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Regional Michigan jobless rates display mixed trends during May

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates advanced in nine of Michigan’s 17 labor market areas over the month and decreased in six regions, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Labor force levels advanced throughout most Michigan regions in May,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Regional unemployment rate trends were mixed over the month.”

Michigan regional jobless rates ranged from 3.2 to 5.2 percent in May, with a median rate increase of 0.2 percentage points over the month. The largest over-the-month rate gain occurred in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn metropolitan statistical area (MSA). Six regions demonstrated rate reductions over the month, led by the Northeast Lower Michigan region (-1.6 percentage points). The Midland and Muskegon MSAs exhibited no change in jobless rate since April.

Thirteen Michigan labor market areas demonstrated unemployment rate reductions over the year, with a median rate decline of 0.2 percentage points. The Northeast Lower Michigan region exhibited the largest over-the-year rate reduction (-0.5 percentage points).

Total employment up over month and year

Fifteen Michigan labor market areas exhibited employment gains during May, with a median increase of 1.1 percent. The largest employment advance occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+6.5 percent). The Detroit and Ann Arbor metro areas demonstrated employment reductions over the month.

Employment rose in 14 Michigan regions over the year, with a median increase of 1.1 percent. The most pronounced over-the-year employment gain occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+2.7 percent).

Regional workforce levels up over month and year

Labor force levels advanced in 16 Michigan regions over the month, with a median increase of 1.1 percent. The largest over-the-month workforce gain occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+5.0 percent).

Michigan labor force levels increased in 13 regions over the year, with a median workforce gain of 1.2 percent.

Regional payroll jobs advance in May

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment rose by 59,000 or 1.3 percent, during May. Employment gains were seen across most major industry sectors, with the notable exception of government (-12,000).

Payroll jobs increased in 13 Michigan metro areas over the month, with a median advance of 1.0 percent. The Midland and Monroe MSAs both demonstrated the largest gain in nonfarm jobs since April (+1.8 percent).

Michigan total payroll employment advanced by 39,000, or 0.9 percent, over the year. Eleven metro areas exhibited payroll employment increases over the year, led by the Monroe MSA (+3.0 percent).

County jobless rates down over month and year

Fifty-three Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate reductions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.9 percentage points. Sixty-seven Michigan counties displayed unemployment 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 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 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	203,200	203,500	201,500	-300	-0.1%	1,700	0.8%
Employed	196,400	197,500	194,400	-1,100	-0.6%	2,000	1.0%
Unemployed	6,800	6,000	7,100	800	13.3%	-300	-4.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.0	3.5	0.4	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	62,700	61,900	62,700	800	1.3%	0	0.0%
Employed	60,000	59,300	60,000	700	1.2%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	2,700	2,700	2,800	0	0.0%	-100	-3.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.3	4.4	0.1	XXX	0.0	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,600	50,400	50,100	200	0.4%	500	1.0%
Employed	48,300	48,000	47,700	300	0.6%	600	1.3%
Unemployed	2,300	2,400	2,400	-100	-4.2%	-100	-4.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.8	4.9	-0.3	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,187	2,184	2,159	3	0.1%	28	1.3%
Employed	2,093	2,107	2,086	-14	-0.7%	7	0.3%
Unemployed	94	77	73	17	22.1%	21	28.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	3.5	3.4	0.8	XXX	0.9	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	187,000	185,200	186,400	1,800	1.0%	600	0.3%
Employed	178,200	176,200	177,200	2,000	1.1%	1,000	0.6%
Unemployed	8,900	9,000	9,200	-100	-1.1%	-300	-3.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.9	4.9	-0.2	XXX	-0.2	XXX

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

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	617,200	610,300	614,000	6,900	1.1%	3,200	0.5%
Employed	597,300	591,800	593,600	5,500	0.9%	3,700	0.6%
Unemployed	19,900	18,500	20,400	1,400	7.6%	-500	-2.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.0	3.3	0.2	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,300	75,500	76,500	800	1.1%	-200	-0.3%
Employed	73,300	72,700	73,400	600	0.8%	-100	-0.1%
Unemployed	2,900	2,800	3,100	100	3.6%	-200	-6.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.7	4.1	0.2	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	172,300	171,000	172,800	1,300	0.8%	-500	-0.3%
Employed	165,700	164,700	165,900	1,000	0.6%	-200	-0.1%
Unemployed	6,600	6,200	6,900	400	6.5%	-300	-4.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.6	4.0	0.2	XXX	-0.2	XXX

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

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	261,700	260,000	257,400	1,700	0.7%	4,300	1.7%
Employed	251,500	251,300	247,700	200	0.1%	3,800	1.5%
Unemployed	10,200	8,700	9,600	1,500	17.2%	600	6.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.4	3.7	0.5	XXX	0.2	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	41,600	41,100	41,400	500	1.2%	200	0.5%
Employed	40,000	39,500	39,800	500	1.3%	200	0.5%
Unemployed	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.9	4.0	0.0	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,800	78,600	78,300	1,200	1.5%	1,500	1.9%
Employed	76,300	75,600	74,700	700	0.9%	1,600	2.1%
Unemployed	3,400	3,000	3,700	400	13.3%	-300	-8.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	3.8	4.7	0.5	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,200	80,100	79,800	1,100	1.4%	1,400	1.8%
Employed	77,600	76,500	76,300	1,100	1.4%	1,300	1.7%
Unemployed	3,500	3,500	3,600	0	0.0%	-100	-2.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,400	75,000	74,800	1,400	1.9%	1,600	2.1%
Employed	73,100	71,900	71,600	1,200	1.7%	1,500	2.1%
Unemployed	3,300	3,100	3,200	200	6.5%	100	3.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.1	4.2	0.2	XXX	0.1	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,800	84,700	84,400	100	0.1%	400	0.5%
Employed	80,700	80,500	80,000	200	0.2%	700	0.9%
Unemployed	4,100	4,200	4,400	-100	-2.4%	-300	-6.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.0	5.2	-0.1	XXX	-0.3	XXX

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

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	138,500	138,100	138,900	400	0.3%	-400	-0.3%
Employed	131,900	130,100	131,600	1,800	1.4%	300	0.2%
Unemployed	6,600	8,000	7,300	-1,400	-17.5%	-700	-9.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.8	5.2	-1.0	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	88,000	84,000	86,100	4,000	4.8%	1,900	2.2%
Employed	83,400	78,300	81,200	5,100	6.5%	2,200	2.7%
Unemployed	4,600	5,700	4,900	-1,100	-19.3%	-300	-6.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	6.8	5.7	-1.6	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	155,300	147,900	153,400	7,400	5.0%	1,900	1.2%
Employed	149,000	140,800	146,700	8,200	5.8%	2,300	1.6%
Unemployed	6,300	7,100	6,800	-800	-11.3%	-500	-7.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.8	4.4	-0.8	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	May 2024	Apr. 2024	May 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,067	5,026	5,017	41	0.8%	50	1.0%
Employed	4,858	4,836	4,825	22	0.5%	33	0.7%
Unemployed	209	190	192	19	10.0%	17	8.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.8	3.8	0.3	XXX	0.3	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - May 2024

1	Ottawa County	3.1	43	Van Buren County	4.4
2	Allegan County	3.2	44	Bay County	4.5
3	Grand Traverse County	3.2	45	Sanilac County	4.5
4	Kent County	3.2	46	Antrim County	4.6
5	Livingston County	3.2	47	Houghton County	4.6
6	Barry County	3.4	48	Isabella County	4.6
7	Washtenaw County	3.4	49	Lapeer County	4.6
8	Clinton County	3.5	50	Tuscola County	4.6
9	Ionia County	3.5	51	Wexford County	4.6
10	Leelanau County	3.5	52	Delta County	4.7
11	Oakland County	3.5	53	Genesee County	4.7
12	Kalamazoo County	3.7	54	Gogebic County	4.7
13	Mackinac County	3.7	55	Kalkaska County	4.7
14	Menominee County	3.7	56	Cheboygan County	4.8
15	Branch County	3.8	57	Dickinson County	4.8
16	Newaygo County	3.8	58	Emmet County	4.8
17	Jackson County	3.9	59	Mecosta County	4.8
18	Midland County	3.9	60	Saginaw County	4.9
19	Alpena County	4.0	61	Crawford County	5.1
20	Eaton County	4.0	62	Gladwin County	5.2
21	Ingham County	4.0	63	Oceana County	5.2
22	Montcalm County	4.0	64	Wayne County	5.2
23	Benzie County	4.1	65	Chippewa County	5.3
24	Huron County	4.1	66	Iosco County	5.3
25	Macomb County	4.1	67	Manistee County	5.3
26	Osceola County	4.1	68	Arenac County	5.4
27	St. Joseph County	4.1	69	Keweenaw County	5.4
28	Cass County	4.2	70	Ogemaw County	5.4
29	Gratiot County	4.2	71	Iron County	5.6
30	Hillsdale County	4.2	72	Clare County	5.7
31	Lenawee County	4.2	73	Lake County	5.9
32	Marquette County	4.2	74	Schoolcraft County	6.1
33	Berrien County	4.3	75	Luce County	6.2
34	Charlevoix County	4.3	76	Baraga County	6.3
35	Mason County	4.3	77	Roscommon County	6.3
36	Missaukee County	4.3	78	Alcona County	6.4
37	Monroe County	4.3	79	Montmorency County	6.5
38	Otsego County	4.3	80	Presque Isle County	6.5
39	St. Clair County	4.3	81	Oscoda County	6.6
40	Shiawassee County	4.3	82	Ontonagon County	7.1
41	Calhoun County	4.4	83	Alger County	7.2
42	Muskegon County	4.4			