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Michigan regional unemployment rates fall seasonally in August

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

“Michigan regions demonstrated typical seasonal jobless rate reductions in August,” said Wayne Rourke, associate director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. “Employment levels continued to display positive growth trends over the year.”

Regional unemployment rates in the state ranged from 3.4 to 6.1 percent during August, with a median reduction of 0.5 percentage points. The largest over-the-month rate decrease occurred in the Lansing metropolitan statistical area (MSA). The Detroit metro area was the only region to exhibit no change in jobless rate over the month.

Unemployment rates receded in all 17 Michigan labor market areas over the year, with a median reduction of 1.1 percentage points.

Regional employment mixed over month, up over year

Nine Michigan regions exhibited employment gains over the month, with a median increase of 0.3 percent. The Lansing MSA demonstrated the largest over-the-month employment gain (+1.1 percent). Four labor market areas displayed employment reductions over the month, led by the Northwest Lower Michigan region (-1.1 percent). The Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Midland, and Muskegon metro area employment totals remained unchanged since July.

All 17 Michigan labor market areas displayed employment advances over the year, with a median increase of 3.6 percent. The largest over-the-year employment gain occurred in the Flint MSA.

Regional workforce levels down over month, up over year

Labor force decreases occurred in 14 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median reduction of 0.5 percent. The most pronounced workforce decrease occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (-1.3 percent). Minor labor force gains occurred in the Detroit metro region and the Upper Peninsula, and Lansing MSA's workforce remained unchanged over the month.

Sixteen Michigan labor market areas exhibited labor force advances over the year, with a median increase of 2.3 percent.

Regional nonfarm job trends mixed in August

The monthly survey of employers indicated that Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll employment edged up by 9,000, or 0.2 percent, over the month, resulting in an August payroll job total of 4,367,000. Increases in statewide industries such as manufacturing (+7,000) and government (+7,000) were partially offset by declines in sectors like professional and business services (-3,000) and leisure and hospitality (-2,000).

Six Michigan metro areas exhibited job advances over the month, with a median increase of 0.4 percent. The largest over-the-month nonfarm employment increase occurred in the Lansing MSA (+1.4 percent). Payroll jobs fell in four metro areas, led by the Monroe MSA (-0.5 percent). Nonfarm employment was unchanged over the month in the Ann Arbor, Detroit, Muskegon, and Saginaw metro areas.

Michigan total payroll jobs increased by 139,000 over the year, or 3.3 percent. All 14 metro areas displayed employment advances since August of 2021, with a median increase of 1.7 percent.

County unemployment rates decrease over month and year

Seventy-seven Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate reductions between July and August. Jobless rates decreased in 78 counties since August 2021.

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 August workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for August.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	196,100	197,100	188,600	-1,000	-0.5%	7,500	4.0%
Employed	189,200	189,200	180,300	0	0.0%	8,900	4.9%
Unemployed	6,800	7,900	8,200	-1,100	-13.9%	-1,400	-17.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	4.0	4.4	-0.5	XXX	-0.9	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	60,500	60,600	59,300	-100	-0.2%	1,200	2.0%
Employed	57,400	57,200	55,400	200	0.3%	2,000	3.6%
Unemployed	3,100	3,400	4,000	-300	-8.8%	-900	-22.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.6	6.7	-0.4	XXX	-1.5	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	49,200	49,500	48,400	-300	-0.6%	800	1.7%
Employed	46,700	46,800	45,600	-100	-0.2%	1,100	2.4%
Unemployed	2,500	2,700	2,800	-200	-7.4%	-300	-10.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.5	5.8	-0.5	XXX	-0.8	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,134	2,129	2,150	5	0.2%	-16	-0.7%
Employed	2,059	2,055	2,006	4	0.2%	53	2.6%
Unemployed	75	74	144	1	1.4%	-69	-47.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	6.7	0.0	XXX	-3.2	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	178,600	179,400	173,900	-800	-0.4%	4,700	2.7%
Employed	167,800	167,400	157,500	400	0.2%	10,300	6.5%
Unemployed	10,800	12,000	16,400	-1,200	-10.0%	-5,600	-34.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.7	9.4	-0.6	XXX	-3.3	XXX

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

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	584,800	586,200	566,600	-1,400	-0.2%	18,200	3.2%
Employed	564,700	564,200	540,900	500	0.1%	23,800	4.4%
Unemployed	20,100	22,000	25,700	-1,900	-8.6%	-5,600	-21.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.8	4.5	-0.4	XXX	-1.1	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,100	73,200	71,500	-100	-0.1%	1,600	2.2%
Employed	69,800	69,500	67,400	300	0.4%	2,400	3.6%
Unemployed	3,300	3,700	4,100	-400	-10.8%	-800	-19.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.0	5.8	-0.5	XXX	-1.3	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	165,900	166,400	162,400	-500	-0.3%	3,500	2.2%
Employed	159,000	159,000	153,900	0	0.0%	5,100	3.3%
Unemployed	6,900	7,500	8,500	-600	-8.0%	-1,600	-18.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.5	5.2	-0.3	XXX	-1.0	XXX

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

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	240,700	240,800	231,400	-100	0.0%	9,300	4.0%
Employed	229,900	227,400	216,800	2,500	1.1%	13,100	6.0%
Unemployed	10,800	13,300	14,600	-2,500	-18.8%	-3,800	-26.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.5	6.3	-1.0	XXX	-1.8	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	39,200	39,400	38,500	-200	-0.5%	700	1.8%
Employed	37,600	37,600	36,800	0	0.0%	800	2.2%
Unemployed	1,600	1,800	1,800	-200	-11.1%	-200	-11.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.5	4.6	-0.3	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,800	74,600	71,700	-800	-1.1%	2,100	2.9%
Employed	70,400	70,600	67,400	-200	-0.3%	3,000	4.5%
Unemployed	3,400	4,000	4,300	-600	-15.0%	-900	-20.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	5.3	6.0	-0.7	XXX	-1.4	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,000	78,500	76,500	-500	-0.6%	1,500	2.0%
Employed	73,600	73,600	70,900	0	0.0%	2,700	3.8%
Unemployed	4,400	4,900	5,700	-500	-10.2%	-1,300	-22.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.2	7.4	-0.5	XXX	-1.7	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	72,100	72,200	70,500	-100	-0.1%	1,600	2.3%
Employed	68,900	68,600	66,500	300	0.4%	2,400	3.6%
Unemployed	3,300	3,600	4,000	-300	-8.3%	-700	-17.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.0	5.6	-0.5	XXX	-1.1	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	82,400	83,000	81,800	-600	-0.7%	600	0.7%
Employed	77,500	77,600	75,600	-100	-0.1%	1,900	2.5%
Unemployed	4,800	5,400	6,200	-600	-11.1%	-1,400	-22.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.9	6.5	7.6	-0.6	XXX	-1.7	XXX

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

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	135,300	135,200	132,200	100	0.1%	3,100	2.3%
Employed	128,800	128,100	125,500	700	0.5%	3,300	2.6%
Unemployed	6,500	7,100	6,700	-600	-8.5%	-200	-3.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.2	5.1	-0.4	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,500	84,800	81,400	-300	-0.4%	3,100	3.8%
Employed	79,600	79,500	76,300	100	0.1%	3,300	4.3%
Unemployed	4,900	5,300	5,200	-400	-7.5%	-300	-5.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.2	6.3	-0.4	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	156,100	158,200	150,600	-2,100	-1.3%	5,500	3.7%
Employed	149,700	151,300	143,200	-1,600	-1.1%	6,500	4.5%
Unemployed	6,400	6,900	7,400	-500	-7.2%	-1,000	-13.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.4	4.9	-0.3	XXX	-0.8	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	August 2022	July 2022	August 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,890	4,892	4,829	-2	0.0%	61	1.3%
Employed	4,693	4,682	4,533	11	0.2%	160	3.5%
Unemployed	197	210	296	-13	-6.2%	-99	-33.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.3	6.1	-0.3	XXX	-2.1	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - August 2022

1	Livingston County	2.4	43	Wayne County	4.6
2	Oakland County	2.6	44	Alpena County	4.7
3	Mackinac County	2.8	45	Ingham County	4.7
4	Ottawa County	3.1	46	Wexford County	4.7
5	Grand Traverse County	3.3	47	Gratiot County	4.8
6	Macomb County	3.3	48	Van Buren County	4.8
7	St. Clair County	3.3	49	Gogebic County	4.9
8	Allegan County	3.4	50	Iron County	4.9
9	Lapeer County	3.4	51	Sanilac County	4.9
10	Kent County	3.5	52	Bay County	5.0
11	Leelanau County	3.5	53	Delta County	5.0
12	Washtenaw County	3.5	54	Antrim County	5.1
13	Barry County	3.6	55	Otsego County	5.1
14	Ionia County	3.8	56	Calhoun County	5.2
15	Charlevoix County	3.9	57	Kalkaska County	5.2
16	Clinton County	3.9	58	Manistee County	5.2
17	Branch County	4.0	59	Keweenaw County	5.3
18	Cheboygan County	4.0	60	Mecosta County	5.3
19	Dickinson County	4.0	61	Tuscola County	5.3
20	Kalamazoo County	4.0	62	Chippewa County	5.5
21	Menominee County	4.0	63	Luce County	5.6
22	Osceola County	4.1	64	Oceana County	5.6
23	Hillsdale County	4.2	65	Muskegon County	5.7
24	Midland County	4.2	66	Gladwin County	5.8
25	St. Joseph County	4.2	67	Iosco County	5.9
26	Benzie County	4.3	68	Saginaw County	5.9
27	Cass County	4.3	69	Genesee County	6.1
28	Emmet County	4.3	70	Alger County	6.2
29	Lenawee County	4.3	71	Presque Isle County	6.2
30	Huron County	4.4	72	Alcona County	6.3
31	Montcalm County	4.4	73	Crawford County	6.3
32	Newaygo County	4.4	74	Lake County	6.4
33	Berrien County	4.5	75	Ogemaw County	6.5
34	Eaton County	4.5	76	Arenac County	6.6
35	Houghton County	4.5	77	Schoolcraft County	6.6
36	Isabella County	4.5	78	Clare County	6.7
37	Jackson County	4.5	79	Baraga County	6.9
38	Missaukee County	4.5	80	Ontonagon County	7.0
39	Marquette County	4.6	81	Montmorency County	7.7
40	Mason County	4.6	82	Roscommon County	8.0
41	Monroe County	4.6	83	Oscoda County	8.2
42	Shiawassee County	4.6			