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## Michigan unemployment rate decreases in May

**LANSING, Mich.** – Michigan’s seasonally adjusted jobless rate edged down by one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to 5.4 percent, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Employment was reduced by 5,000 over the month, and the number of unemployed people fell by 1,000. Michigan’s labor force receded by 7,000 during May.

“Michigan’s labor market remained stable over the month, with a minor unemployment rate reduction in May,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for Michigan’s Center for Data and Analytics. “Statewide payroll jobs also rose over the month and over the year.”

The U.S. unemployment rate remained constant for the third consecutive month at 4.2 percent. Michigan’s jobless rate in May was 1.2 percentage points above the national rate. Over the year, the national unemployment rate rose by two-tenths of a percentage point, while the statewide rate increased by 0.9 percentage points since May 2024.

### Labor force trends and highlights

- After two years of jobless rates that increased or remained stable over the month, Michigan’s unemployment rate decreased in May to 5.4 percent, a rate last seen during February 2025.
- Michigan’s total workforce edged down by 0.1 percent over the month, while the national labor force receded by 0.4 percent since April.
- Total employment fell by 0.2 percent over the year. In comparison, the U.S. total number of employed advanced by 1.3 percent during the same period.
- The May statewide labor force participation rate decreased by one-tenth of a percentage point over the month to 61.9 percent. Michigan’s employment-population ratio also fell by a tenth of a percentage point to 58.5 percent during May.

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**Michigan**  
**Labor Force Estimates**  
Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,091	5,098	5,056	-7	-0.1%	35	0.7%
Employed	4,815	4,820	4,827	-5	-0.1%	-12	-0.2%
Unemployed	277	278	229	-1	-0.4%	48	21.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.5	4.5	-0.1	XXX	0.9	XXX

**Detroit metro area jobless rate recedes in May**

The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.0 percent during May. Employment in the Detroit MSA rose by 4,000, while unemployment fell by 3,000, resulting in a slight labor force increase of 1,000 over the month.

Over the year, the Detroit MSA unemployment rate advanced by 0.7 percentage points. Employment fell by 5,000 and unemployment advanced by 16,000 since May 2024.

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**  
**Labor Force Estimates**  
Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,193	2,192	2,182	1	0.0%	11	0.5%
Employed	2,083	2,079	2,088	4	0.2%	-5	-0.2%
Unemployed	110	113	94	-3	-2.7%	16	17.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.1	4.3	-0.1	XXX	0.7	XXX

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## **Michigan payroll employment increases in May**

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll jobs advanced by 10,000, or 0.2 percent, during May.

### **Industry employment trends and highlights**

- The change in total payroll employment for April was revised up by 5,000 from 4,523,000 to 4,528,000.
- Michigan's leisure and hospitality sector demonstrated the largest over-the-month employment increase, with jobs advancing by 5,000 in May.
- On a percentage basis, the state's construction sector demonstrated the most significant over-the-month employment gain during May (+2.1 percent).
- Monthly job losses were led by professional and business services (-2,000).
- On a seasonally adjusted basis, statewide nonfarm payroll jobs rose by 49,000, or 1.1 percent, over the year.
- Since May 2024, the private education and health services (+19,000), leisure and hospitality (+12,000), and construction (+10,000) sectors recorded the most pronounced numerical job additions.

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**Michigan**  
**Payroll Employment Estimates**  
 Seasonally Adjusted  
 (Data in Thousands)

	May** 2025	Apr.* 2025	May 2024	Over the Month***		Over the Year***	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,538	4,528	4,489	10	0.2%	49	1.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	7	7	7	0	0.0%	0	-1.4%
Construction	206	202	195	4	2.1%	10	5.3%
Manufacturing	599	599	610	0	0.0%	-11	-1.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	812	811	810	1	0.1%	2	0.3%
Retail Trade	454	455	454	-1	-0.2%	0	0.0%
Information	57	57	56	0	0.0%	0	0.7%
Financial Activities	242	240	234	2	0.9%	8	3.5%
Professional and Business Services	639	641	646	-2	-0.3%	-6	-1.0%
Private Education and Health Services	732	731	712	0	0.1%	19	2.7%
Leisure and Hospitality Services	440	435	429	5	1.2%	12	2.7%
Other Services	179	179	173	-1	-0.3%	6	3.2%
Government	625	626	617	0	-0.1%	9	1.4%

\* Revised data for April 2025

\*\* Preliminary data for May 2025

\*\*\* Change calculated using unrounded data

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