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## Michigan regional jobless rates advance during May

**LANSING, Mich.** – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates rose in 13 Michigan labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan’s regional labor market jobless rate gains were primarily due to workforce increases across multiple regions,” said Wayne Rourke, associate director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. “Payroll employment advanced in most metro areas during May.”

Regional jobless rates ranged from 3.4 to 5.9 percent. Unemployment rate increases ranged from 0.1 to 0.7 percentage points, with a median advance of three-tenths of a percentage point. Four regions demonstrated jobless rate declines between April and May. Seasonal rate decreases occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region, the Upper Peninsula, and the Northwest Lower Michigan region. A minor jobless rate reduction was recorded in the Bay City metropolitan statistical area (MSA).

Unemployment rates receded in all 17 Michigan labor market areas over the year, with a median decrease of 1.7 percentage points. The largest over-the-year jobless rate decrease was seen in the Muskegon MSA (-2.9 percentage points).

### Regional employment up over month and year

Fifteen Michigan regions demonstrated employment increases between April and May, with a median advance of 1.7 percent. The largest over-the-month employment hikes occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan (+7.5 percent) and Northwest Lower Michigan (+6.8 percent) regions.

Employment advanced in all 17 Michigan labor market areas over the year, with a median increase of 4.7 percent. The Ann Arbor MSA exhibited the most pronounced employment increase since May 2021 (+6.4 percent).

## **Regional labor force levels up over month and year**

Michigan regional workforce levels advanced in 15 areas over the month, with a median increase of 1.7 percent. The most pronounced labor force hikes occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+6.2 percent) and the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+5.8 percent).

All 17 Michigan labor market areas exhibited labor force advances over the year, with a median increase of 2.8 percent.

## **Nonfarm payroll job gains occur in most regions during May**

The monthly survey of employers indicated that Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll employment increased by 30,000 over the month, or 0.7 percent, resulting in a total nonfarm job count of 4,336,000 in May. Employment gains occurred in most statewide industries, led by the leisure and hospitality sector (+21,000).

Payroll jobs advanced in 10 Michigan metro areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.9 percent. The largest over-the-month employment increase occurred in the Niles-Benton Harbor region (+1.2 percent). Total nonfarm jobs decreased in the Ann Arbor, Saginaw, and Kalamazoo MSAs and remained unchanged in the Lansing metro area since April 2022.

Michigan payroll employment rose by 154,000 over the year, or 3.7 percent. All 14 metro areas demonstrated nonfarm job gains over the year as well, with a median employment increase of 2.8 percent.

## **County unemployment rates mixed over month, decline over year**

Forty-five Michigan counties displayed jobless rate declines between April and May, with the most pronounced rate decrease occurring in Mackinac County (-8.8 percentage points). Jobless rates receded in all 83 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 May workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for May.

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

**Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	197,400	197,900	188,000	-500	-0.3%	9,400	5.0%
Employed	190,300	192,000	178,800	-1,700	-0.9%	11,500	6.4%
Unemployed	7,200	5,900	9,200	1,300	22.0%	-2,000	-21.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.0	4.9	0.6	XXX	-1.3	XXX

**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	61,200	60,000	59,800	1,200	2.0%	1,400	2.3%
Employed	58,200	57,300	55,500	900	1.6%	2,700	4.9%
Unemployed	3,000	2,800	4,300	200	7.1%	-1,300	-30.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.6	7.2	0.3	XXX	-2.3	XXX

**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	49,400	48,700	48,200	700	1.4%	1,200	2.5%
Employed	47,000	46,200	45,100	800	1.7%	1,900	4.2%
Unemployed	2,400	2,400	3,100	0	0.0%	-700	-22.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.0	6.4	-0.1	XXX	-1.5	XXX

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

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

(Data in Thousands)

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,100	2,111	2,088	-11	-0.5%	12	0.6%
Employed	1,998	2,022	1,951	-24	-1.2%	47	2.4%
Unemployed	103	89	137	14	15.7%	-34	-24.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.2	6.5	0.7	XXX	-1.6	XXX

**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	178,800	175,800	175,200	3,000	1.7%	3,600	2.1%
Employed	168,500	165,700	161,100	2,800	1.7%	7,400	4.6%
Unemployed	10,300	10,100	14,100	200	2.0%	-3,800	-27.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.7	8.0	0.1	XXX	-2.2	XXX

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

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	584,800	571,600	565,000	13,200	2.3%	19,800	3.5%
Employed	564,600	553,900	536,100	10,700	1.9%	28,500	5.3%
Unemployed	20,100	17,700	28,800	2,400	13.6%	-8,700	-30.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.1	5.1	0.3	XXX	-1.7	XXX

**Jackson MSA (Jackson County)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	74,400	73,300	72,500	1,100	1.5%	1,900	2.6%
Employed	71,100	70,200	68,000	900	1.3%	3,100	4.6%
Unemployed	3,300	3,100	4,500	200	6.5%	-1,200	-26.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.2	6.2	0.2	XXX	-1.8	XXX

**Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	167,600	165,600	162,600	2,000	1.2%	5,000	3.1%
Employed	160,700	159,400	153,300	1,300	0.8%	7,400	4.8%
Unemployed	6,800	6,200	9,400	600	9.7%	-2,600	-27.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.7	5.8	0.4	XXX	-1.7	XXX

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

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	245,700	241,500	237,700	4,200	1.7%	8,000	3.4%
Employed	234,200	231,900	223,600	2,300	1.0%	10,600	4.7%
Unemployed	11,500	9,600	14,100	1,900	19.8%	-2,600	-18.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.0	5.9	0.7	XXX	-1.2	XXX

**Midland MSA (Midland County)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	39,700	38,800	38,600	900	2.3%	1,100	2.8%
Employed	38,000	37,300	36,600	700	1.9%	1,400	3.8%
Unemployed	1,600	1,600	2,100	0	0.0%	-500	-23.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.0	5.3	0.1	XXX	-1.2	XXX

**Monroe MSA (Monroe County)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	74,900	73,700	72,600	1,200	1.6%	2,300	3.2%
Employed	71,500	70,600	67,400	900	1.3%	4,100	6.1%
Unemployed	3,500	3,100	5,200	400	12.9%	-1,700	-32.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.2	7.1	0.4	XXX	-2.5	XXX

**Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	77,500	76,200	75,400	1,300	1.7%	2,100	2.8%
Employed	73,300	72,100	69,100	1,200	1.7%	4,200	6.1%
Unemployed	4,200	4,100	6,300	100	2.4%	-2,100	-33.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.3	8.3	0.1	XXX	-2.9	XXX

**Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	72,100	70,400	70,600	1,700	2.4%	1,500	2.1%
Employed	68,900	67,400	66,300	1,500	2.2%	2,600	3.9%
Unemployed	3,200	3,000	4,400	200	6.7%	-1,200	-27.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.2	6.2	0.2	XXX	-1.8	XXX

**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	82,300	81,700	81,400	600	0.7%	900	1.1%
Employed	77,600	77,100	75,200	500	0.6%	2,400	3.2%
Unemployed	4,700	4,600	6,200	100	2.2%	-1,500	-24.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.7	7.6	0.1	XXX	-1.8	XXX

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

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	133,900	131,500	129,700	2,400	1.8%	4,200	3.2%
Employed	127,000	123,900	121,700	3,100	2.5%	5,300	4.4%
Unemployed	6,900	7,600	8,000	-700	-9.2%	-1,100	-13.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.8	6.2	-0.6	XXX	-1.0	XXX

**Northeast Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	83,400	78,800	80,600	4,600	5.8%	2,800	3.5%
Employed	78,500	73,000	74,600	5,500	7.5%	3,900	5.2%
Unemployed	4,900	5,800	6,000	-900	-15.5%	-1,100	-18.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.9	7.4	7.5	-1.5	XXX	-1.6	XXX

**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	150,700	141,900	144,600	8,800	6.2%	6,100	4.2%
Employed	144,100	134,900	135,800	9,200	6.8%	8,300	6.1%
Unemployed	6,700	7,000	8,800	-300	-4.3%	-2,100	-23.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.9	6.1	-0.5	XXX	-1.7	XXX

**Michigan (Data in Thousands)**

	May 2022	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,859	4,812	4,760	47	1.0%	99	2.1%
Employed	4,634	4,607	4,461	27	0.6%	173	3.9%
Unemployed	225	204	300	21	10.3%	-75	-25.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.2	6.3	0.4	XXX	-1.7	XXX



**Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - May 2022**

1	Ottawa County	3.2	43	Bay County	4.9
2	Allegan County	3.4	44	Calhoun County	4.9
3	Kent County	3.5	45	Lapeer County	4.9
4	Livingston County	3.5	46	Mackinac County	4.9
5	Barry County	3.6	47	Eaton County	5.0
6	Grand Traverse County	3.6	48	Emmet County	5.0
7	Washtenaw County	3.6	49	Cheboygan County	5.1
8	Ionia County	3.8	50	Tuscola County	5.1
9	Oakland County	3.8	51	Delta County	5.2
10	Dickinson County	3.9	52	Gogebic County	5.2
11	Kalamazoo County	3.9	53	Houghton County	5.2
12	Leelanau County	3.9	54	Iron County	5.2
13	Branch County	4.0	55	Otsego County	5.3
14	Cass County	4.0	56	Manistee County	5.4
15	Clinton County	4.0	57	Mecosta County	5.4
16	Menominee County	4.0	58	Muskegon County	5.4
17	Midland County	4.1	59	Antrim County	5.5
18	St. Joseph County	4.1	60	Kalkaska County	5.6
19	Montcalm County	4.2	61	Chippewa County	5.7
20	Osceola County	4.2	62	Genesee County	5.8
21	Alpena County	4.3	63	Gladwin County	5.8
22	Huron County	4.3	64	Iosco County	5.8
23	Lenawee County	4.3	65	Saginaw County	5.8
24	Berrien County	4.4	66	Alcona County	6.1
25	Hillsdale County	4.4	67	Oceana County	6.1
26	Jackson County	4.4	68	Wayne County	6.1
27	Missaukee County	4.4	69	Crawford County	6.3
28	Newaygo County	4.4	70	Luce County	6.3
29	Charlevoix County	4.5	71	Presque Isle County	6.3
30	Gratiot County	4.5	72	Ogemaw County	6.4
31	Wexford County	4.5	73	Clare County	6.6
32	Monroe County	4.6	74	Lake County	6.6
33	Van Buren County	4.6	75	Arenac County	6.7
34	Isabella County	4.7	76	Keweenaw County	6.7
35	Macomb County	4.7	77	Alger County	7.1
36	St. Clair County	4.7	78	Schoolcraft County	7.1
37	Sanilac County	4.7	79	Baraga County	7.2
38	Shiawassee County	4.7	80	Montmorency County	7.5
39	Benzie County	4.8	81	Oscoda County	7.6
40	Ingham County	4.8	82	Ontonagon County	7.8
41	Marquette County	4.8	83	Roscommon County	8.9
42	Mason County	4.8			