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Regional Michigan unemployment rates decline in April

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

“All regional labor markets in Michigan experienced typical springtime additions of payroll jobs and declining unemployment rates in April,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “However, unemployment levels are still up over the year across all regions.”

Michigan regional jobless rates ranged from 3.7 to 9.2 percent in April, with a median rate reduction of 0.6 percentage points over the month. Rate declines ranged from 0.4 to 1.6 percentage points, with the most pronounced over-the-month decrease occurring in the Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

All 18 Michigan labor market areas displayed unemployment rate gains over the year, with a median rate increase of 1.1 percentage points. The most significant over-the-year rate gain occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+1.9 percentage points).

Total employment down over month, mixed over year

Total employment declined in 15 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median decrease of 0.4 percent. The largest employment decrease occurred in both the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek metro areas (-0.7 percent).

Eleven Michigan labor market areas demonstrated employment reductions over the year, with a median decrease of 1.1 percent. Employment advanced in seven Michigan labor market areas since April 2024.

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Regional workforce levels down over month, up over year

Regional labor force levels receded in 17 Michigan regions over the month, with a median reduction of 1.0 percent. The Northeast Lower Michigan region was the only labor market to exhibit a workforce increase during April (+0.3 percent).

Michigan labor force levels rose in 12 labor market areas over the year, with a median gain of 0.9 percent. Five Michigan labor market areas experienced workforce decreases over the year, and the labor force remained unchanged in the Kalamazoo MSA since April 2024.

Regional nonfarm employment rose during April

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll jobs rose by 40,000, or 0.9 percent, over the month. The most pronounced over-the-month employment gains occurred in the construction (+10,000), professional and business services (+8,000), and private education and health services (+7,000) industries.

Payroll jobs increased in all 15 Michigan metro areas over the month, with a median advance of 0.6 percent. The largest employment increase occurred in the Bay City MSA (+1.1 percent).

Michigan total nonfarm jobs advanced by 33,000, or 0.7 percent, over the year. Ten metro areas demonstrated payroll employment gains since April 2024, with a median increase of 1.1 percent.

County jobless rates down over month, up over year

Seventy-eight Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate reductions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.7 percentage points. Jobless rates rose in all 83 Michigan counties since April 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 March workforce estimates for Michigan and its 18 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.”

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Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	209,400	211,000	208,000	-1,600	-0.8%	1,400	0.7%
Employed	201,000	201,100	201,500	-100	0.0%	-500	-0.2%
Unemployed	8,500	9,900	6,400	-1,400	-14.1%	2,100	32.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.7	3.1	-0.7	XXX	0.9	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	64,000	64,700	63,500	-700	-1.1%	500	0.8%
Employed	60,300	60,700	60,600	-400	-0.7%	-300	-0.5%
Unemployed	3,700	4,000	2,900	-300	-7.5%	800	27.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.2	4.5	-0.5	XXX	1.2	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,500	51,000	50,300	-500	-1.0%	200	0.4%
Employed	47,300	47,400	47,600	-100	-0.2%	-300	-0.6%
Unemployed	3,300	3,700	2,600	-400	-10.8%	700	26.9%
Unemployment Rate	6.5	7.2	5.2	-0.7	XXX	1.3	XXX

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Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,167	2,187	2,160	-20	-0.9%	7	0.3%
Employed	2,086	2,071	2,084	15	0.7%	2	0.1%
Unemployed	81	115	75	-34	-29.6%	6	8.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	5.3	3.5	-1.6	XXX	0.2	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	189,900	191,900	188,600	-2,000	-1.0%	1,300	0.7%
Employed	177,600	178,300	178,900	-700	-0.4%	-1,300	-0.7%
Unemployed	12,400	13,600	9,700	-1,200	-8.8%	2,700	27.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.5	7.1	5.2	-0.6	XXX	1.3	XXX

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

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	623,600	629,800	629,900	-6,200	-1.0%	-6,300	-1.0%
Employed	596,300	599,500	608,600	-3,200	-0.5%	-12,300	-2.0%
Unemployed	27,300	30,300	21,400	-3,000	-9.9%	5,900	27.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.8	3.4	-0.4	XXX	1.0	XXX

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Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	74,900	75,700	75,100	-800	-1.1%	-200	-0.3%
Employed	71,000	71,300	72,000	-300	-0.4%	-1,000	-1.4%
Unemployed	3,900	4,500	3,100	-600	-13.3%	800	25.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.9	4.1	-0.6	XXX	1.2	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo County)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	141,100	142,700	141,100	-1,600	-1.1%	0	0.0%
Employed	134,700	135,700	136,200	-1,000	-0.7%	-1,500	-1.1%
Unemployed	6,400	7,000	4,900	-600	-8.6%	1,500	30.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.9	3.5	-0.4	XXX	1.0	XXX

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

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	260,000	262,900	257,300	-2,900	-1.1%	2,700	1.0%
Employed	248,100	249,400	247,900	-1,300	-0.5%	200	0.1%
Unemployed	11,900	13,400	9,400	-1,500	-11.2%	2,500	26.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	5.1	3.6	-0.5	XXX	1.0	XXX

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Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	43,300	43,800	42,600	-500	-1.1%	700	1.6%
Employed	41,100	41,300	40,800	-200	-0.5%	300	0.7%
Unemployed	2,200	2,500	1,700	-300	-12.0%	500	29.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.6	4.1	-0.5	XXX	1.0	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,700	79,700	79,500	-1,000	-1.3%	-800	-1.0%
Employed	74,500	74,900	76,300	-400	-0.5%	-1,800	-2.4%
Unemployed	4,200	4,900	3,200	-700	-14.3%	1,000	31.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	6.1	4.1	-0.8	XXX	1.2	XXX

Muskegon–Norton Shores MSA (Muskegon County)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,100	85,800	84,600	-700	-0.8%	500	0.6%
Employed	80,100	80,400	80,800	-300	-0.4%	-700	-0.9%
Unemployed	5,000	5,400	3,800	-400	-7.4%	1,200	31.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.3	4.5	-0.5	XXX	1.3	XXX

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Niles MSA (Berrien County)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,100	77,000	76,900	-900	-1.2%	-800	-1.0%
Employed	72,000	72,300	73,600	-300	-0.4%	-1,600	-2.2%
Unemployed	4,100	4,600	3,300	-500	-10.9%	800	24.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	6.0	4.3	-0.6	XXX	1.1	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,900	86,000	85,100	-1,100	-1.3%	-200	-0.2%
Employed	79,100	79,600	80,500	-500	-0.6%	-1,400	-1.7%
Unemployed	5,800	6,400	4,600	-600	-9.4%	1,200	26.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.8	7.5	5.4	-0.7	XXX	1.4	XXX

Traverse City MSA

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

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,000	81,800	79,500	-800	-1.0%	1,500	1.9%
Employed	76,900	77,200	76,200	-300	-0.4%	700	0.9%
Unemployed	4,100	4,600	3,300	-500	-10.9%	800	24.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.6	4.1	-0.6	XXX	0.9	XXX

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

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	142,600	143,800	140,300	-1,200	-0.8%	2,300	1.6%
Employed	132,100	132,100	131,500	0	0.0%	600	0.5%
Unemployed	10,500	11,700	8,800	-1,200	-10.3%	1,700	19.3%
Unemployment Rate	7.4	8.1	6.3	-0.7	XXX	1.1	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	87,900	87,600	85,100	300	0.3%	2,800	3.3%
Employed	79,800	78,600	78,900	1,200	1.5%	900	1.1%
Unemployed	8,100	9,000	6,200	-900	-10.0%	1,900	30.6%
Unemployment Rate	9.2	10.3	7.3	-1.1	XXX	1.9	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	156,600	158,100	153,900	-1,500	-0.9%	2,700	1.8%
Employed	147,000	147,600	146,200	-600	-0.4%	800	0.5%
Unemployed	9,600	10,400	7,700	-800	-7.7%	1,900	24.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.6	5.0	-0.5	XXX	1.1	XXX

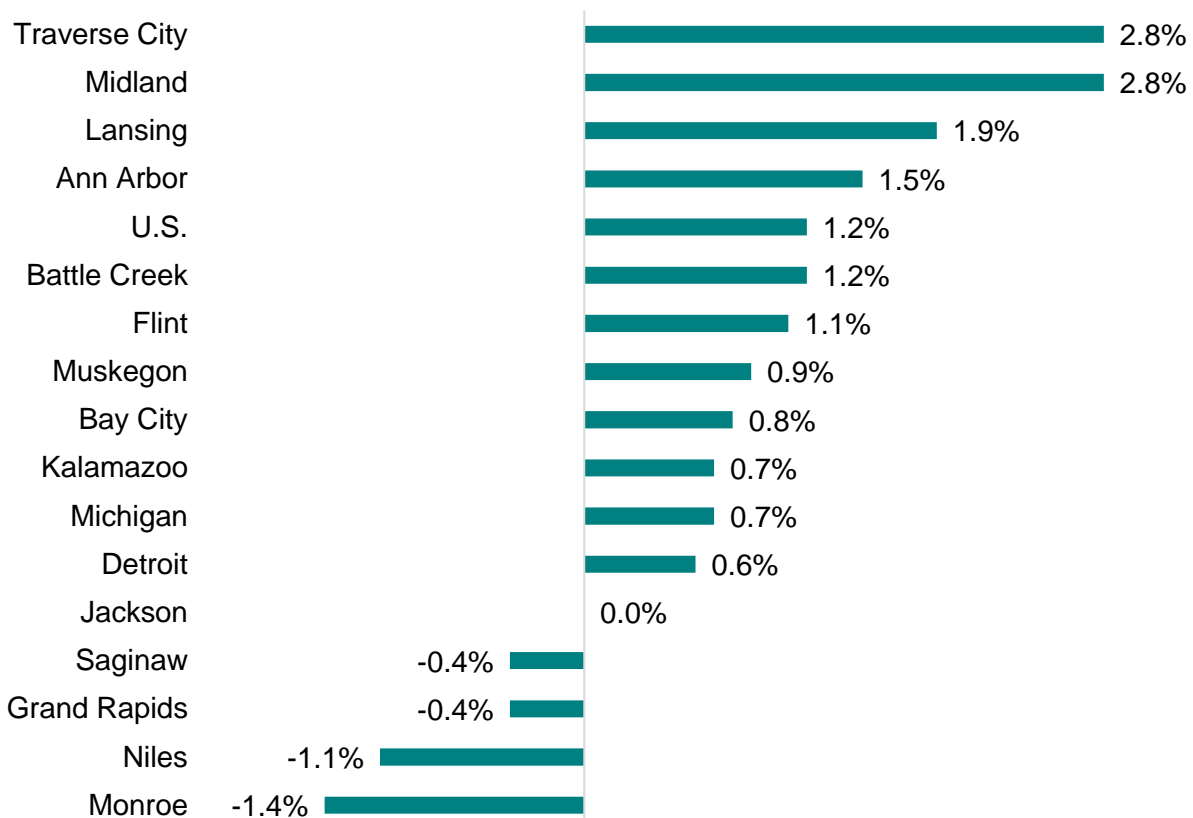
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Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Apr. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,037	5,084	5,021	-47	-0.9%	16	0.3%
Employed	4,800	4,794	4,822	6	0.1%	-22	-0.5%
Unemployed	237	290	199	-53	-18.3%	38	19.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.7	4.0	-1.0	XXX	0.7	XXX

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

Not Seasonally Adjusted



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Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - April 2025

1	Livingston County	2.7	43	Genesee County	6.5
2	Oakland County	3.0	44	Missaukee County	6.5
3	Macomb County	3.7	45	Tuscola County	6.5
4	St. Clair County	3.9	46	Mecosta County	6.6
5	Ottawa County	4.0	47	Benzie County	6.7
6	Washtenaw County	4.0	48	Charlevoix County	6.7
7	Clinton County	4.1	49	Gogebic County	6.8
8	Lapeer County	4.3	50	Otsego County	6.8
9	Grand Traverse County	4.4	51	Saginaw County	6.8
10	Kent County	4.4	52	Wexford County	6.8
11	Branch County	4.5	53	Kalkaska County	6.9
12	Eaton County	4.5	54	Delta County	7.0
13	Kalamazoo County	4.5	55	Osceola County	7.1
14	Wayne County	4.5	56	Gladwin County	7.3
15	Ionia County	4.6	57	Manistee County	7.3
16	Allegan County	4.7	58	Mason County	7.3
17	Ingham County	4.7	59	Antrim County	7.5
18	Barry County	4.9	60	Sanilac County	7.5
19	Cass County	5.0	61	Lake County	7.6
20	Lenawee County	5.0	62	Crawford County	7.9
21	St. Joseph County	5.0	63	Emmet County	8.2
22	Hillsdale County	5.1	64	Arenac County	8.3
23	Midland County	5.1	65	Keweenaw County	8.3
24	Montcalm County	5.1	66	Chippewa County	8.4
25	Leelanau County	5.2	67	Clare County	8.4
26	Menominee County	5.2	68	Baraga County	8.6
27	Jackson County	5.3	69	Oceana County	8.7
28	Monroe County	5.3	70	Iosco County	8.9
29	Berrien County	5.4	71	Roscommon County	9.0
30	Isabella County	5.4	72	Ontonagon County	9.1
31	Dickinson County	5.5	73	Schoolcraft County	9.4
32	Shiawassee County	5.5	74	Iron County	9.5
33	Newaygo County	5.6	75	Montmorency County	9.8
34	Calhoun County	5.7	76	Ogemaw County	10.1
35	Alpena County	5.8	77	Luce County	10.7
36	Gratiot County	5.8	78	Alcona County	10.9
37	Muskegon County	5.8	79	Alger County	11.4
38	Van Buren County	5.8	80	Presque Isle County	11.9
39	Houghton County	5.9	81	Oscoda County	12.3
40	Huron County	6.2	82	Cheboygan County	13.9
41	Marquette County	6.3	83	Mackinac County	17.9
42	Bay County	6.5			

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