
Unemployed	10,400	8,900	7,700	1,500	16.9%	2,700	35.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.7	5.1	0.9	XXX	1.5	XXX

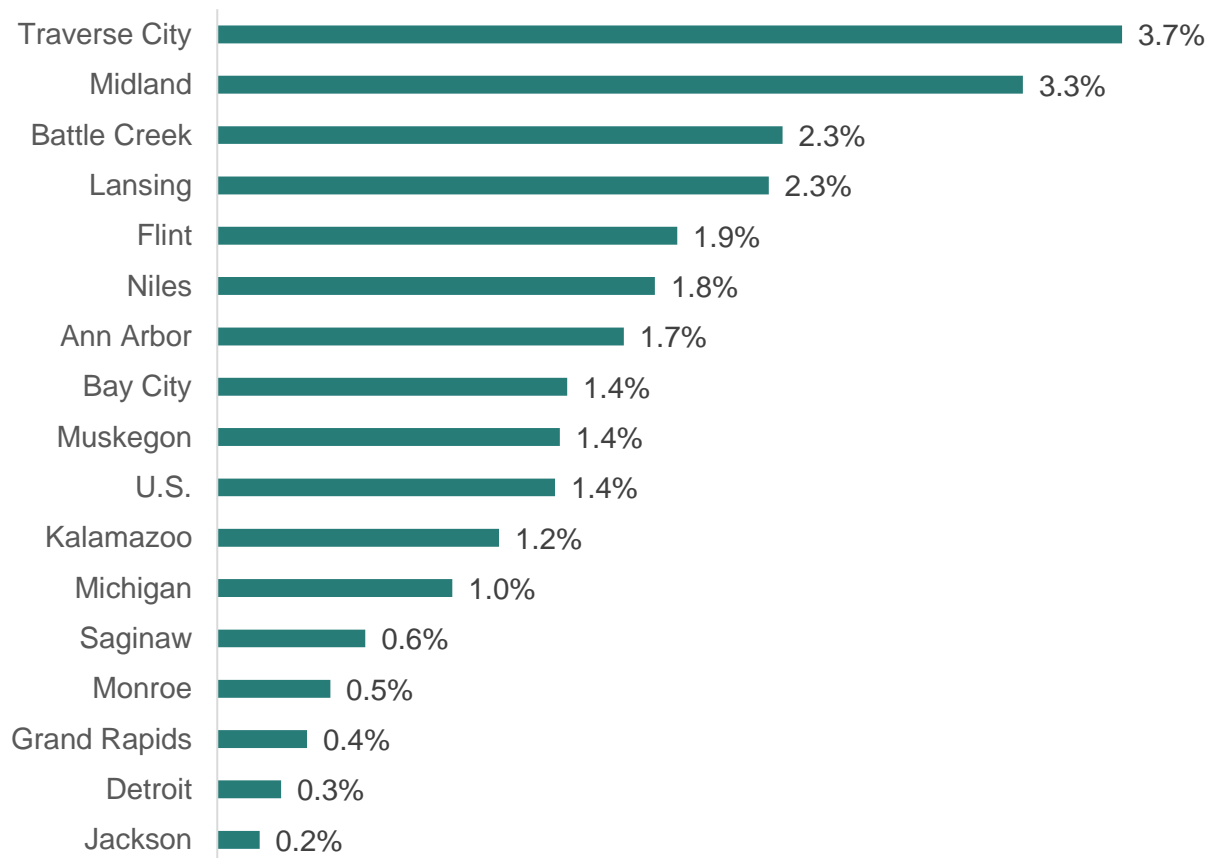
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Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Jan. 2025	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,083	5,056	4,981	27	0.5%	102	2.0%
Employed	4,785	4,802	4,771	-17	-0.4%	14	0.3%
Unemployed	298	254	210	44	17.3%	88	41.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.0	4.2	0.9	XXX	1.7	XXX

Metro Area Over-the-Year Payroll Jobs Change, January 2025

Not Seasonally Adjusted



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Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - January 2025

1	Livingston County	3.8	43	Bay County	7.2
2	Oakland County	4.1	44	Otsego County	7.2
3	Ottawa County	4.5	45	Genesee County	7.3
4	Washtenaw County	4.5	46	Wexford County	7.3
5	Kent County	4.6	47	Benzie County	7.4
6	Clinton County	4.7	48	Missaukee County	7.4
7	Grand Traverse County	4.8	49	Saginaw County	7.6
8	Kalamazoo County	4.9	50	Kalkaska County	7.7
9	Eaton County	5.0	51	Delta County	7.9
10	Ingham County	5.1	52	Mason County	8.0
11	Branch County	5.2	53	Ontonagon County	8.0
12	Allegan County	5.3	54	Tuscola County	8.0
13	Ionia County	5.5	55	Huron County	8.1
14	Barry County	5.6	56	Emmet County	8.2
15	Macomb County	5.6	57	Manistee County	8.2
16	Menominee County	5.6	58	Antrim County	8.3
17	Midland County	5.6	59	Gladwin County	8.4
18	Dickinson County	5.7	60	Crawford County	8.5
19	Leelanau County	5.7	61	Keweenaw County	8.5
20	St. Clair County	5.9	62	Mecosta County	8.7
21	Montcalm County	6.0	63	Sanilac County	8.9
22	Calhoun County	6.1	64	Osceola County	9.0
23	Cass County	6.1	65	Chippewa County	9.2
24	Houghton County	6.1	66	Lake County	9.4
25	Isabella County	6.1	67	Luce County	9.5
26	Jackson County	6.1	68	Clare County	9.6
27	Lenawee County	6.1	69	Baraga County	9.7
28	Berrien County	6.2	70	Iron County	10.1
29	Hillsdale County	6.2	71	Arenac County	10.4
30	Muskegon County	6.2	72	Oceana County	10.5
31	St. Joseph County	6.3	73	Roscommon County	10.5
32	Gratiot County	6.5	74	Montmorency County	10.9
33	Gogebic County	6.6	75	Alger County	11.0
34	Lapeer County	6.6	76	Iosco County	11.2
35	Shiawassee County	6.6	77	Ogemaw County	11.9
36	Marquette County	6.7	78	Alcona County	12.2
37	Alpena County	6.8	79	Schoolcraft County	12.2
38	Monroe County	6.8	80	Presque Isle County	13.3
39	Newaygo County	6.8	81	Oscoda County	14.4
40	Wayne County	6.9	82	Cheboygan County	15.1
41	Charlevoix County	7.0	83	Mackinac County	21.6
42	Van Buren County	7.0			

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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.

Following the decennial census, the Office of Management and Budget issued new metropolitan statistical area delineations. The metro areas affected by these new delineations includes revisions to the Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI and Kalamazoo-Portage, MI metro areas, along with the addition of the Traverse City, MI metro area. For updated geographic delineations, go to www.bls.gov.

Labor force estimates for Michigan counties have been revised for all months of 2024. Revised data will be released in coming weeks for 2016–2023.

In addition, all unadjusted payroll job data for Michigan and all metro areas was revised for 2023 and 2024. 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.

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