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Regional Michigan unemployment rates increase in November

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates advanced in 11 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 unemployment rate gains were primarily due to workforce advances across most labor market areas over the month,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Payroll jobs also rose over the month in the majority of Michigan metro areas.”

Regional jobless rates in the state ranged from 3.6 to 6.5 percent in November, with a median rate increase of 0.1 percentage points. The largest over-the-month rate increase occurred in the Upper Peninsula region (+0.8 percentage points). The Monroe metropolitan statistical area (MSA) unemployment rate fell over the month (-0.2 percentage points). Jobless rates were unchanged in five Michigan regions during November.

All 17 Michigan regions demonstrated unemployment rate increases over the year, with a median rate increase of 1.4 percentage points. The largest over-the-year rate increase occurred in the Monroe metro area (+1.8 percentage points).

Total employment up over month and year

Thirteen Michigan regions demonstrated employment advances over the month, with a median increase of 1.5 percent. The largest over-the-month employment gain occurred in the Lansing MSA (+1.9 percent). Four regions displayed employment reductions during November, including the Northeast Lower Michigan and Northwest Lower Michigan regions, the Upper Peninsula, and the Detroit metro area.

Twelve Michigan labor market areas exhibited increases in the number of employed over the year, with a median gain of 0.8 percent. The most pronounced over-the-year employment increase occurred in the Lansing MSA.

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Regional labor force levels up over month and year

Total workforce levels rose in 13 Michigan regions over the month, with a median advance of 1.6 percent. The largest over-the-month labor force gain occurred in the Lansing MSA (+2.0 percent).

Sixteen regions demonstrated labor force gains over the year, with a median increase of 2.1 percent. The most pronounced over-the-year workforce gain occurred in the Lansing MSA (+3.7 percent).

Regional nonfarm employment increases during November

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs edged down by 3,000, or 0.1 percent, over the month. The largest statewide industry increase occurred in the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+7,000). The greatest over-the-month decrease took place in the leisure and hospitality sector (-12,000).

Payroll jobs rose in nine Michigan metro areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.4 percent. The largest employment gain occurred in the Lansing MSA (+0.8 percent). Nonfarm employment fell in four areas during November.

Michigan total nonfarm employment increased by 50,000, or 1.1 percent, over the year. Eight metro areas displayed payroll job gains during this period. Three regions exhibited nonfarm employment reductions over the year, and payroll jobs remained unchanged in three metro areas since November 2023.

County jobless rates up over month and year

Sixty-nine Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate gains over the month, with a median increase of 0.3 percentage points. All 83 Michigan counties exhibited unemployment rate increases since November 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 November workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for November.

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)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	209,500	205,700	204,700	3,800	1.8%	4,800	2.3%
Employed	201,700	198,100	199,300	3,600	1.8%	2,400	1.2%
Unemployed	7,800	7,500	5,400	300	4.0%	2,400	44.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	2.6	0.0	XXX	1.1	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	63,500	62,400	62,300	1,100	1.8%	1,200	1.9%
Employed	60,300	59,300	60,100	1,000	1.7%	200	0.3%
Unemployed	3,200	3,100	2,200	100	3.2%	1,000	45.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.9	3.5	0.1	XXX	1.5	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	51,100	50,500	50,100	600	1.2%	1,000	2.0%
Employed	48,600	48,100	48,300	500	1.0%	300	0.6%
Unemployed	2,500	2,500	1,800	0	0.0%	700	38.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.9	3.7	0.0	XXX	1.2	XXX

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Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,156	2,169	2,214	-13	-0.6%	-58	-2.6%
Employed	2,046	2,061	2,137	-15	-0.7%	-91	-4.3%
Unemployed	110	108	76	2	1.9%	34	44.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.0	3.4	0.1	XXX	1.7	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	189,400	186,500	184,600	2,900	1.6%	4,800	2.6%
Employed	179,200	176,500	177,300	2,700	1.5%	1,900	1.1%
Unemployed	10,300	10,100	7,300	200	2.0%	3,000	41.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.4	4.0	0.0	XXX	1.4	XXX

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

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	620,500	612,800	608,800	7,700	1.3%	11,700	1.9%
Employed	597,900	590,700	593,000	7,200	1.2%	4,900	0.8%
Unemployed	22,600	22,000	15,800	600	2.7%	6,800	43.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.6	2.6	0.0	XXX	1.0	XXX

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Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,800	75,500	76,100	1,300	1.7%	700	0.9%
Employed	73,400	72,200	73,600	1,200	1.7%	-200	-0.3%
Unemployed	3,400	3,400	2,400	0	0.0%	1,000	41.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.4	3.2	0.0	XXX	1.2	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	174,900	172,300	172,900	2,600	1.5%	2,000	1.2%
Employed	167,300	165,000	167,600	2,300	1.4%	-300	-0.2%
Unemployed	7,600	7,300	5,300	300	4.1%	2,300	43.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.2	3.1	0.1	XXX	1.2	XXX

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

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	269,000	263,800	259,400	5,200	2.0%	9,600	3.7%
Employed	258,400	253,600	252,000	4,800	1.9%	6,400	2.5%
Unemployed	10,600	10,200	7,400	400	3.9%	3,200	43.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.9	2.9	0.1	XXX	1.1	XXX

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Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	42,200	41,500	40,800	700	1.7%	1,400	3.4%
Employed	40,400	39,800	39,500	600	1.5%	900	2.3%
Unemployed	1,800	1,700	1,300	100	5.9%	500	38.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.2	3.1	0.1	XXX	1.2	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,100	80,100	79,000	1,000	1.2%	2,100	2.7%
Employed	76,800	75,600	76,200	1,200	1.6%	600	0.8%
Unemployed	4,300	4,400	2,800	-100	-2.3%	1,500	53.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.5	3.5	-0.2	XXX	1.8	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,700	80,500	80,000	1,200	1.5%	1,700	2.1%
Employed	77,400	76,400	77,100	1,000	1.3%	300	0.4%
Unemployed	4,300	4,100	2,900	200	4.9%	1,400	48.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.1	3.7	0.1	XXX	1.5	XXX

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Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,700	75,900	74,900	800	1.1%	1,800	2.4%
Employed	73,000	72,200	72,400	800	1.1%	600	0.8%
Unemployed	3,800	3,600	2,500	200	5.6%	1,300	52.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.8	3.3	0.1	XXX	1.6	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,400	84,900	85,300	1,500	1.8%	1,100	1.3%
Employed	81,600	80,300	81,900	1,300	1.6%	-300	-0.4%
Unemployed	4,800	4,600	3,500	200	4.3%	1,300	37.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.4	4.1	0.2	XXX	1.5	XXX

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

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	139,400	140,900	138,200	-1,500	-1.1%	1,200	0.9%
Employed	132,000	134,500	132,800	-2,500	-1.9%	-800	-0.6%
Unemployed	7,400	6,400	5,400	1,000	15.6%	2,000	37.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	4.5	3.9	0.8	XXX	1.4	XXX

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Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,100	86,400	83,300	-1,300	-1.5%	1,800	2.2%
Employed	79,600	81,500	79,200	-1,900	-2.3%	400	0.5%
Unemployed	5,500	4,900	4,100	600	12.2%	1,400	34.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.5	5.7	4.9	0.8	XXX	1.6	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	151,700	152,600	148,500	-900	-0.6%	3,200	2.2%
Employed	144,700	146,200	143,300	-1,500	-1.0%	1,400	1.0%
Unemployed	7,000	6,500	5,100	500	7.7%	1,900	37.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.2	3.5	0.4	XXX	1.1	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Nov. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,060	5,042	5,055	18	0.4%	5	0.1%
Employed	4,819	4,808	4,887	11	0.2%	-68	-1.4%
Unemployed	241	234	168	7	3.0%	73	43.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.6	3.3	0.2	XXX	1.5	XXX

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Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - November 2024

1	Livingston County	3.3	43	Tuscola County	5.1
2	Ottawa County	3.4	44	Gogebic County	5.2
3	Clinton County	3.6	45	Muskegon County	5.2
4	Grand Traverse County	3.6	46	Sanilac County	5.2
5	Kent County	3.6	47	Antrim County	5.3
6	Allegan County	3.7	48	Delta County	5.3
7	Washtenaw County	3.7	49	Macomb County	5.3
8	Barry County	3.8	50	Monroe County	5.3
9	Eaton County	3.9	51	Genesee County	5.4
10	Oakland County	3.9	52	Kalkaska County	5.4
11	Ingham County	4.0	53	Mason County	5.4
12	Ionia County	4.0	54	Wexford County	5.4
13	Leelanau County	4.1	55	Osceola County	5.5
14	Kalamazoo County	4.2	56	Emmet County	5.6
15	Branch County	4.3	57	Saginaw County	5.6
16	Huron County	4.3	58	Chippewa County	5.7
17	Midland County	4.3	59	Keweenaw County	5.7
18	Benzie County	4.4	60	Mecosta County	5.7
19	Gratiot County	4.4	61	Iron County	5.9
20	Houghton County	4.4	62	Gladwin County	6.0
21	Jackson County	4.4	63	Manistee County	6.0
22	Menominee County	4.4	64	Iosco County	6.1
23	Newaygo County	4.4	65	Ogemaw County	6.1
24	Marquette County	4.5	66	Wayne County	6.3
25	Montcalm County	4.6	67	Crawford County	6.4
26	St. Joseph County	4.6	68	Oceana County	6.4
27	Shiawassee County	4.6	69	Baraga County	6.8
28	Alpena County	4.7	70	Clare County	6.8
29	Cass County	4.7	71	Schoolcraft County	6.8
30	Charlevoix County	4.7	72	Arenac County	6.9
31	Dickinson County	4.8	73	Lake County	6.9
32	Isabella County	4.8	74	Alcona County	7.1
33	Lenawee County	4.8	75	Ontonagon County	7.1
34	Missaukee County	4.8	76	Luce County	7.5
35	Bay County	4.9	77	Presque Isle County	7.6
36	Berrien County	4.9	78	Montmorency County	7.7
37	Lapeer County	4.9	79	Roscommon County	7.9
38	Calhoun County	5.0	80	Cheboygan County	8.2
39	Hillsdale County	5.0	81	Alger County	8.9
40	St. Clair County	5.0	82	Mackinac County	9.3
41	Van Buren County	5.0	83	Oscoda County	9.8
42	Otsego County	5.1			

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