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Regional Michigan unemployment rates decline in March

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates declined in 12 Michigan regions and remained unchanged in five labor market areas during March, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan regional labor markets recorded positive trends in March,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director of the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Modest payroll job gains were observed in most metro areas over the month.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 2.8 to 9.4 percent in March. Unemployment rate declines ranged from 0.1 to 1.0 percentage points, with a median decrease of 0.2 percentage points. The largest over-the-month jobless rate reduction occurred in the Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

Since March 2022, jobless rates rose in 14 areas, with a median increase of 0.3 percentage points. The largest over-the-year rate increase occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+1.3 percentage points). The unemployment rate remained unchanged in the Ann Arbor and Monroe metro areas.

Regional employment totals up over month and year

Employment rose in 10 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.3 percent. The most pronounced employment increase occurred in the Detroit MSA (+2.3 percent). Three regions exhibited minor employment reductions between February and March, with a median decrease of 0.2 percent.

Fifteen Michigan regions displayed employment gains over the year, with a median increase of 1.1 percent. The Ann Arbor MSA demonstrated the most pronounced over-the-year employment increase (+2.6 percent).

Regional labor force levels mixed over month, up over year

Total workforce levels advanced in nine labor market areas across Michigan, with a median increase of 0.2 percent. The largest labor force gain occurred in the Detroit MSA (+1.3 percent). Workforce levels decreased in seven metro areas over the month, led by the Jackson MSA (-0.5 percent). The Midland MSA was the only region to see no change in labor force since February.

Workforce levels increased in 16 Michigan regions over the year, with the most pronounced labor force advance seen in both the Ann Arbor and Niles-Benton Harbor metro areas (+2.8 percent).

Regional payroll jobs increase in March and over the year

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted employment rose by 9,000, or 0.2 percent, over the month. The largest over-the-month employment gains occurred in the leisure and hospitality sector (+5,000).

Payroll employment rose in 10 metro areas over the month, with a median job hike of 0.3 percent. The Flint metro area demonstrated the largest over-the-month gain in jobs (+0.7 percent). Only the Jackson MSA recorded a reduction in employment over the month (-0.2 percent).

Statewide nonfarm jobs rose by 75,000 over the year, or 1.7 percent. All 14 metro areas displayed job advances over the year, with a median increase of 2.1 percent.

County unemployment rates down over month, up over year

Over the month, 64 Michigan counties exhibited unemployment rate decreases, while seven counties demonstrated rate increases and 12 county rates remained unchanged. Jobless rates rose in 75 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 March workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for March.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	200,800	200,400	195,400	400	0.2%	5,400	2.8%
Employed	193,700	193,300	188,700	400	0.2%	5,000	2.6%
Unemployed	7,100	7,000	6,800	100	1.4%	300	4.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	3.5	0.0	XXX	0.0	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	60,100	60,200	59,700	-100	-0.2%	400	0.7%
Employed	57,100	57,100	56,800	0	0.0%	300	0.5%
Unemployed	3,000	3,100	2,900	-100	-3.2%	100	3.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.1	4.8	0.0	XXX	0.3	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	49,600	49,800	48,800	-200	-0.4%	800	1.6%
Employed	46,500	46,500	46,100	0	0.0%	400	0.9%
Unemployed	3,100	3,300	2,700	-200	-6.1%	400	14.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.5	5.5	-0.2	XXX	0.8	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,118	2,090	2,121	28	1.3%	-3	-0.1%
Employed	2,058	2,011	2,031	47	2.3%	27	1.3%
Unemployed	60	79	90	-19	-24.1%	-30	-33.3%
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.8	4.3	-1.0	XXX	-1.5	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	180,200	179,400	176,900	800	0.4%	3,300	1.9%
Employed	169,400	168,500	166,800	900	0.5%	2,600	1.6%
Unemployed	10,800	11,000	10,100	-200	-1.8%	700	6.9%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.1	5.7	-0.1	XXX	0.3	XXX

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

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	589,000	587,800	580,200	1,200	0.2%	8,800	1.5%
Employed	567,400	565,900	559,900	1,500	0.3%	7,500	1.3%
Unemployed	21,600	21,800	20,200	-200	-0.9%	1,400	6.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	3.5	0.0	XXX	0.2	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	74,300	74,700	74,000	-400	-0.5%	300	0.4%
Employed	70,900	71,000	70,700	-100	-0.1%	200	0.3%
Unemployed	3,500	3,600	3,300	-100	-2.8%	200	6.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.9	4.5	-0.2	XXX	0.2	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	168,100	168,000	165,600	100	0.1%	2,500	1.5%
Employed	160,500	160,300	158,700	200	0.1%	1,800	1.1%
Unemployed	7,600	7,800	7,000	-200	-2.6%	600	8.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.6	4.2	-0.1	XXX	0.3	XXX

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

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	247,500	248,100	242,000	-600	-0.2%	5,500	2.3%
Employed	236,900	237,400	232,200	-500	-0.2%	4,700	2.0%
Unemployed	10,600	10,700	9,800	-100	-0.9%	800	8.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.3	4.1	0.0	XXX	0.2	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	40,400	40,400	39,700	0	0.0%	700	1.8%
Employed	38,400	38,400	37,900	0	0.0%	500	1.3%
Unemployed	2,000	2,100	1,800	-100	-4.8%	200	11.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.1	4.5	0.0	XXX	0.6	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,300	75,400	75,000	-100	-0.1%	300	0.4%
Employed	71,600	71,500	71,400	100	0.1%	200	0.3%
Unemployed	3,700	3,900	3,700	-200	-5.1%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.1	4.9	-0.2	XXX	0.0	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,900	76,800	76,200	100	0.1%	700	0.9%
Employed	72,900	72,700	72,400	200	0.3%	500	0.7%
Unemployed	4,000	4,100	3,800	-100	-2.4%	200	5.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.3	5.0	-0.1	XXX	0.2	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	72,900	72,700	70,900	200	0.3%	2,000	2.8%
Employed	69,300	68,900	67,600	400	0.6%	1,700	2.5%
Unemployed	3,600	3,800	3,300	-200	-5.3%	300	9.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.2	4.7	-0.3	XXX	0.2	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	83,500	83,700	82,800	-200	-0.2%	700	0.8%
Employed	78,100	78,100	78,100	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	5,400	5,500	4,700	-100	-1.8%	700	14.9%
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.6	5.7	-0.1	XXX	0.8	XXX

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

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	133,200	133,500	131,700	-300	-0.2%	1,500	1.1%
Employed	123,500	123,700	123,500	-200	-0.2%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	9,700	9,800	8,300	-100	-1.0%	1,400	16.9%
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.4	6.3	-0.1	XXX	1.0	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,900	80,800	79,000	100	0.1%	1,900	2.4%
Employed	73,300	72,800	72,600	500	0.7%	700	1.0%
Unemployed	7,600	8,000	6,400	-400	-5.0%	1,200	18.8%
Unemployment Rate	9.4	9.9	8.1	-0.5	XXX	1.3	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	144,600	144,400	141,900	200	0.1%	2,700	1.9%
Employed	135,500	135,100	134,100	400	0.3%	1,400	1.0%
Unemployed	9,100	9,300	7,800	-200	-2.2%	1,300	16.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.5	5.5	-0.2	XXX	0.8	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,870	4,839	4,833	31	0.6%	37	0.8%
Employed	4,671	4,619	4,617	52	1.1%	54	1.2%
Unemployed	199	221	216	-22	-10.0%	-17	-7.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.6	4.5	-0.5	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - March 2023

1	Livingston County	2.2	43	Alpena County	6.1
2	Oakland County	2.2	44	Van Buren County	6.1
3	Macomb County	2.8	45	Marquette County	6.2
4	St. Clair County	3.3	46	Bay County	6.3
5	Wayne County	3.3	47	Otsego County	6.4
6	Ottawa County	3.4	48	Charlevoix County	6.5
7	Washtenaw County	3.5	49	Missaukee County	6.5
8	Kent County	3.6	50	Saginaw County	6.5
9	Clinton County	4.0	51	Sanilac County	6.5
10	Lapeer County	4.0	52	Mecosta County	6.6
11	Allegan County	4.1	53	Tuscola County	6.6
12	Kalamazoo County	4.1	54	Mason County	6.8
13	Eaton County	4.2	55	Delta County	6.9
14	Barry County	4.3	56	Keweenaw County	7.4
15	Ingham County	4.4	57	Benzie County	7.5
16	Grand Traverse County	4.5	58	Antrim County	7.9
17	Ionia County	4.5	59	Gladwin County	7.9
18	Branch County	4.6	60	Manistee County	8.0
19	Jackson County	4.7	61	Iron County	8.1
20	Menominee County	4.7	62	Oceana County	8.1
21	St. Joseph County	4.8	63	Kalkaska County	8.2
22	Berrien County	4.9	64	Luce County	8.2
23	Dickinson County	4.9	65	Crawford County	8.3
24	Hillsdale County	4.9	66	Iosco County	8.4
25	Monroe County	4.9	67	Chippewa County	8.5
26	Calhoun County	5.1	68	Clare County	8.6
27	Cass County	5.1	69	Emmet County	8.7
28	Midland County	5.1	70	Baraga County	8.8
29	Montcalm County	5.1	71	Lake County	9.0
30	Gratiot County	5.2	72	Ontonagon County	9.1
31	Muskegon County	5.2	73	Alcona County	9.3
32	Leelanau County	5.3	74	Ogemaw County	9.8
33	Lenawee County	5.3	75	Oscoda County	10.3
34	Isabella County	5.5	76	Arenac County	10.4
35	Newaygo County	5.5	77	Montmorency County	10.7
36	Shiawassee County	5.5	78	Schoolcraft County	10.7
37	Osceola County	5.7	79	Roscommon County	11.2
38	Wexford County	5.7	80	Presque Isle County	11.6
39	Gogebic County	5.9	81	Alger County	11.7
40	Genesee County	6.0	82	Cheboygan County	15.8
41	Houghton County	6.0	83	Mackinac County	21.6
42	Huron County	6.0			