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Regional Michigan unemployment rates decrease seasonally during August

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

“Michigan regions displayed typical seasonal jobless rate reductions in August, and payroll jobs advanced throughout most areas,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “However, unemployment rates were elevated compared to August 2023, similar to the national and statewide trend.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 4.0 to 5.9 percent during August, with a median rate reduction of 0.6 percentage points. The largest over-the-month rate decrease occurred in the Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

Sixteen Michigan labor market areas demonstrated unemployment rate gains over the year, with a median rate increase of 0.6 percentage points. The Monroe MSA exhibited the largest over-the-year rate gain (+1.4 percentage points). The Detroit metro area was the only region to demonstrate a minor jobless rate reduction since August 2023 (-0.1 percentage points).

Total employment down over month and year

Sixteen Michigan labor market areas demonstrated employment reductions over the month, with a median decrease of 1.1 percent. The most pronounced over-the-month employment decline occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (-2.5 percent).

Thirteen Michigan regions experienced employment decreases over the year, with a median reduction of 0.9 percent. Three Michigan labor market areas displayed employment advances, and employment remained unchanged in the Bay City MSA since August 2023.

Regional labor force levels down over month, mixed over year

Workforce levels decreased in all 17 Michigan regions over the month, with a median decrease of 1.7 percent. The largest over-the-month labor force reduction occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (-2.9 percent).

Nine regions exhibited labor force gains over the year, with a median increase of 0.6 percent. Eight Michigan regions demonstrated workforce reductions since August 2023.

Regional payroll employment advances in August

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs increased by 9,000, or 0.2 percent, during August. The largest over-the-month employment gain occurred in the manufacturing (+6,000) sector, as employment rebounded from seasonal July job reductions.

Payroll jobs increased in nine Michigan metro areas over the month, with a median advance of 0.4 percent. The largest employment gain occurred in the Midland MSA (+1.0 percent). Payroll employment fell in three areas during August and remained unchanged in the Jackson and Flint MSAs.

Michigan total nonfarm employment rose by 42,000, or 0.9 percent, over the year. Eight metro areas displayed payroll gains during this period, while four regions exhibited nonfarm employment reductions. Payroll jobs were unchanged in the Monroe and Jackson metro areas since August 2023.

County jobless rates down over month, up over year

Eighty-two Michigan counties demonstrated jobless rate reductions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.6 percentage points. Seventy-nine Michigan counties exhibited unemployment rate gains 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 August workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for August.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	202,200	204,800	202,600	-2,600	-1.3%	-400	-0.2%
Employed	193,700	194,900	195,000	-1,200	-0.6%	-1,300	-0.7%
Unemployed	8,500	9,900	7,600	-1,400	-14.1%	900	11.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.8	3.8	-0.6	XXX	0.4	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	62,100	63,300	61,900	-1,200	-1.9%	200	0.3%
Employed	58,600	59,300	59,000	-700	-1.2%	-400	-0.7%
Unemployed	3,500	4,000	2,900	-500	-12.5%	600	20.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	6.3	4.6	-0.7	XXX	1.0	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,400	51,100	50,300	-700	-1.4%	100	0.2%
Employed	47,800	48,100	47,800	-300	-0.6%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	2,700	3,000	2,400	-300	-10.0%	300	12.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	6.0	4.9	-0.7	XXX	0.4	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,192	2,229	2,228	-37	-1.7%	-36	-1.6%
Employed	2,101	2,088	2,135	13	0.6%	-34	-1.6%
Unemployed	91	142	93	-51	-35.9%	-2	-2.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	6.4	4.2	-2.3	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	186,400	190,300	185,100	-3,900	-2.0%	1,300	0.7%
Employed	175,500	178,000	175,700	-2,500	-1.4%	-200	-0.1%
Unemployed	10,900	12,300	9,400	-1,400	-11.4%	1,500	16.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.5	5.1	-0.7	XXX	0.7	XXX

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

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	610,700	619,000	608,300	-8,300	-1.3%	2,400	0.4%
Employed	586,400	591,600	587,100	-5,200	-0.9%	-700	-0.1%
Unemployed	24,300	27,500	21,200	-3,200	-11.6%	3,100	14.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.4	3.5	-0.4	XXX	0.5	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	74,700	76,100	74,900	-1,400	-1.8%	-200	-0.3%
Employed	71,200	72,000	71,700	-800	-1.1%	-500	-0.7%
Unemployed	3,600	4,100	3,200	-500	-12.2%	400	12.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.4	4.3	-0.6	XXX	0.5	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	169,700	172,000	171,300	-2,300	-1.3%	-1,600	-0.9%
Employed	161,800	163,100	164,200	-1,300	-0.8%	-2,400	-1.5%
Unemployed	7,900	8,900	7,000	-1,000	-11.2%	900	12.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.2	4.1	-0.5	XXX	0.6	XXX

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

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	254,600	258,500	250,900	-3,900	-1.5%	3,700	1.5%
Employed	243,400	245,800	241,000	-2,400	-1.0%	2,400	1.0%
Unemployed	11,300	12,700	9,900	-1,400	-11.0%	1,400	14.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.9	4.0	-0.5	XXX	0.4	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	41,500	41,900	41,000	-400	-1.0%	500	1.2%
Employed	39,600	39,800	39,400	-200	-0.5%	200	0.5%
Unemployed	1,900	2,100	1,600	-200	-9.5%	300	18.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	5.1	4.0	-0.5	XXX	0.6	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,300	80,500	77,800	-2,200	-2.7%	500	0.6%
Employed	73,900	75,000	74,600	-1,100	-1.5%	-700	-0.9%
Unemployed	4,300	5,500	3,200	-1,200	-21.8%	1,100	34.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	6.8	4.1	-1.3	XXX	1.4	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,100	82,600	81,300	-1,500	-1.8%	-200	-0.2%
Employed	76,600	77,700	77,600	-1,100	-1.4%	-1,000	-1.3%
Unemployed	4,500	5,000	3,700	-500	-10.0%	800	21.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	6.0	4.5	-0.5	XXX	1.0	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,400	76,700	76,300	-1,300	-1.7%	-900	-1.2%
Employed	71,400	72,400	73,000	-1,000	-1.4%	-1,600	-2.2%
Unemployed	4,000	4,300	3,300	-300	-7.0%	700	21.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.6	4.3	-0.3	XXX	1.0	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,400	86,000	85,000	-1,600	-1.9%	-600	-0.7%
Employed	79,400	80,400	80,600	-1,000	-1.2%	-1,200	-1.5%
Unemployed	5,000	5,600	4,400	-600	-10.7%	600	13.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.9	6.5	5.2	-0.6	XXX	0.7	XXX

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

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	141,000	142,400	141,100	-1,400	-1.0%	-100	-0.1%
Employed	133,500	134,100	134,700	-600	-0.4%	-1,200	-0.9%
Unemployed	7,500	8,300	6,400	-800	-9.6%	1,100	17.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.8	4.5	-0.5	XXX	0.8	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	88,800	90,600	87,500	-1,800	-2.0%	1,300	1.5%
Employed	83,600	84,700	83,000	-1,100	-1.3%	600	0.7%
Unemployed	5,200	5,900	4,500	-700	-11.9%	700	15.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.5	5.2	-0.7	XXX	0.6	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	160,800	165,600	160,600	-4,800	-2.9%	200	0.1%
Employed	153,900	157,800	154,400	-3,900	-2.5%	-500	-0.3%
Unemployed	6,900	7,800	6,200	-900	-11.5%	700	11.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.7	3.8	-0.4	XXX	0.5	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Aug. 2024	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,056	5,139	5,082	-83	-1.6%	-26	-0.5%
Employed	4,828	4,840	4,871	-12	-0.2%	-43	-0.9%
Unemployed	228	299	212	-71	-23.7%	16	7.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.8	4.2	-1.3	XXX	0.3	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - August 2024

1	Livingston County	2.8	43	Lenawee County	5.2
2	Oakland County	3.3	44	Menominee County	5.2
3	Mackinac County	3.4	45	Bay County	5.3
4	Grand Traverse County	3.5	46	Berrien County	5.3
5	Ottawa County	3.8	47	Hillsdale County	5.3
6	Allegan County	3.9	48	St. Joseph County	5.3
7	Clinton County	3.9	49	Wexford County	5.3
8	Leelanau County	3.9	50	Cass County	5.5
9	Kent County	4.0	51	Monroe County	5.5
10	Lapeer County	4.0	52	Muskegon County	5.5
11	St. Clair County	4.0	53	Sanilac County	5.5
12	Benzie County	4.1	54	Calhoun County	5.6
13	Macomb County	4.1	55	Tuscola County	5.6
14	Barry County	4.2	56	Delta County	5.7
15	Charlevoix County	4.2	57	Iron County	5.7
16	Eaton County	4.2	58	Chippewa County	5.8
17	Washtenaw County	4.2	59	Crawford County	5.8
18	Branch County	4.5	60	Genesee County	5.8
19	Ionia County	4.5	61	Iosco County	5.8
20	Kalamazoo County	4.5	62	Isabella County	5.8
21	Emmet County	4.6	63	Manistee County	5.8
22	Huron County	4.6	64	Oceana County	5.8
23	Midland County	4.6	65	Saginaw County	5.9
24	Antrim County	4.7	66	Luce County	6.0
25	Dickinson County	4.7	67	Gladwin County	6.1
26	Ingham County	4.7	68	Keweenaw County	6.1
27	Newaygo County	4.7	69	Ogemaw County	6.2
28	Jackson County	4.8	70	Gogebic County	6.3
29	Marquette County	4.8	71	Mecosta County	6.3
30	Mason County	4.8	72	Schoolcraft County	6.5
31	Shiawassee County	4.8	73	Alger County	6.6
32	Osceola County	4.9	74	Lake County	6.6
33	Otsego County	4.9	75	Arenac County	6.7
34	Cheboygan County	5.0	76	Roscommon County	6.7
35	Kalkaska County	5.0	77	Clare County	6.8
36	Alpena County	5.1	78	Baraga County	6.9
37	Gratiot County	5.1	79	Montmorency County	6.9
38	Missaukee County	5.1	80	Presque Isle County	6.9
39	Montcalm County	5.1	81	Ontonagon County	7.1
40	Van Buren County	5.1	82	Alcona County	7.2
41	Wayne County	5.1	83	Oscoda County	7.6
42	Houghton County	5.2			