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Regional Michigan jobless rates fall in March

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 16 of Michigan's 18 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan’s regional labor markets were relatively stable between February and March although unemployment remained elevated in all areas since last year,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Total payroll jobs increased in most metro areas, with several industries showing strong seasonal gains.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 4.7 to 10.3 percent in March, with a median rate reduction of 0.4 percentage points over the month. Rate declines ranged from 0.1 to 0.9 percentage points, with the most pronounced over-the-month rate decrease occurring in the Monroe metropolitan statistical area (MSA). The Ann Arbor metro area exhibited a jobless rate increase over the month (+0.2 percentage points), and the unemployment rate in the Lansing MSA was unchanged since February.

All 18 Michigan labor market areas displayed unemployment rate gains over the year, with a median rate increase of 1.4 percentage points.

Total employment up over month, mixed over year

Total employment advanced in all 18 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median gain of 0.8 percent. The Lansing MSA and the Northeast Lower Michigan region both recorded the largest employment increase since February (+1.2 percent).

Employment advanced in nine Michigan labor market areas over the year, with a median increase of 0.7 percent. Eight regions experienced employment decreases over the year, and employment remained unchanged in the Muskegon MSA since March 2024.

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Regional workforce levels up over month and year

Regional labor force levels advanced in 17 Michigan regions over the month, with a median gain of 0.5 percent. The most pronounced over-the-month workforce increase occurred in the Lansing metro area (+1.1 percent).

Michigan workforce levels rose in all 18 labor market areas over the year, with a median gain of 1.6 percent.

Regional nonfarm employment rose in March

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll jobs rose by 6,000, or 0.1 percent, over the month. Industries with the most significant over-the-month increases included leisure and hospitality (+5,000) and construction (+3,000).

Payroll jobs advanced in 14 Michigan metro areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.5 percent. The largest payroll employment increase occurred in the Monroe MSA (+1.2 percent). Payroll jobs fell in the Grand Rapids metro area since February.

Michigan total nonfarm jobs advanced by 27,000, or 0.6 percent, over the year. Ten metro areas demonstrated job gains since March 2024, with a median increase of 1.3 percent.

County jobless rates down over month, up over year

Seventy-five Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate reductions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.5 percentage points. Eighty-two Michigan counties exhibited unemployment rate increases since March 2024.

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 18 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."

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Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	210,900	209,400	207,500	1,500	0.7%	3,400	1.6%
Employed	201,000	200,000	200,600	1,000	0.5%	400	0.2%
Unemployed	9,900	9,300	6,800	600	6.5%	3,100	45.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.5	3.3	0.2	XXX	1.4	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	64,700	64,600	63,400	100	0.2%	1,300	2.1%
Employed	60,700	60,300	60,400	400	0.7%	300	0.5%
Unemployed	4,000	4,200	3,000	-200	-4.8%	1,000	33.3%
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.6	4.7	-0.4	XXX	1.5	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	51,000	50,900	50,300	100	0.2%	700	1.4%
Employed	47,400	47,000	47,500	400	0.9%	-100	-0.2%
Unemployed	3,700	4,000	2,900	-300	-7.5%	800	27.6%
Unemployment Rate	7.2	7.8	5.7	-0.6	XXX	1.5	XXX

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Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA
 (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, and St. Clair counties)
 (Data in Thousands)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,187	2,177	2,182	10	0.5%	5	0.2%
Employed	2,071	2,058	2,096	13	0.6%	-25	-1.2%
Unemployed	116	119	86	-3	-2.5%	30	34.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.5	3.9	-0.2	XXX	1.4	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	192,000	191,100	188,200	900	0.5%	3,800	2.0%
Employed	178,400	176,700	178,000	1,700	1.0%	400	0.2%
Unemployed	13,600	14,400	10,100	-800	-5.6%	3,500	34.7%
Unemployment Rate	7.1	7.5	5.4	-0.4	XXX	1.7	XXX

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

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	629,400	629,300	628,600	100	0.0%	800	0.1%
Employed	599,000	598,200	605,700	800	0.1%	-6,700	-1.1%
Unemployed	30,400	31,100	22,800	-700	-2.3%	7,600	33.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.9	3.6	-0.1	XXX	1.2	XXX

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Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,800	75,500	75,300	300	0.4%	500	0.7%
Employed	71,300	70,700	71,900	600	0.8%	-600	-0.8%
Unemployed	4,500	4,700	3,300	-200	-4.3%	1,200	36.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.9	6.3	4.4	-0.4	XXX	1.5	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo County)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	142,700	142,100	141,300	600	0.4%	1,400	1.0%
Employed	135,600	135,000	136,000	600	0.4%	-400	-0.3%
Unemployed	7,100	7,100	5,200	0	0.0%	1,900	36.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.0	3.7	-0.1	XXX	1.2	XXX

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

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	262,900	260,000	258,400	2,900	1.1%	4,500	1.7%
Employed	249,500	246,600	248,200	2,900	1.2%	1,300	0.5%
Unemployed	13,500	13,400	10,200	100	0.7%	3,300	32.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.1	3.9	0.0	XXX	1.2	XXX

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Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	43,700	43,500	42,900	200	0.5%	800	1.9%
Employed	41,300	40,900	41,000	400	1.0%	300	0.7%
Unemployed	2,500	2,600	1,900	-100	-3.8%	600	31.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.9	4.4	-0.2	XXX	1.3	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,700	80,000	79,300	-300	-0.4%	400	0.5%
Employed	74,900	74,400	75,800	500	0.7%	-900	-1.2%
Unemployed	4,900	5,600	3,500	-700	-12.5%	1,400	40.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.1	7.0	4.4	-0.9	XXX	1.7	XXX

Muskegon–Norton Shores MSA (Muskegon County)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,800	85,400	84,400	400	0.5%	1,400	1.7%
Employed	80,400	79,800	80,400	600	0.8%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	5,400	5,600	3,900	-200	-3.6%	1,500	38.5%
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.6	4.6	-0.3	XXX	1.7	XXX

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Niles MSA (Berrien County)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,900	76,500	76,600	400	0.5%	300	0.4%
Employed	72,300	71,500	73,100	800	1.1%	-800	-1.1%
Unemployed	4,600	5,000	3,500	-400	-8.0%	1,100	31.4%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.5	4.6	-0.5	XXX	1.4	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,000	85,600	85,100	400	0.5%	900	1.1%
Employed	79,600	78,900	80,200	700	0.9%	-600	-0.7%
Unemployed	6,400	6,700	4,900	-300	-4.5%	1,500	30.6%
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.9	5.8	-0.4	XXX	1.7	XXX

Traverse City MSA

(Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau counties)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,800	81,300	79,300	500	0.6%	2,500	3.2%
Employed	77,100	76,400	75,600	700	0.9%	1,500	2.0%
Unemployed	4,600	4,900	3,700	-300	-6.1%	900	24.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	6.0	4.6	-0.4	XXX	1.0	XXX

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

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	143,800	143,500	140,000	300	0.2%	3,800	2.7%
Employed	132,100	131,500	130,500	600	0.5%	1,600	1.2%
Unemployed	11,700	12,000	9,500	-300	-2.5%	2,200	23.2%
Unemployment Rate	8.1	8.4	6.8	-0.3	XXX	1.3	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	87,600	87,300	84,900	300	0.3%	2,700	3.2%
Employed	78,600	77,700	77,700	900	1.2%	900	1.2%
Unemployed	9,000	9,600	7,300	-600	-6.3%	1,700	23.3%
Unemployment Rate	10.3	11.0	8.6	-0.7	XXX	1.7	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	158,100	157,500	154,500	600	0.4%	3,600	2.3%
Employed	147,600	146,400	146,000	1,200	0.8%	1,600	1.1%
Unemployed	10,500	11,100	8,500	-600	-5.4%	2,000	23.5%
Unemployment Rate	6.6	7.0	5.5	-0.4	XXX	1.1	XXX

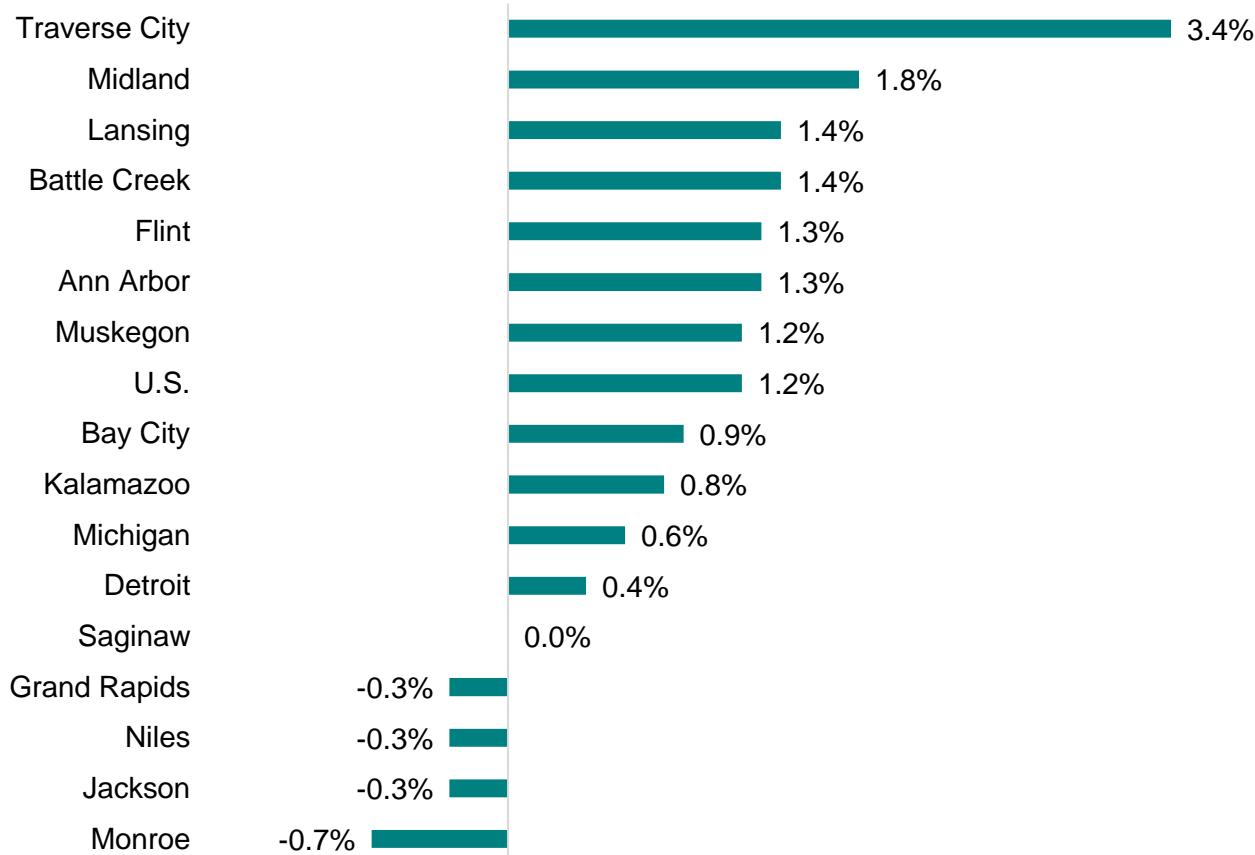
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Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Mar. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,084	5,062	5,041	22	0.4%	43	0.9%
Employed	4,793	4,761	4,822	32	0.7%	-29	-0.6%
Unemployed	291	301	219	-10	-3.3%	72	32.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.0	4.3	-0.3	XXX	1.4	XXX

Metro Area Over-the-Year Payroll Jobs Change, March 2025

Not Seasonally Adjusted



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Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - March 2025

1	Livingston County	3.9	43	Otsego County	7.1
2	Oakland County	4.1	44	Bay County	7.2
3	Clinton County	4.6	45	Huron County	7.2
4	Ottawa County	4.6	46	Marquette County	7.2
5	Kent County	4.7	47	Tuscola County	7.2
6	Washtenaw County	4.7	48	Keweenaw County	7.3
7	Eaton County	4.9	49	Wexford County	7.3
8	Kalamazoo County	4.9	50	Benzie County	7.4
9	Branch County	5.0	51	Missaukee County	7.5
10	Grand Traverse County	5.0	52	Saginaw County	7.5
11	Macomb County	5.1	53	Kalkaska County	7.6
12	Allegan County	5.3	54	Mason County	7.8
13	Ingham County	5.3	55	Delta County	7.9
14	Ionia County	5.4	56	Mecosta County	7.9
15	Menominee County	5.4	57	Antrim County	8.0
16	St. Clair County	5.4	58	Manistee County	8.1
17	St. Joseph County	5.5	59	Sanilac County	8.2
18	Barry County	5.6	60	Gladwin County	8.3
19	Cass County	5.7	61	Crawford County	8.4
20	Midland County	5.7	62	Emmet County	8.4
21	Dickinson County	5.8	63	Osceola County	8.4
22	Leelanau County	5.8	64	Lake County	8.5
23	Montcalm County	5.8	65	Ontonagon County	8.8
24	Hillsdale County	5.9	66	Baraga County	9.3
25	Jackson County	5.9	67	Chippewa County	9.3
26	Lenawee County	5.9	68	Clare County	9.5
27	Berrien County	6.0	69	Iron County	9.7
28	Monroe County	6.1	70	Luce County	9.7
29	Calhoun County	6.2	71	Roscommon County	10.0
30	Shiawassee County	6.2	72	Arenac County	10.1
31	Lapeer County	6.3	73	Oceana County	10.1
32	Muskegon County	6.3	74	Iosco County	10.6
33	Isabella County	6.4	75	Montmorency County	11.3
34	Newaygo County	6.4	76	Alger County	11.7
35	Gratiot County	6.5	77	Ogemaw County	11.7
36	Wayne County	6.5	78	Schoolcraft County	12.1
37	Alpena County	6.6	79	Alcona County	12.3
38	Charlevoix County	6.6	80	Presque Isle County	13.1
39	Gogebic County	6.7	81	Oscoda County	14.2
40	Houghton County	6.7	82	Cheboygan County	15.4
41	Van Buren County	6.8	83	Mackinac County	22.0
42	Genesee County	7.1			

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