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Regional Michigan unemployment rates advance in October

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates rose in 15 of Michigan’s 17 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan regional labor markets exhibited modest jobless rate advances during October,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “However, payroll jobs and labor force levels rose considerably in most Michigan regions over the year.”

Regional jobless rates in the state ranged from 3.6 to 5.7 percent in October, with a median rate increase of 0.2 percentage points. The largest over-the-month rate increase occurred in the Monroe metropolitan statistical area (MSA). Unemployment rates were unchanged over the month in the Battle Creek and Upper Peninsula regions.

All 17 Michigan regions exhibited jobless rate gains over the year, with a median rate increase of 0.9 percentage points. The Monroe metro area demonstrated the largest over-the-year rate gain (+1.4 percentage points).

Total employment down over month, up over year

Fifteen Michigan labor market areas displayed employment decreases over the month, with a median employment reduction of 0.7 percent. The largest over-the-month employment decrease occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (-2.6 percent).

Ten Michigan regions exhibited gains in the number of employed over the year, with a median increase of 0.6 percent. The most pronounced over-the-year employment increase was observed in the Lansing metro area. Six regions demonstrated employment reductions over the year, and the number of employed remained unchanged in the Muskegon MSA since October 2023.

Regional labor force levels down over month, up over year

Labor force levels fell in 14 Michigan regions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.6 percent. The largest over-the-month labor force reduction occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (-2.2 percent).

Fourteen regions exhibited labor force gains over the year, with a median increase of 1.2 percent. The most pronounced over-the-year workforce gain occurred in the Lansing MSA (+2.6 percent).

Regional payroll employment advances in October

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs rose by 13,000, or 0.3 percent, over the month. Increases in multiple statewide industries such as government (+10,000) and private education and health services (+9,000) were partially offset by a seasonal drop in the state's leisure and hospitality sector (-11,000).

Payroll jobs rose in 10 Michigan metro areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.5 percent. The largest employment gain occurred in the Lansing MSA (+2.0 percent). Nonfarm employment fell in three areas during October and remained unchanged in the Detroit MSA.

Michigan total nonfarm employment increased by 49,000, or 1.1 percent, over the year. Ten metro areas displayed payroll job gains during this period, while four regions exhibited nonfarm employment reductions.

County unemployment rates up over month and year

Seventy-one Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate gains over the month, with a median increase of 0.3 percentage points. Eighty-two Michigan counties exhibited jobless rate advances since October 2023.

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

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	205,400	204,900	202,900	500	0.2%	2,500	1.2%
Employed	197,900	197,500	196,600	400	0.2%	1,300	0.7%
Unemployed	7,500	7,400	6,300	100	1.4%	1,200	19.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.6	3.1	0.1	XXX	0.6	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	62,300	62,600	61,700	-300	-0.5%	600	1.0%
Employed	59,200	59,600	59,300	-400	-0.7%	-100	-0.2%
Unemployed	3,100	3,100	2,400	0	0.0%	700	29.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.9	3.9	0.0	XXX	1.0	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,400	50,600	49,900	-200	-0.4%	500	1.0%
Employed	48,000	48,200	47,900	-200	-0.4%	100	0.2%
Unemployed	2,500	2,400	2,000	100	4.2%	500	25.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.7	4.0	0.2	XXX	0.9	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,169	2,183	2,216	-14	-0.6%	-47	-2.1%
Employed	2,060	2,090	2,126	-30	-1.4%	-66	-3.1%
Unemployed	109	93	90	16	17.2%	19	21.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.3	4.1	0.7	XXX	0.9	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	186,500	186,900	183,000	-400	-0.2%	3,500	1.9%
Employed	176,400	177,200	174,800	-800	-0.5%	1,600	0.9%
Unemployed	10,100	9,700	8,300	400	4.1%	1,800	21.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.2	4.5	0.2	XXX	0.9	XXX

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

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	612,900	614,900	605,700	-2,000	-0.3%	7,200	1.2%
Employed	590,800	593,400	587,500	-2,600	-0.4%	3,300	0.6%
Unemployed	22,100	21,500	18,200	600	2.8%	3,900	21.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	3.0	0.1	XXX	0.6	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,400	76,000	75,500	-600	-0.8%	-100	-0.1%
Employed	72,100	72,800	72,800	-700	-1.0%	-700	-1.0%
Unemployed	3,400	3,200	2,700	200	6.3%	700	25.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.3	3.6	0.2	XXX	0.9	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	172,200	172,600	172,200	-400	-0.2%	0	0.0%
Employed	164,900	165,500	166,200	-600	-0.4%	-1,300	-0.8%
Unemployed	7,300	7,100	6,100	200	2.8%	1,200	19.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.1	3.5	0.2	XXX	0.8	XXX

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

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	263,700	260,800	257,100	2,900	1.1%	6,600	2.6%
Employed	253,500	250,900	247,900	2,600	1.0%	5,600	2.3%
Unemployed	10,200	9,900	9,300	300	3.0%	900	9.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.8	3.6	0.1	XXX	0.3	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	41,500	41,600	40,600	-100	-0.2%	900	2.2%
Employed	39,800	39,900	39,200	-100	-0.3%	600	1.5%
Unemployed	1,700	1,700	1,400	0	0.0%	300	21.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.1	3.4	0.1	XXX	0.8	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,100	79,500	78,500	600	0.8%	1,600	2.0%
Employed	75,600	76,000	75,300	-400	-0.5%	300	0.4%
Unemployed	4,400	3,500	3,200	900	25.7%	1,200	37.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	4.4	4.1	1.1	XXX	1.4	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,500	81,200	79,700	-700	-0.9%	800	1.0%
Employed	76,400	77,100	76,400	-700	-0.9%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	4,100	4,000	3,300	100	2.5%	800	24.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.0	4.1	0.1	XXX	1.0	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,700	76,200	74,800	-500	-0.7%	900	1.2%
Employed	72,100	72,600	72,000	-500	-0.7%	100	0.1%
Unemployed	3,600	3,500	2,800	100	2.9%	800	28.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.6	3.7	0.2	XXX	1.1	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,800	85,200	84,700	-400	-0.5%	100	0.1%
Employed	80,200	80,800	80,900	-600	-0.7%	-700	-0.9%
Unemployed	4,600	4,400	3,800	200	4.5%	800	21.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.2	4.5	0.3	XXX	1.0	XXX

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

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	140,900	142,700	140,000	-1,800	-1.3%	900	0.6%
Employed	134,500	136,200	134,800	-1,700	-1.2%	-300	-0.2%
Unemployed	6,400	6,400	5,300	0	0.0%	1,100	20.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.5	3.8	0.0	XXX	0.7	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,500	88,300	84,700	-1,800	-2.0%	1,800	2.1%
Employed	81,500	83,700	80,900	-2,200	-2.6%	600	0.7%
Unemployed	4,900	4,600	3,800	300	6.5%	1,100	28.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.2	4.5	0.5	XXX	1.2	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	152,700	156,100	151,200	-3,400	-2.2%	1,500	1.0%
Employed	146,200	149,900	145,800	-3,700	-2.5%	400	0.3%
Unemployed	6,500	6,200	5,400	300	4.8%	1,100	20.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.0	3.5	0.2	XXX	0.7	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Oct. 2024	Sep. 2024	Oct. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,040	5,068	5,052	-28	-0.6%	-12	-0.2%
Employed	4,806	4,854	4,859	-48	-1.0%	-53	-1.1%
Unemployed	234	214	193	20	9.3%	41	21.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.2	3.8	0.4	XXX	0.8	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - October 2024

1	Livingston County	3.2	43	Chippewa County	4.8
2	Ottawa County	3.3	44	Lenawee County	4.8
3	Grand Traverse County	3.5	45	Van Buren County	4.8
4	Allegan County	3.6	46	Bay County	4.9
5	Clinton County	3.6	47	Calhoun County	4.9
6	Kent County	3.6	48	Delta County	4.9
7	Mackinac County	3.6	49	Hillsdale County	4.9
8	Washtenaw County	3.7	50	Kalkaska County	4.9
9	Barry County	3.8	51	Sanilac County	4.9
10	Eaton County	3.8	52	Tuscola County	4.9
11	Leelanau County	3.8	53	Cheboygan County	5.1
12	Oakland County	3.8	54	Gogebic County	5.1
13	Benzie County	3.9	55	Muskegon County	5.1
14	Houghton County	3.9	56	Iron County	5.2
15	Huron County	4.0	57	Macomb County	5.2
16	Ingham County	4.0	58	Wexford County	5.2
17	Ionia County	4.0	59	Manistee County	5.3
18	Kalamazoo County	4.1	60	Genesee County	5.4
19	Marquette County	4.1	61	Mecosta County	5.4
20	Branch County	4.2	62	Osceola County	5.4
21	Midland County	4.2	63	Monroe County	5.5
22	Newaygo County	4.2	64	Saginaw County	5.5
23	Dickinson County	4.3	65	Luce County	5.6
24	Charlevoix County	4.4	66	Iosco County	5.7
25	Emmet County	4.4	67	Gladwin County	5.8
26	Gratiot County	4.4	68	Oceana County	5.8
27	Lapeer County	4.4	69	Baraga County	5.9
28	Menominee County	4.4	70	Schoolcraft County	5.9
29	Alpena County	4.5	71	Ogemaw County	6.0
30	Jackson County	4.5	72	Crawford County	6.1
31	Keweenaw County	4.5	73	Alger County	6.2
32	Montcalm County	4.5	74	Wayne County	6.2
33	Shiawassee County	4.5	75	Clare County	6.3
34	Cass County	4.6	76	Ontonagon County	6.3
35	Isabella County	4.6	77	Arenac County	6.6
36	Mason County	4.6	78	Lake County	6.6
37	Otsego County	4.6	79	Alcona County	6.7
38	Antrim County	4.7	80	Montmorency County	6.8
39	Missaukee County	4.7	81	Presque Isle County	6.8
40	St. Clair County	4.7	82	Roscommon County	7.2
41	St. Joseph County	4.7	83	Oscoda County	7.9
42	Berrien County	4.8			