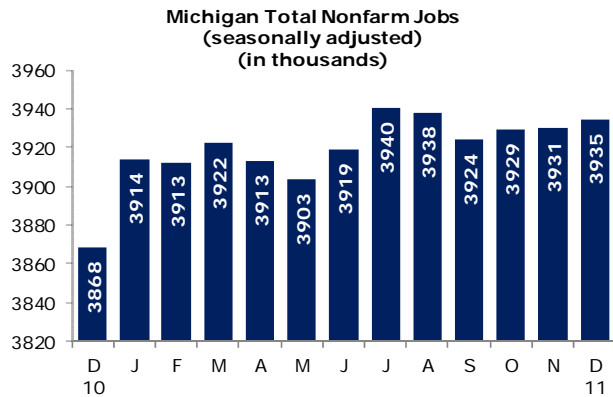


CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS
MONTHLY INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHTS
DECEMBER 2011 - MICHIGAN
 Seasonally Adjusted Preliminary Estimates

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OVERVIEW

TOTAL NONFARM JOBS (+4,100)



Michigan nonfarm payroll jobs edged up by 4,100 in December. This was the third month in a row of slow but steady job gains totaling 10,800 for the fourth quarter. A majority of this month's hiring came from increases in the Manufacturing and Professional and Business Services industries.

The December numbers allow us to step back and look at Michigan's labor market as a whole. Michigan's 2011 employment growth (through December) of 66,500 (+1.7 percent) shows the most hiring since the 88,000 positions added in 1999. Both Manufacturing and Professional and Business Services had the best year of job gains in over a decade, while payroll growth in the Education and Health Services industry continued to show strength similar to 2010.

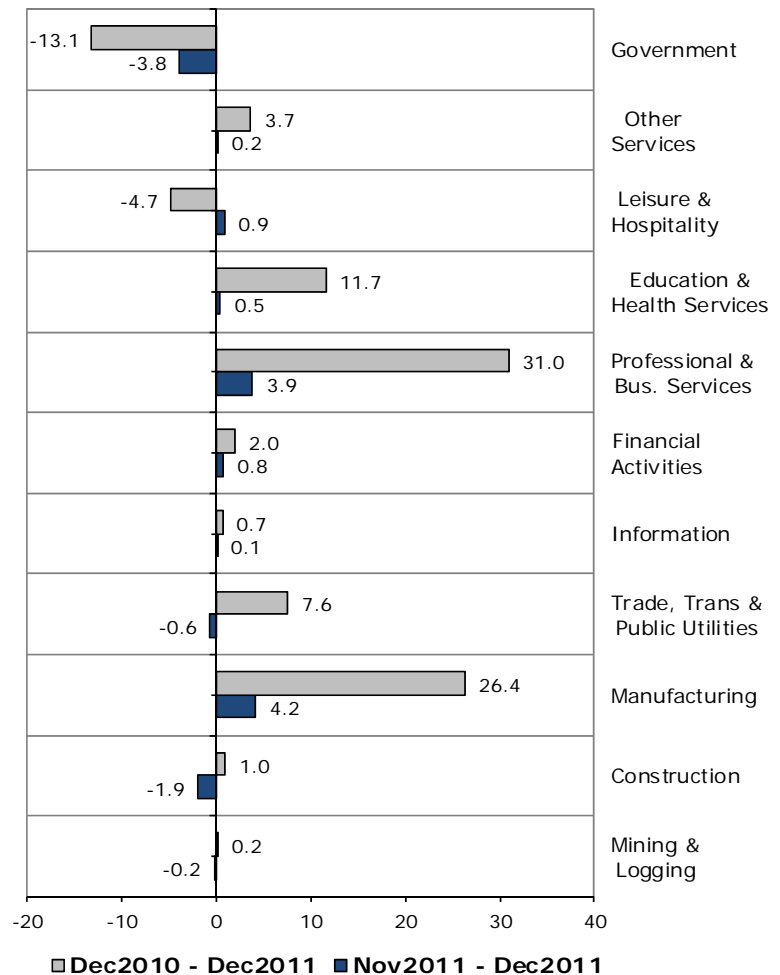
The private sector added nearly 80,000 jobs this year, while the Government sector lost 13,100 positions and does not appear to have hit bottom yet.

The national labor market reported good news in December hiring, adding 200,000 jobs spread throughout multiple industries. Significant hiring was recorded in Mining and Logging, Manufacturing, Retail Trade, and Transportation and Warehousing. This brings the average monthly

job gain in 2011 to 136,000, the best average in 5 years. Private sector employment picked up by 212,000 this month. Over the year, U.S. total private sector employment expanded by 1.7 percent.

While national job growth of 200,000 in a single month is good news, it would still take almost another four years at that pace for the economy to regain all of the jobs lost since the start of the Great Recession. Compared to previous recoveries, the 1990 recession took two and half years to regain all of the jobs lost and the 2001 recession took nearly four years.

Total Nonfarm Jobs Over the Month & Over the Year Changes (in thousands)



STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:

MINING AND LOGGING jobs dipped by 200 in December, recording this industry's first job loss since February 2011. Over the year, this sector is up 200 jobs. Nationally, *Mining and Logging* increased by 8,000 jobs in December. Over the year, national employment in this sector rose by 91,000 (+12.4 percent).

MANUFACTURING payrolls advanced by a significant 4,200 positions in December. Michigan added a total of 26,400 jobs in 2011. That is the second highest yearly job gain over the past 20 years. Employment in *transportation equipment manufacturing* grew by 1,600 this month. Over the year, jobs in Michigan's *manufacturing* sector have increased 5.5 percent.

Michigan's average weekly hours and earnings for *manufacturing* both edged downward in December. In *transportation equipment manufacturing*, average hours and earnings both increased slightly.

Nationally, manufacturing job gains were also significant, adding 23,000 workers. The largest contributing industries were *fabricated metal products, machinery, and transportation equipment*. The employment recovery accelerated this year as job gains in 2011 were double those in 2010.

OTHER CHANGES:

CONSTRUCTION payrolls contracted by 1,900 in December. The job losses in this sector since August essentially wiped out the gains seen in the first half of 2011. Nationally, employment rose 17,000 with a majority of the gains occurring in *specialty trade contractors*. *Construction* jobs nationally posted an over the year advance of 46,000, the first year of growth since 2006.

TRADE TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES employment inched down marginally (-600) in December. Losses in *retail trade* (-2,800) were partially offset by gains in *transportation, warehousing and utilities* (+1,900). Over the year, this sector's employment was up 1.1 percent. Nationally, employment climbed 90,000 in December with over half of those jobs coming from *transportation and warehousing*. This sector's employment rose 1.6 percent nationally.

INFORMATION jobs were relatively flat in December (+100), but increased by 700 positions

over the year, as Michigan jobs rose in 2011 for the first time in 10 years. Nationally, December jobs in this sector rose by 6,000, although over the year the sector shows a loss of 36,000 jobs.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES picked up 800 jobs in December with slight gains in both *finance and insurance*, and *real estate, rental and leasing*. This sector is up 2,000 jobs (+1.1 percent) over the year. Nationally jobs increased by 2,000 in December and displayed slight gains over the year.

PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES employment expanded by 3,900 in December. Half of that gain came from *administrative and support and waste management* which includes *temporary help*. Over the year the sector added 31,000 jobs (+5.9 percent). Nationally, this sector expanded by 12,000 jobs in December although the *temporary help* industry lost 7,500 positions.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES jobs in Michigan grew by 500 in December. All of that growth occurred in *health care and social assistance*. This sector's employment has increased 11,700 since December 2010. Nationally, the sector added 29,000 jobs this month, with the *health care* industry contributing 3 of 4 of those jobs. Over the year, this sector's employment nationally rose 2.2 percent.

LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES jobs increased by 900 in December, with a gain in *accommodation and food services*. This sector has cut 4,700 jobs (-1.3 percent) since December 2010. Nationally, jobs increased by 21,000 this month, with all of the growth occurring in *food services and drinking places*.

OTHER SERVICES employment edged up by 200 in December. Over the year, payrolls advanced by 3,700 (+2.2 percent). Nationally, employment increased 4,000, on pace with the 12-month average growth. Over the year this sector's employment rose 44,000 nationally.

GOVERNMENT employment fell for the fifth month in a row, slipping by 3,800 in December. *Local government* accounted for nearly 70 percent of the job losses. Over the year, *government* employment dropped by 13,100 (-2.1 percent). Nationally, *government* lost another 12,000 jobs in December for a reduction of -280,000 in 2011.

At a Glance: Michigan Seasonally Adjusted Data

December, 2011

(Employment in thousands)	December 2011(p)	November 2011	December 2010	OTM		OTY	
				Δ	%Δ	Δ	%Δ
Total Nonfarm	3934.6	3930.5	3868.1	4.1	0.1%	66.5	1.7%
Mining & Logging	7.5	7.7	7.3	-0.2	-2.6%	0.2	2.7%
Construction	125.5	127.4	124.5	-1.9	-1.5%	1	0.8%
Manufacturing	504.7	500.5	478.3	4.2	0.8%	26.4	5.5%
Trade, Trans, and Utilities	714.8	715.4	707.2	-0.6	-0.1%	7.6	1.1%
Information	54.7	54.6	54.0	0.1	0.2%	0.7	1.3%
Financial Activities	188.1	187.3	186.1	0.8	0.4%	2	1.1%
Prof & Bus. Services	552.7	548.8	521.7	3.9	0.7%	31	5.9%
Edu. & Health Services	637.1	636.6	625.4	0.5	0.1%	11.7	1.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	367.0	366.1	371.7	0.9	0.2%	-4.7	-1.3%
Other Services	171.3	171.1	167.6	0.2	0.1%	3.7	2.2%
Government	611.2	615.0	624.3	-3.8	-0.6%	-13.1	-2.1%

