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## Michigan regional jobless rates decrease in August

**LANSING, Mich.** – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 16 of Michigan’s 17 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan regional labor markets displayed typical seasonal rate declines in August,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Employment and workforce levels rose in most regions over the year.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 3.6 to 5.4 percent in August, with a median rate decrease of 0.2 percentage points over the month. The Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA) was the only Michigan labor market to exhibit an unemployment rate increase between July and August (+0.2 percentage points).

Fifteen Michigan regions demonstrated jobless rate reductions over the year, with a median rate reduction of 0.4 percentage points. The largest over-the-year rate decrease occurred in the Lansing MSA (-0.8 percentage points).

### Regional employment levels up over month and year

Total employment rose in 16 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median increase of 1.0 percent. The most pronounced over-the-month employment increase was seen in the Upper Peninsula (+1.5 percent). The Northwest Lower Michigan region was the only labor market area to exhibit an employment decrease over the month (-0.6 percent).

Employment advanced in all 17 Michigan regions over the year, with a median increase of 3.7 percent. The largest over-the-year employment gain occurred in the Ann Arbor MSA (+6.3 percent).

## **Regional workforce levels up over month and year**

Labor force levels increased in 15 Michigan regions over the month, with a median advance of 0.7 percent. The Northwest Lower Michigan region was the only area to demonstrate a workforce decline over the month, and the Monroe MSA labor force remained unchanged since July 2023.

All 17 Michigan regions displayed labor force hikes over the year, with a median increase of 3.4 percent. The Ann Arbor MSA demonstrated the largest over-the-year workforce gain of 6.2 percent.

## **Regional payroll employment advances in August**

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll jobs edged up by 13,000, or 0.3 percent, over the month, resulting in a nonfarm employment total of 4,449,000 in August. Employment increases primarily in government (+12,000) and manufacturing (+5,000) were partially offset by payroll job declines in trade, transportation, and utilities (-4,000), and professional and business services (-3,000),

Eight Michigan metro areas demonstrated employment gains over the month, with a median increase of 0.4 percent. Nonfarm employment fell in the Monroe, Detroit, and Lansing MSAs, and remained unchanged in the Midland, Muskegon, and Niles-Benton Harbor metro areas.

Michigan total payroll jobs rose by 60,000, or 1.4 percent, over the year. Twelve metro areas exhibited employment increases over the year, with a median increase of 0.9 percent.

## **County unemployment rates down over month and year**

Seventy-six Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate declines between July and August. Jobless rates fell in 68 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 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)**

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	206,100	204,000	194,000	2,100	1.0%	12,100	6.2%
Employed	198,100	195,900	186,400	2,200	1.1%	11,700	6.3%
Unemployed	8,000	8,100	7,600	-100	-1.2%	400	5.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.0	3.9	-0.1	XXX	0.0	XXX

**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	61,600	61,500	60,200	100	0.2%	1,400	2.3%
Employed	58,600	58,300	57,100	300	0.5%	1,500	2.6%
Unemployed	3,000	3,200	3,100	-200	-6.3%	-100	-3.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.1	5.2	-0.3	XXX	-0.4	XXX

**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	51,200	50,900	49,500	300	0.6%	1,700	3.4%
Employed	48,700	48,300	46,900	400	0.8%	1,800	3.8%
Unemployed	2,500	2,600	2,600	-100	-3.8%	-100	-3.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.2	5.2	-0.2	XXX	-0.2	XXX

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,212	2,186	2,128	26	1.2%	84	3.9%
Employed	2,121	2,100	2,049	21	1.0%	72	3.5%
Unemployed	91	86	80	5	5.8%	11	13.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.9	3.7	0.2	XXX	0.4	XXX

**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	186,000	184,600	180,500	1,400	0.8%	5,500	3.0%
Employed	176,100	174,400	170,000	1,700	1.0%	6,100	3.6%
Unemployed	9,800	10,200	10,500	-400	-3.9%	-700	-6.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.5	5.8	-0.2	XXX	-0.5	XXX

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

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	611,500	605,600	585,500	5,900	1.0%	26,000	4.4%
Employed	589,400	582,500	563,600	6,900	1.2%	25,800	4.6%
Unemployed	22,100	23,000	21,900	-900	-3.9%	200	0.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.8	3.7	-0.2	XXX	-0.1	XXX

**Jackson MSA (Jackson County)**

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,900	75,300	73,200	600	0.8%	2,700	3.7%
Employed	72,600	71,900	69,800	700	1.0%	2,800	4.0%
Unemployed	3,300	3,500	3,400	-200	-5.7%	-100	-2.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.6	4.7	-0.2	XXX	-0.3	XXX

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

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	171,400	170,000	165,600	1,400	0.8%	5,800	3.5%
Employed	164,100	162,300	158,200	1,800	1.1%	5,900	3.7%
Unemployed	7,300	7,700	7,400	-400	-5.2%	-100	-1.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.5	4.5	-0.2	XXX	-0.2	XXX

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

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	249,400	248,500	240,200	900	0.4%	9,200	3.8%
Employed	239,100	237,700	228,500	1,400	0.6%	10,600	4.6%
Unemployed	10,300	10,900	11,700	-600	-5.5%	-1,400	-12.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.4	4.9	-0.3	XXX	-0.8	XXX

**Midland MSA (Midland County)**

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	41,800	41,700	40,700	100	0.2%	1,100	2.7%
Employed	40,100	39,900	38,800	200	0.5%	1,300	3.4%
Unemployed	1,700	1,800	1,800	-100	-5.6%	-100	-5.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.2	4.5	-0.1	XXX	-0.4	XXX

**Monroe MSA (Monroe County)**

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,300	76,300	73,900	0	0.0%	2,400	3.2%
Employed	72,900	72,700	70,300	200	0.3%	2,600	3.7%
Unemployed	3,300	3,500	3,600	-200	-5.7%	-300	-8.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.6	4.9	-0.2	XXX	-0.5	XXX

**Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)**

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,800	79,500	78,400	300	0.4%	1,400	1.8%
Employed	76,000	75,300	74,200	700	0.9%	1,800	2.4%
Unemployed	3,900	4,200	4,200	-300	-7.1%	-300	-7.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.2	5.4	-0.4	XXX	-0.6	XXX

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

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,500	75,200	73,000	300	0.4%	2,500	3.4%
Employed	72,100	71,600	69,600	500	0.7%	2,500	3.6%
Unemployed	3,400	3,600	3,400	-200	-5.6%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.7	4.7	-0.2	XXX	-0.2	XXX

**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,000	85,400	82,900	600	0.7%	3,100	3.7%
Employed	81,400	80,600	78,100	800	1.0%	3,300	4.2%
Unemployed	4,600	4,800	4,800	-200	-4.2%	-200	-4.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.6	5.8	-0.3	XXX	-0.5	XXX

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

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	138,700	137,300	135,900	1,400	1.0%	2,800	2.1%
Employed	132,000	130,100	128,900	1,900	1.5%	3,100	2.4%
Unemployed	6,600	7,200	6,900	-600	-8.3%	-300	-4.3%
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)

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	87,300	87,100	84,500	200	0.2%	2,800	3.3%
Employed	82,600	82,100	79,500	500	0.6%	3,100	3.9%
Unemployed	4,700	5,000	5,000	-300	-6.0%	-300	-6.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.8	5.9	-0.4	XXX	-0.5	XXX

**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	161,200	162,700	155,500	-1,500	-0.9%	5,700	3.7%
Employed	154,800	155,800	148,900	-1,000	-0.6%	5,900	4.0%
Unemployed	6,400	6,900	6,700	-500	-7.2%	-300	-4.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.2	4.3	-0.2	XXX	-0.3	XXX

**Michigan (Data in Thousands)**

	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,068	5,023	4,882	45	0.9%	186	3.8%
Employed	4,853	4,807	4,674	46	1.0%	179	3.8%
Unemployed	215	216	208	-1	-0.5%	7	3.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.3	4.3	-0.1	XXX	-0.1	XXX



**Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - August 2023**

1	Livingston County	3.0	43	Osceola County	4.7
2	Grand Traverse County	3.2	44	Van Buren County	4.7
3	Mackinac County	3.2	45	Calhoun County	4.8
4	Oakland County	3.4	46	Gogebic County	4.8
5	Leelanau County	3.5	47	Kalkaska County	4.8
6	Ottawa County	3.5	48	Missaukee County	4.8
7	Allegan County	3.6	49	Muskegon County	4.8
8	Clinton County	3.6	50	Alpena County	4.9
9	Kent County	3.6	51	Oceana County	4.9
10	Barry County	3.7	52	Sanilac County	4.9
11	Eaton County	3.8	53	Wexford County	4.9
12	Charlevoix County	3.9	54	Bay County	5.0
13	Dickinson County	3.9	55	Delta County	5.0
14	Ionia County	3.9	56	Iosco County	5.0
15	Macomb County	3.9	57	Isabella County	5.0
16	Washtenaw County	3.9	58	Manistee County	5.0
17	Menominee County	4.0	59	Wayne County	5.0
18	St. Clair County	4.0	60	Chippewa County	5.1
19	Lapeer County	4.1	61	Iron County	5.1
20	Midland County	4.1	62	Houghton County	5.2
21	Benzie County	4.2	63	Tuscola County	5.2
22	Branch County	4.2	64	Crawford County	5.3
23	Emmet County	4.2	65	Genesee County	5.3
24	Huron County	4.2	66	Saginaw County	5.3
25	Kalamazoo County	4.2	67	Alger County	5.4
26	Antrim County	4.4	68	Luce County	5.5
27	Ingham County	4.4	69	Gladwin County	5.7
28	Jackson County	4.4	70	Ogemaw County	5.7
29	Monroe County	4.4	71	Mecosta County	5.8
30	Berrien County	4.5	72	Presque Isle County	5.8
31	Lenawee County	4.5	73	Alcona County	5.9
32	Mason County	4.5	74	Baraga County	5.9
33	Newaygo County	4.5	75	Keweenaw County	5.9
34	St. Joseph County	4.5	76	Arenac County	6.0
35	Shiawassee County	4.5	77	Clare County	6.1
36	Hillsdale County	4.6	78	Ontonagon County	6.2
37	Montcalm County	4.6	79	Lake County	6.3
38	Otsego County	4.6	80	Schoolcraft County	6.3
39	Cass County	4.7	81	Montmorency County	6.5
40	Cheboygan County	4.7	82	Roscommon County	6.7
41	Gratiot County	4.7	83	Oscoda County	7.0
42	Marquette County	4.7			