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Regional Michigan unemployment rate trends mixed in February

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates advanced in six Michigan regions and declined in three labor market areas during February, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Regional rates remained unchanged in eight areas over the month.

“Labor force levels were up across all regions in February,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director of the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Changes in regional unemployment rates were mixed over the month.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 3.5 to 9.9 percent in February. Six Michigan regions demonstrated jobless rate increases over the month, with a median increase of 0.3 percentage points. The largest over-the-month increase occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+0.4 percentage points). Three metro areas exhibited rate decreases since January, with a median decline of 0.4 percentage points. The most pronounced rate decline was in the Lansing metropolitan statistical area (MSA) (-0.7 percentage points).

Over the year, jobless rates rose in nine areas and decreased in seven regions. The Northeast Lower Michigan region demonstrated the largest over-the-year rate increase of 0.9 percentage points. The unemployment rate remained unchanged in the Lansing MSA since February 2022.

Regional employment totals up over month and year

Employment rose in 16 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.6 percent. The largest over-the-month employment increase occurred in the Lansing MSA. Total employment remained unchanged in the Saginaw metro area.

Sixteen Michigan regions exhibited employment gains over the year, with a median increase of 2.2 percent.

Regional labor force levels up over month and year

Total workforce levels advanced in all 17 labor market areas across Michigan in February, with a median increase of 0.8 percent. The largest labor force increase this month occurred in the Lansing MSA.

Workforce levels increased in 16 Michigan regions over the year as well, with the most pronounced labor force advance seen in the Niles-Benton Harbor MSA (+4.3 percent).

Regional payroll jobs increase in February

Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment rose by 37,000, or 0.9 percent, over the month, according to the monthly survey of employers. The majority of this increase came from job gains in the state's government sector (+20,000).

Payroll employment rose in 13 metro areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.6 percent. The Lansing metro area demonstrated the largest over-the-month gain in jobs (+3.5 percent).

Michigan total nonfarm employment rose by 92,000 over the year, or 2.2 percent. All 14 metro areas displayed job advances over the year, with a median employment increase of 2.6 percent.

County unemployment rates mixed over month, up over year

Forty-four Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate increases over the month, while 22 counties exhibited rate decreases and 17 county rates remained unchanged. Jobless rates rose in 63 Michigan counties 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 February workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for February.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	200,400	196,700	193,700	3,700	1.9%	6,700	3.5%
Employed	193,400	189,800	186,400	3,600	1.9%	7,000	3.8%
Unemployed	7,000	6,900	7,400	100	1.4%	-400	-5.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	3.8	0.0	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	60,200	59,800	59,200	400	0.7%	1,000	1.7%
Employed	57,100	56,800	56,100	300	0.5%	1,000	1.8%
Unemployed	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	49,800	49,500	48,400	300	0.6%	1,400	2.9%
Employed	46,500	46,400	45,500	100	0.2%	1,000	2.2%
Unemployed	3,300	3,100	2,900	200	6.5%	400	13.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.3	6.0	0.2	XXX	0.5	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,090	2,089	2,114	1	0.0%	-24	-1.1%
Employed	2,011	2,000	2,012	11	0.6%	-1	0.0%
Unemployed	79	89	102	-10	-11.2%	-23	-22.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.2	4.8	-0.4	XXX	-1.0	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	179,400	178,800	175,900	600	0.3%	3,500	2.0%
Employed	168,500	167,900	165,000	600	0.4%	3,500	2.1%
Unemployed	11,000	10,900	10,900	100	0.9%	100	0.9%
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.1	6.2	0.0	XXX	-0.1	XXX

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

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	588,000	585,500	574,400	2,500	0.4%	13,600	2.4%
Employed	566,100	564,000	553,500	2,100	0.4%	12,600	2.3%
Unemployed	21,800	21,600	21,000	200	0.9%	800	3.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	XXX	0.1	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	74,700	74,100	73,400	600	0.8%	1,300	1.8%
Employed	71,000	70,500	69,700	500	0.7%	1,300	1.9%
Unemployed	3,600	3,600	3,700	0	0.0%	-100	-2.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.9	5.1	0.0	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	168,300	166,200	164,000	2,100	1.3%	4,300	2.6%
Employed	160,600	158,500	156,800	2,100	1.3%	3,800	2.4%
Unemployed	7,800	7,700	7,200	100	1.3%	600	8.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	XXX	0.2	XXX

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

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	248,000	241,000	238,700	7,000	2.9%	9,300	3.9%
Employed	237,300	229,000	228,500	8,300	3.6%	8,800	3.9%
Unemployed	10,700	12,000	10,200	-1,300	-10.8%	500	4.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	5.0	4.3	-0.7	XXX	0.0	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	40,300	39,900	39,200	400	1.0%	1,100	2.8%
Employed	38,200	37,900	37,300	300	0.8%	900	2.4%
Unemployed	2,100	2,000	1,900	100	5.0%	200	10.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.9	4.8	0.2	XXX	0.3	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,300	74,600	75,000	700	0.9%	300	0.4%
Employed	71,500	70,800	70,300	700	1.0%	1,200	1.7%
Unemployed	3,900	3,800	4,700	100	2.6%	-800	-17.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.1	6.2	0.0	XXX	-1.1	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,800	76,300	75,700	500	0.7%	1,100	1.5%
Employed	72,800	72,300	71,500	500	0.7%	1,300	1.8%
Unemployed	4,100	4,000	4,200	100	2.5%	-100	-2.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.3	5.5	0.0	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	72,800	72,100	69,800	700	1.0%	3,000	4.3%
Employed	69,000	68,300	66,200	700	1.0%	2,800	4.2%
Unemployed	3,800	3,800	3,500	0	0.0%	300	8.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.3	5.1	-0.1	XXX	0.1	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	83,600	83,400	82,300	200	0.2%	1,300	1.6%
Employed	78,100	78,100	77,200	0	0.0%	900	1.2%
Unemployed	5,500	5,300	5,100	200	3.8%	400	7.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.3	6.2	0.3	XXX	0.4	XXX

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

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	133,500	132,500	131,300	1,000	0.8%	2,200	1.7%
Employed	123,700	123,100	122,600	600	0.5%	1,100	0.9%
Unemployed	9,800	9,500	8,800	300	3.2%	1,000	11.4%
Unemployment Rate	7.4	7.2	6.7	0.2	XXX	0.7	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,800	80,200	78,600	600	0.7%	2,200	2.8%
Employed	72,800	72,600	71,500	200	0.3%	1,300	1.8%
Unemployed	8,000	7,600	7,100	400	5.3%	900	12.7%
Unemployment Rate	9.9	9.5	9.0	0.4	XXX	0.9	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	144,400	143,200	140,500	1,200	0.8%	3,900	2.8%
Employed	135,100	134,300	132,100	800	0.6%	3,000	2.3%
Unemployed	9,300	8,900	8,400	400	4.5%	900	10.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.2	6.0	0.3	XXX	0.5	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Feb. 2023	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,840	4,812	4,801	28	0.6%	39	0.8%
Employed	4,620	4,583	4,565	37	0.8%	55	1.2%
Unemployed	221	230	237	-9	-3.9%	-16	-6.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.8	4.9	-0.2	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - February 2023

1	Oakland County	2.9	43	Marquette County	6.2
2	Livingston County	3.0	44	Huron County	6.3
3	Ottawa County	3.5	45	Alpena County	6.5
4	Washtenaw County	3.5	46	Bay County	6.5
5	Kent County	3.6	47	Van Buren County	6.5
6	Macomb County	3.7	48	Saginaw County	6.6
7	Clinton County	4.1	49	Missaukee County	6.7
8	Kalamazoo County	4.1	50	Charlevoix County	6.8
9	Ingham County	4.3	51	Mecosta County	6.8
10	Allegan County	4.4	52	Sanilac County	6.8
11	Eaton County	4.4	53	Tuscola County	7.1
12	St. Clair County	4.4	54	Delta County	7.3
13	Wayne County	4.4	55	Mason County	7.3
14	Barry County	4.5	56	Keweenaw County	7.4
15	Ionia County	4.6	57	Benzie County	7.8
16	Grand Traverse County	4.7	58	Ontonagon County	7.8
17	Menominee County	4.8	59	Luce County	7.9
18	Branch County	4.9	60	Gladwin County	8.1
19	Dickinson County	4.9	61	Antrim County	8.3
20	Jackson County	4.9	62	Manistee County	8.3
21	St. Joseph County	5.0	63	Kalkaska County	8.4
22	Calhoun County	5.1	64	Iron County	8.6
23	Hillsdale County	5.1	65	Crawford County	8.7
24	Lenawee County	5.1	66	Emmet County	8.7
25	Midland County	5.1	67	Oceana County	8.7
26	Monroe County	5.1	68	Chippewa County	8.9
27	Berrien County	5.2	69	Iosco County	9.0
28	Lapeer County	5.3	70	Baraga County	9.1
29	Montcalm County	5.3	71	Clare County	9.1
30	Muskegon County	5.3	72	Lake County	9.4
31	Cass County	5.4	73	Alcona County	9.5
32	Gratiot County	5.4	74	Ogemaw County	10.3
33	Leelanau County	5.4	75	Oscoda County	10.8
34	Newaygo County	5.5	76	Arenac County	10.9
35	Isabella County	5.6	77	Schoolcraft County	10.9
36	Shiawassee County	5.6	78	Alger County	11.0
37	Houghton County	5.7	79	Montmorency County	11.0
38	Gogebic County	5.9	80	Roscommon County	11.8
39	Wexford County	5.9	81	Presque Isle County	13.3
40	Osceola County	6.0	82	Cheboygan County	16.3
41	Genesee County	6.1	83	Mackinac County	22.7
42	Otsego County	6.1			

Note data revisions:

The data in this release reflects recently revised historical estimates. All states in the nation participate in this revision process facilitated by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor force estimates for Michigan counties have been revised for all months of 2022. Revised data will be released in coming weeks for 2018–2021.

In addition, all unadjusted payroll job data for Michigan and all metro areas was revised for 2021 and 2022. For certain industries with larger historical revisions, unadjusted payroll job data was revised for multiple years, some back to 1990. For newly revised data, go to MILMI.org/DataSearch.

Previously published data for these years should be discarded and replaced with the new series.