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## **Labor force gains push regional unemployment rates up during May**

**LANSING, Mich.** – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 16 of Michigan’s 17 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Regional jobless rates advanced in May as residents began entering the summer job market,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Payroll employment rose in most metro areas over the month.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 3.1 to 5.8 percent in May, with a median jobless rate increase of 0.9 percentage points over the month. The Northeast Lower Michigan region was the only Michigan labor market area to exhibit a decrease in its jobless rate over the month, with a seasonal decline of 0.5 percentage points since April.

Unemployment rates decreased in 10 Michigan labor market areas over the year, with a median rate reduction of 0.2 percentage points. Jobless rates advanced in four Michigan regions over the year and remained unchanged in the Kalamazoo, Niles-Benton Harbor, and Northeast Lower Michigan regions since May 2022.

### **Regional employment levels up over month and year**

Employment increased in 15 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median increase of 1.0 percent. The largest over-the-month employment increase occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region. Employment edged down slightly over the month in the Ann Arbor metro area (-0.8 percent) and remained unchanged in the Saginaw metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

Total employment rose in all 17 Michigan regions over the year, with a median increase of 3.0 percent. The largest over-the-year employment gain occurred in the Lansing MSA (+5.3 percent).

## **Regional workforce levels up over month and year**

Labor force levels increased in all 17 Michigan labor market areas over the month, ranging from 0.5 percent in the Ann Arbor region to 5.9 percent in the Northwest Lower Michigan region.

Michigan labor force totals advanced in all 17 regions over the year, with a median increase of 3.0 percent. The Ann Arbor MSA demonstrated the largest over-the-year labor force gain of 4.9 percent.

## **Regional nonfarm jobs increase in May**

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 62,000, or 1.4 percent, over the month. Employment gains were seen in most major Michigan industries, with the notable exception of government (-11,000).

Payroll employment rose in 12 metro areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.9 percent. The largest over-the-month gain in jobs occurred in the Detroit MSA (+1.5 percent). Nonfarm jobs edged down over the month in the Ann Arbor and Saginaw metro areas. May job gains were mainly seasonal, with nearly every metro region showing growth in leisure and hospitality, construction, and professional and business services.

Michigan total payroll employment increased by 79,000 over the year, or 1.8 percent. Eleven metro areas demonstrated employment increases over the year, with a median employment gain of 1.6 percent.

## **County unemployment rates up over month, mixed over year**

Sixty Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate increases between April and May, with a median rate gain of 0.8 percentage points. Thirty-seven counties exhibited rate reductions over the year, while 34 counties demonstrated rate increases and 12 county rates remained unchanged since May 2022.

**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 May workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for May.

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

**Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)**

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	205,000	204,200	195,400	800	0.4%	9,600	4.9%
Employed	197,700	199,200	187,900	-1,500	-0.8%	9,800	5.2%
Unemployed	7,300	5,000	7,500	2,300	46.0%	-200	-2.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	2.5	3.9	1.1	XXX	-0.3	XXX

**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	62,100	60,800	60,600	1,300	2.1%	1,500	2.5%
Employed	59,200	58,600	57,800	600	1.0%	1,400	2.4%
Unemployed	2,800	2,200	2,800	600	27.3%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	3.7	4.7	0.9	XXX	-0.1	XXX

**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,800	50,200	49,300	600	1.2%	1,500	3.0%
Employed	48,300	48,000	46,900	300	0.6%	1,400	3.0%
Unemployed	2,500	2,200	2,400	300	13.6%	100	4.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.3	4.9	0.7	XXX	0.1	XXX

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

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

(Data in Thousands)

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,119	2,093	2,095	26	1.2%	24	1.1%
Employed	2,054	2,052	2,017	2	0.1%	37	1.8%
Unemployed	65	42	78	23	54.8%	-13	-16.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	2.0	3.7	1.1	XXX	-0.6	XXX

**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	185,600	182,000	179,400	3,600	2.0%	6,200	3.5%
Employed	176,200	174,200	169,800	2,000	1.1%	6,400	3.8%
Unemployed	9,400	7,900	9,600	1,500	19.0%	-200	-2.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.3	5.3	0.8	XXX	-0.2	XXX

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

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	611,700	599,200	587,400	12,500	2.1%	24,300	4.1%
Employed	590,800	583,700	566,700	7,100	1.2%	24,100	4.3%
Unemployed	20,900	15,400	20,700	5,500	35.7%	200	1.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.4	2.6	3.5	0.8	XXX	-0.1	XXX

**Jackson MSA (Jackson County)**

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,600	75,300	74,800	1,300	1.7%	1,800	2.4%
Employed	73,400	72,900	71,500	500	0.7%	1,900	2.7%
Unemployed	3,200	2,500	3,300	700	28.0%	-100	-3.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.3	4.4	0.9	XXX	-0.2	XXX

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

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	172,600	170,100	167,500	2,500	1.5%	5,100	3.0%
Employed	165,500	164,800	160,600	700	0.4%	4,900	3.1%
Unemployed	7,100	5,400	6,900	1,700	31.5%	200	2.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.2	4.1	0.9	XXX	0.0	XXX

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

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	256,300	251,800	245,900	4,500	1.8%	10,400	4.2%
Employed	246,500	244,400	234,000	2,100	0.9%	12,500	5.3%
Unemployed	9,900	7,400	11,900	2,500	33.8%	-2,000	-16.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	2.9	4.8	1.0	XXX	-0.9	XXX

**Midland MSA (Midland County)**

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	41,500	40,900	40,400	600	1.5%	1,100	2.7%
Employed	39,800	39,500	38,700	300	0.8%	1,100	2.8%
Unemployed	1,700	1,400	1,700	300	21.4%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.4	4.2	0.6	XXX	-0.2	XXX

**Monroe MSA (Monroe County)**

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	77,500	75,900	75,600	1,600	2.1%	1,900	2.5%
Employed	73,800	73,300	72,100	500	0.7%	1,700	2.4%
Unemployed	3,800	2,500	3,500	1,300	52.0%	300	8.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	3.3	4.7	1.5	XXX	0.1	XXX

**Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)**

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,400	77,800	77,600	1,600	2.1%	1,800	2.3%
Employed	75,700	74,900	73,900	800	1.1%	1,800	2.4%
Unemployed	3,700	2,900	3,700	800	27.6%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	3.7	4.8	1.0	XXX	-0.1	XXX

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

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,200	73,500	72,400	1,700	2.3%	2,800	3.9%
Employed	71,900	71,000	69,200	900	1.3%	2,700	3.9%
Unemployed	3,200	2,500	3,100	700	28.0%	100	3.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	3.4	4.3	0.9	XXX	0.0	XXX

**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,900	84,300	83,100	600	0.7%	1,800	2.2%
Employed	80,400	80,400	78,600	0	0.0%	1,800	2.3%
Unemployed	4,500	3,800	4,500	700	18.4%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	4.5	5.4	0.8	XXX	-0.1	XXX

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

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	136,400	134,100	133,400	2,300	1.7%	3,000	2.2%
Employed	128,900	126,800	126,300	2,100	1.7%	2,600	2.1%
Unemployed	7,400	7,300	7,100	100	1.4%	300	4.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.4	5.3	0.1	XXX	0.2	XXX

**Northeast Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,200	81,500	83,400	4,700	5.8%	2,800	3.4%
Employed	81,200	76,300	78,600	4,900	6.4%	2,600	3.3%
Unemployed	5,000	5,100	4,800	-100	-2.0%	200	4.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.3	5.8	-0.5	XXX	0.0	XXX

**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	154,900	146,300	149,900	8,600	5.9%	5,000	3.3%
Employed	148,000	139,900	143,300	8,100	5.8%	4,700	3.3%
Unemployed	6,900	6,500	6,600	400	6.2%	300	4.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.4	4.4	0.1	XXX	0.1	XXX

**Michigan (Data in Thousands)**

	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,970	4,885	4,853	85	1.7%	117	2.4%
Employed	4,784	4,745	4,653	39	0.8%	131	2.8%
Unemployed	187	140	200	47	33.6%	-13	-6.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	2.9	4.1	0.9	XXX	-0.3	XXX



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

1	Livingston County	2.4	43	Monroe County	4.8
2	Oakland County	2.5	44	Benzie County	4.9
3	Macomb County	3.0	45	Otsego County	4.9
4	St. Clair County	3.1	46	Bay County	5.0
5	Lapeer County	3.2	47	Mackinac County	5.0
6	Ottawa County	3.3	48	Marquette County	5.0
7	Allegan County	3.4	49	Wexford County	5.0
8	Kent County	3.4	50	Genesee County	5.1
9	Clinton County	3.5	51	Sanilac County	5.1
10	Grand Traverse County	3.5	52	Delta County	5.2
11	Barry County	3.6	53	Tuscola County	5.2
12	Washtenaw County	3.6	54	Antrim County	5.3
13	Wayne County	3.6	55	Saginaw County	5.3
14	Eaton County	3.7	56	Emmet County	5.4
15	Ionia County	3.7	57	Gogebic County	5.4
16	Leelanau County	3.9	58	Manistee County	5.4
17	Branch County	4.0	59	Mecosta County	5.4
18	Ingham County	4.0	60	Kalkaska County	5.5
19	Kalamazoo County	4.0	61	Houghton County	5.6
20	Midland County	4.0	62	Iosco County	5.6
21	Dickinson County	4.2	63	Oceana County	5.6
22	Jackson County	4.2	64	Cheboygan County	5.8
23	Shiawassee County	4.2	65	Chippewa County	5.8
24	Berrien County	4.3	66	Gladwin County	5.8
25	Hillsdale County	4.4	67	Crawford County	5.9
26	Montcalm County	4.4	68	Arenac County	6.2
27	Newaygo County	4.4	69	Presque Isle County	6.2
28	St. Joseph County	4.4	70	Clare County	6.3
29	Cass County	4.5	71	Ogemaw County	6.3
30	Menominee County	4.5	72	Alcona County	6.5
31	Alpena County	4.6	73	Iron County	6.5
32	Calhoun County	4.6	74	Baraga County	6.9
33	Charlevoix County	4.6	75	Montmorency County	6.9
34	Gratiot County	4.6	76	Lake County	7.0
35	Huron County	4.6	77	Oscoda County	7.0
36	Lenawee County	4.6	78	Luce County	7.1
37	Osceola County	4.6	79	Schoolcraft County	7.1
38	Muskegon County	4.7	80	Roscommon County	7.2
39	Van Buren County	4.7	81	Alger County	8.2
40	Isabella County	4.8	82	Keweenaw County	8.2
41	Mason County	4.8	83	Ontonagon County	8.7
42	Missaukee County	4.8			