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Michigan regional jobless rates fall in April

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

“Labor force increases were seen across most Michigan labor market areas during April,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director of the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Regional payroll employment levels also advanced over the month.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 2.0 to 6.3 percent during April, with a median over-the-month rate decrease of 1.5 percentage points. The Northeast Lower Michigan region demonstrated the largest over-the-month decline in jobless rate (-3.1 percentage points).

Unemployment rates decreased in all 17 Michigan labor market areas over the year, with a median rate reduction of 0.8 percentage points. Regions with the largest over-the-year rate decreases included the Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA) and the Lansing metro area.

Regional employment levels up over month and year

Employment rose in 16 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median increase of 2.8 percent. The largest over-the-month employment increase occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region. Employment edged down slightly over the month in the Detroit MSA (-0.3 percent).

Total employment advanced in all 17 Michigan regions over the year, with a median increase of 3.5 percent. The Ann Arbor MSA exhibited the largest over-the-year employment gain (+5.6 percent).

Regional labor force levels up over month and year

Total workforce levels advanced in 16 labor market areas across Michigan, with a median increase of 1.2 percent. The largest labor force increase occurred in the Ann Arbor metro area. Detroit was the only labor market area to exhibit a labor force decline over the month (-1.2 percent).

Michigan workforce levels advanced in all 17 regions over the year, with a median increase of 2.6 percent. The Ann Arbor MSA demonstrated the largest over-the-year labor force increase of 4.8 percent.

Regional payroll jobs advance in April

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 21,000, or 0.5 percent, over the month. Minor employment gains were seen across multiple statewide industries during April.

Payroll jobs rose in 13 metro areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.4 percent. The Bay City MSA demonstrated the largest over-the-month gain in jobs (+0.9 percent). Nonfarm employment edged down over the month in the Niles-Benton Harbor MSA (-0.3 percent).

Michigan total nonfarm employment advanced by 49,000 over the year, or 1.1 percent. Twelve metro areas exhibited job increases over the year, with a median employment gain of 1.7 percent.

County unemployment rates down over month and year

Eighty-two Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate reductions between March and April, with a median decrease of 1.7 percentage points. Seventy-nine counties exhibited rate reductions 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 April workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for April.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	204,400	200,800	195,100	3,600	1.8%	9,300	4.8%
Employed	199,400	193,700	188,800	5,700	2.9%	10,600	5.6%
Unemployed	5,000	7,100	6,300	-2,100	-29.6%	-1,300	-20.6%
Unemployment Rate	2.5	3.5	3.2	-1.0	XXX	-0.7	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	60,900	60,100	59,600	800	1.3%	1,300	2.2%
Employed	58,600	57,100	57,000	1,500	2.6%	1,600	2.8%
Unemployed	2,200	3,000	2,700	-800	-26.7%	-500	-18.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	5.1	4.4	-1.4	XXX	-0.7	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,200	49,700	48,700	500	1.0%	1,500	3.1%
Employed	48,000	46,600	46,300	1,400	3.0%	1,700	3.7%
Unemployed	2,200	3,100	2,500	-900	-29.0%	-300	-12.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	6.2	5.1	-1.9	XXX	-0.8	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,093	2,118	2,089	-25	-1.2%	4	0.2%
Employed	2,051	2,058	2,015	-7	-0.3%	36	1.8%
Unemployed	42	60	74	-18	-30.0%	-32	-43.2%
Unemployment Rate	2.0	2.8	3.5	-0.8	XXX	-1.5	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	182,000	180,200	177,000	1,800	1.0%	5,000	2.8%
Employed	174,100	169,400	167,500	4,700	2.8%	6,600	3.9%
Unemployed	7,900	10,800	9,500	-2,900	-26.9%	-1,600	-16.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	6.0	5.4	-1.7	XXX	-1.1	XXX

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

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	598,400	588,600	577,400	9,800	1.7%	21,000	3.6%
Employed	583,000	567,000	558,900	16,000	2.8%	24,100	4.3%
Unemployed	15,400	21,600	18,500	-6,200	-28.7%	-3,100	-16.8%
Unemployment Rate	2.6	3.7	3.2	-1.1	XXX	-0.6	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,400	74,500	74,300	900	1.2%	1,100	1.5%
Employed	72,900	71,000	71,200	1,900	2.7%	1,700	2.4%
Unemployed	2,500	3,500	3,100	-1,000	-28.6%	-600	-19.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	4.7	4.2	-1.4	XXX	-0.9	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	170,100	168,000	165,500	2,100	1.3%	4,600	2.8%
Employed	164,700	160,400	159,100	4,300	2.7%	5,600	3.5%
Unemployed	5,400	7,600	6,300	-2,200	-28.9%	-900	-14.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.2	4.5	3.8	-1.3	XXX	-0.6	XXX

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

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	250,700	247,400	243,400	3,300	1.3%	7,300	3.0%
Employed	243,300	236,800	233,300	6,500	2.7%	10,000	4.3%
Unemployed	7,400	10,500	10,100	-3,100	-29.5%	-2,700	-26.7%
Unemployment Rate	2.9	4.3	4.1	-1.4	XXX	-1.2	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	40,900	40,400	39,800	500	1.2%	1,100	2.8%
Employed	39,600	38,400	38,100	1,200	3.1%	1,500	3.9%
Unemployed	1,400	2,000	1,700	-600	-30.0%	-300	-17.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.4	5.0	4.2	-1.6	XXX	-0.8	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,900	75,300	74,500	600	0.8%	1,400	1.9%
Employed	73,400	71,600	71,200	1,800	2.5%	2,200	3.1%
Unemployed	2,500	3,700	3,200	-1,200	-32.4%	-700	-21.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	4.9	4.3	-1.6	XXX	-1.0	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	77,900	76,800	75,900	1,100	1.4%	2,000	2.6%
Employed	74,900	72,900	72,300	2,000	2.7%	2,600	3.6%
Unemployed	2,900	4,000	3,600	-1,100	-27.5%	-700	-19.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	5.2	4.7	-1.5	XXX	-1.0	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,500	72,800	70,900	700	1.0%	2,600	3.7%
Employed	71,000	69,300	67,900	1,700	2.5%	3,100	4.6%
Unemployed	2,500	3,600	3,000	-1,100	-30.6%	-500	-16.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.4	4.9	4.2	-1.5	XXX	-0.8	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,300	83,600	82,500	700	0.8%	1,800	2.2%
Employed	80,500	78,200	78,000	2,300	2.9%	2,500	3.2%
Unemployed	3,800	5,400	4,400	-1,600	-29.6%	-600	-13.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	6.4	5.4	-1.9	XXX	-0.9	XXX

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

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	134,200	133,200	132,200	1,000	0.8%	2,000	1.5%
Employed	126,900	123,500	124,000	3,400	2.8%	2,900	2.3%
Unemployed	7,300	9,700	8,200	-2,400	-24.7%	-900	-11.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	7.2	6.2	-1.8	XXX	-0.8	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,500	80,900	80,200	600	0.7%	1,300	1.6%
Employed	76,300	73,300	74,200	3,000	4.1%	2,100	2.8%
Unemployed	5,100	7,600	6,000	-2,500	-32.9%	-900	-15.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.3	9.4	7.5	-3.1	XXX	-1.2	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	146,400	144,500	142,800	1,900	1.3%	3,600	2.5%
Employed	139,900	135,500	135,700	4,400	3.2%	4,200	3.1%
Unemployed	6,500	9,100	7,100	-2,600	-28.6%	-600	-8.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	6.3	5.0	-1.9	XXX	-0.6	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Apr 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,883	4,869	4,802	14	0.3%	81	1.7%
Employed	4,743	4,671	4,610	72	1.5%	133	2.9%
Unemployed	140	199	191	-59	-29.6%	-51	-26.7%
Unemployment Rate	2.9	4.1	4.0	-1.2	XXX	-1.1	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - April 2023

1	Livingston County	1.5	43	Mason County	4.3
2	Oakland County	1.6	44	Mecosta County	4.4
3	Macomb County	2.0	45	Saginaw County	4.5
4	St. Clair County	2.2	46	Sanilac County	4.5
5	Ottawa County	2.3	47	Tuscola County	4.5
6	Lapeer County	2.4	48	Marquette County	4.6
7	Wayne County	2.4	49	Charlevoix County	4.7
8	Washtenaw County	2.5	50	Houghton County	4.7
9	Kent County	2.6	51	Wexford County	4.7
10	Clinton County	2.7	52	Delta County	4.8
11	Allegan County	2.8	53	Otsego County	4.8
12	Eaton County	2.9	54	Gogebic County	5.0
13	Ionia County	2.9	55	Missaukee County	5.0
14	Kalamazoo County	2.9	56	Benzie County	5.1
15	Barry County	3.0	57	Manistee County	5.2
16	Grand Traverse County	3.0	58	Antrim County	5.4
17	Ingham County	3.0	59	Oceana County	5.4
18	Branch County	3.2	60	Kalkaska County	5.5
19	Hillsdale County	3.3	61	Gladwin County	5.6
20	Jackson County	3.3	62	Iosco County	5.6
21	Monroe County	3.3	63	Crawford County	5.8
22	Berrien County	3.4	64	Clare County	6.1
23	Leelanau County	3.4	65	Chippewa County	6.3
24	Midland County	3.4	66	Arenac County	6.4
25	St. Joseph County	3.4	67	Iron County	6.4
26	Cass County	3.5	68	Ogemaw County	6.4
27	Lenawee County	3.5	69	Alcona County	6.5
28	Isabella County	3.6	70	Emmet County	6.6
29	Calhoun County	3.7	71	Lake County	6.6
30	Dickinson County	3.7	72	Baraga County	6.9
31	Montcalm County	3.7	73	Presque Isle County	7.0
32	Muskegon County	3.7	74	Montmorency County	7.2
33	Newaygo County	3.7	75	Oscoda County	7.2
34	Shiawassee County	3.7	76	Luce County	7.4
35	Gratiot County	3.8	77	Keweenaw County	7.5
36	Menominee County	3.8	78	Roscommon County	7.8
37	Huron County	4.0	79	Schoolcraft County	7.9
38	Van Buren County	4.0	80	Ontonagon County	8.6
39	Osceola County	4.1	81	Cheboygan County	9.7
40	Alpena County	4.2	82	Alger County	9.8
41	Bay County	4.3	83	Mackinac County	13.4
42	Genesee County	4.3			