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Regional Michigan jobless rates increase during December

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates advanced in 14 of Michigan’s 17 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics.

“Regional jobless rate increases over the month were primarily influenced by employment decreases across most labor market areas,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “However, preliminary annual average unemployment rates fell over the year.”

Regional jobless rates in the state ranged from 2.6 to 6.6 percent in December. Unemployment rate increases ranged from 0.2 to 1.6 percentage points, with a median increase of 0.4 percentage points. The largest over-the-month increase occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region. The Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA) was the only region to exhibit a decrease in jobless rate over the month. Unemployment rates in the Ann Arbor and Monroe MSAs remained unchanged since November.

Annual average unemployment rates down over year

Preliminary annual average data indicated that regional unemployment rates fell in all 17 Michigan regions over the year. Rate reductions ranged from 0.1 to 0.5 percentage points, with a median decrease of 0.2 percentage points.

Total employment down over month, up over year

Regional employment levels declined in 16 Michigan labor market areas in December, with a median reduction of 2.5 percent. The largest employment decrease occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (-4.0 percent). The Detroit MSA exhibited a minor employment gain over the month (+0.2 percent).

All 17 Michigan labor market areas exhibited employment advances over the year, with a median increase of 3.8 percent. The Ann Arbor MSA demonstrated the largest over-the-year employment gain (+6.2 percent).

Labor force levels down over month, up over year

Workforce totals fell in all 17 Michigan regions over the month, with a median decrease of 2.2 percent. The largest over-the-month reduction occurred in the Kalamazoo MSA (-2.6 percent).

All 17 Michigan labor market areas demonstrated labor force gains over the year, with a median increase of 3.3 percent. The largest over-the-year workforce advance occurred in the Ann Arbor metro area (+5.8 percent).

Regional payroll jobs decrease in December

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment fell by 15,000, or 0.3 percent, over the month. Sectors with the largest numerical decreases in jobs included professional and business services (-8,000) and government (-7,000).

Ten Michigan metro areas exhibited payroll job reductions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.5 percent. The largest employment decline occurred in the Saginaw MSA (-1.2 percent). Nonfarm employment advanced in the Midland, Muskegon, and Flint metro areas, and remained unchanged over the month in the Grand Rapids MSA.

Michigan total nonfarm jobs rose by 41,000 over the year, or 0.9 percent. Twelve metro areas demonstrated job gains over the year, with a median increase of 1.1 percent.

County jobless rates up over month, down over year

Seventy-five Michigan counties demonstrated jobless rate gains during December, with a median increase of 0.6 percentage points. Seventy-seven Michigan counties exhibited 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 December workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for December.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	207,100	212,300	195,700	-5,200	-2.4%	11,400	5.8%
Employed	201,600	206,800	189,800	-5,200	-2.5%	11,800	6.2%
Unemployed	5,500	5,600	5,900	-100	-1.8%	-400	-6.8%
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.6	3.0	0.0	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	61,200	62,500	59,500	-1,300	-2.1%	1,700	2.9%
Employed	58,800	60,300	56,900	-1,500	-2.5%	1,900	3.3%
Unemployed	2,500	2,200	2,500	300	13.6%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.5	4.3	0.5	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,900	51,800	48,800	-900	-1.7%	2,100	4.3%
Employed	48,700	49,900	46,400	-1,200	-2.4%	2,300	5.0%
Unemployed	2,300	1,900	2,400	400	21.1%	-100	-4.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.7	4.9	0.7	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,199	2,207	2,111	-8	-0.4%	88	4.2%
Employed	2,126	2,121	2,043	5	0.2%	83	4.1%
Unemployed	73	85	68	-12	-14.1%	5	7.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.9	3.2	-0.6	XXX	0.1	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	183,000	186,500	177,900	-3,500	-1.9%	5,100	2.9%
Employed	175,000	179,000	169,100	-4,000	-2.2%	5,900	3.5%
Unemployed	8,100	7,600	8,800	500	6.6%	-700	-8.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.1	4.9	0.3	XXX	-0.5	XXX

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

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	605,900	617,300	581,300	-11,400	-1.8%	24,600	4.2%
Employed	588,700	601,000	563,300	-12,300	-2.0%	25,400	4.5%
Unemployed	17,100	16,300	18,000	800	4.9%	-900	-5.0%
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.6	3.1	0.2	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,900	77,600	73,500	-1,700	-2.2%	2,400	3.3%
Employed	73,200	75,100	70,500	-1,900	-2.5%	2,700	3.8%
Unemployed	2,700	2,500	2,900	200	8.0%	-200	-6.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.2	4.0	0.4	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	170,400	175,000	164,900	-4,600	-2.6%	5,500	3.3%
Employed	164,500	169,600	158,500	-5,100	-3.0%	6,000	3.8%
Unemployed	5,900	5,500	6,400	400	7.3%	-500	-7.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.1	3.9	0.4	XXX	-0.4	XXX

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

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	252,900	259,400	243,000	-6,500	-2.5%	9,900	4.1%
Employed	245,000	251,800	234,500	-6,800	-2.7%	10,500	4.5%
Unemployed	7,800	7,600	8,500	200	2.6%	-700	-8.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	2.9	3.5	0.2	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	41,600	42,300	39,500	-700	-1.7%	2,100	5.3%
Employed	40,100	41,000	37,900	-900	-2.2%	2,200	5.8%
Unemployed	1,400	1,300	1,600	100	7.7%	-200	-12.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.0	4.0	0.4	XXX	-0.6	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,400	78,200	73,900	-1,800	-2.3%	2,500	3.4%
Employed	73,600	75,300	70,900	-1,700	-2.3%	2,700	3.8%
Unemployed	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	0.0%	-100	-3.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	4.1	0.0	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,800	80,300	75,800	-1,500	-1.9%	3,000	4.0%
Employed	75,600	77,300	72,300	-1,700	-2.2%	3,300	4.6%
Unemployed	3,200	3,000	3,400	200	6.7%	-200	-5.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.8	4.5	0.3	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,900	75,600	71,600	-1,700	-2.2%	2,300	3.2%
Employed	71,100	73,000	68,400	-1,900	-2.6%	2,700	3.9%
Unemployed	2,800	2,600	3,100	200	7.7%	-300	-9.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.4	4.4	0.4	XXX	-0.6	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,000	87,000	82,500	-2,000	-2.3%	2,500	3.0%
Employed	81,000	83,400	78,300	-2,400	-2.9%	2,700	3.4%
Unemployed	3,900	3,600	4,300	300	8.3%	-400	-9.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.1	5.2	0.5	XXX	-0.6	XXX

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

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	134,100	137,300	131,600	-3,200	-2.3%	2,500	1.9%
Employed	127,300	131,700	123,900	-4,400	-3.3%	3,400	2.7%
Unemployed	6,800	5,500	7,700	1,300	23.6%	-900	-11.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.0	5.8	1.1	XXX	-0.7	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,400	83,400	79,100	-2,000	-2.4%	2,300	2.9%
Employed	76,000	79,200	73,200	-3,200	-4.0%	2,800	3.8%
Unemployed	5,400	4,200	5,900	1,200	28.6%	-500	-8.5%
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.0	7.5	1.6	XXX	-0.9	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	147,600	150,600	143,200	-3,000	-2.0%	4,400	3.1%
Employed	141,200	145,300	136,000	-4,100	-2.8%	5,200	3.8%
Unemployed	6,400	5,300	7,200	1,100	20.8%	-800	-11.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	3.5	5.0	0.8	XXX	-0.7	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Dec. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,008	5,078	4,821	-70	-1.4%	187	3.9%
Employed	4,831	4,897	4,640	-66	-1.3%	191	4.1%
Unemployed	177	180	181	-3	-1.7%	-4	-2.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.6	3.8	-0.1	XXX	-0.3	XXX

**Michigan Major Labor Market Areas
Preliminary Annual Average Unemployment Rates, 2022–2023**

Area	2022	2023
Ann Arbor MSA	3.6	3.3
Battle Creek MSA	4.8	4.5
Bay City MSA	5.2	5.0
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA	3.8	3.6
Flint MSA	5.6	5.2
Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSA	3.5	3.3
Jackson MSA	4.5	4.1
Kalamazoo-Portage MSA	4.2	4.0
Lansing-East Lansing MSA	4.4	3.9
Midland MSA	4.3	4.1
Monroe MSA	4.8	4.4
Muskegon MSA	5.1	4.7
Niles-Benton Harbor MSA	4.6	4.4
Saginaw MSA	5.6	5.3
Upper Peninsula LMA	5.5	5.4
Northeast Lower Michigan LMA	6.8	6.6
Northwest Lower Michigan LMA	4.8	4.6
Michigan	4.2	4.0

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - December 2023

1	Livingston County	2.5	43	Bay County	4.4
2	Oakland County	2.6	44	Genesee County	4.4
3	Washtenaw County	2.6	45	Gogebic County	4.4
4	Ottawa County	2.7	46	Osceola County	4.4
5	Clinton County	2.8	47	Otsego County	4.4
6	Kent County	2.8	48	Van Buren County	4.5
7	Eaton County	3.1	49	Charlevoix County	4.6
8	Allegan County	3.2	50	Mecosta County	4.6
9	Barry County	3.2	51	Missaukee County	4.6
10	Grand Traverse County	3.2	52	Saginaw County	4.6
11	Ingham County	3.2	53	Tuscola County	4.7
12	Ionia County	3.2	54	Benzie County	4.8
13	Kalamazoo County	3.2	55	Delta County	4.8
14	Macomb County	3.2	56	Mason County	4.8
15	Branch County	3.4	57	Antrim County	5.2
16	Menominee County	3.4	58	Keweenaw County	5.2
17	Midland County	3.4	59	Kalkaska County	5.4
18	Jackson County	3.6	60	Iron County	5.7
19	Leelanau County	3.6	61	Emmet County	5.8
20	St. Clair County	3.6	62	Gladwin County	5.8
21	Dickinson County	3.7	63	Oceana County	5.8
22	Monroe County	3.7	64	Iosco County	5.9
23	Berrien County	3.8	65	Manistee County	5.9
24	Isabella County	3.8	66	Baraga County	6.0
25	Lenawee County	3.8	67	Chippewa County	6.0
26	St. Joseph County	3.8	68	Crawford County	6.0
27	Gratiot County	3.9	69	Lake County	6.0
28	Houghton County	3.9	70	Ontonagon County	6.1
29	Montcalm County	3.9	71	Clare County	6.2
30	Newaygo County	3.9	72	Luce County	6.5
31	Shiawassee County	3.9	73	Ogemaw County	6.5
32	Calhoun County	4.0	74	Alcona County	6.7
33	Cass County	4.0	75	Arenac County	7.1
34	Huron County	4.0	76	Schoolcraft County	7.8
35	Wayne County	4.0	77	Presque Isle County	8.0
36	Hillsdale County	4.1	78	Montmorency County	8.2
37	Muskegon County	4.1	79	Oscoda County	8.2
38	Alpena County	4.2	80	Roscommon County	8.4
39	Lapeer County	4.2	81	Alger County	8.7
40	Marquette County	4.2	82	Cheboygan County	10.8
41	Sanilac County	4.3	83	Mackinac County	15.5
42	Wexford County	4.3			