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## **Jobless rates decline in all Michigan regions during September**

**LANSING, Mich.** – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates receded in all 17 Michigan labor market areas between August and September, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan regional labor markets exhibited typical workforce reductions during September,” said Wayne Rourke, associate director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. “Payroll jobs advanced largely due to local schools and colleges re-opening for the fall.”

Michigan labor market area unemployment rates ranged from 3.2 to 5.5 percent during September, with a median decrease of five-tenths of a percentage point. The Lansing metropolitan statistical area (MSA) demonstrated the largest over-the-month jobless rate reduction (-0.8 percentage points).

Unemployment rates fell in 16 labor market areas over the year, with a median decrease of 0.8 percentage points. The Upper Peninsula was the only area that did not have a jobless rate decrease over the year, with the unemployment rate remaining unchanged since September 2021.

### **Regional employment down over month, up over year**

Employment decreases occurred in 10 Michigan regions over the month, with a median reduction of 0.6 percent. The Northwest Lower Michigan region exhibited the largest over-the-month employment decline (-3.1 percent). Six Michigan regions demonstrated employment increases since August, led by the Lansing MSA (+2.2 percent). The Jackson metro area employment level remained unchanged over the month.

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

## **Regional labor force levels down over month, up over year**

Thirteen Michigan labor market areas demonstrated workforce declines over the month, with a median reduction of 0.9 percent. The largest labor force decline occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (-3.3 percent). Workforce advances occurred in four regions over the month, led by the Lansing MSA (+1.3 percent).

Sixteen Michigan regions displayed workforce increases over the year, led by the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+4.4 percent).

## **Metro area payroll employment up in September**

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs advanced by 14,000 over the month, or 0.3 percent, resulting in a September total job count of 4,382,000. The largest over-the-month industry increase occurred in the state's government sector as hiring continued for the fall semester at local schools and universities (+41,000).

Ten Michigan metro areas demonstrated nonfarm employment increases between August and September, with a median increase of 0.7 percent. The largest over-the-month job advance occurred in the Lansing MSA (+3.2 percent). Payroll jobs fell in three metro areas, led by Niles-Benton Harbor (-0.5 percent). Employment was unchanged in the Midland MSA.

Payroll jobs in the state rose by 136,000 over the year, or 3.2 percent. Thirteen metro areas demonstrated job advances over the year, with a median increase of 1.8 percent.

## **County jobless rates recede over month and year**

Seventy-nine Michigan counties exhibited unemployment rate reductions between August and September. Jobless rates fell in 67 counties since September 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 September workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for September.

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

**Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)**

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	196,400	196,300	189,000	100	0.1%	7,400	3.9%
Employed	189,900	189,500	181,800	400	0.2%	8,100	4.5%
Unemployed	6,600	6,800	7,200	-200	-2.9%	-600	-8.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.5	3.8	-0.2	XXX	-0.5	XXX

**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	60,000	60,500	58,600	-500	-0.8%	1,400	2.4%
Employed	57,200	57,400	55,300	-200	-0.3%	1,900	3.4%
Unemployed	2,800	3,100	3,300	-300	-9.7%	-500	-15.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.2	5.6	-0.5	XXX	-0.9	XXX

**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	48,700	49,200	47,600	-500	-1.0%	1,100	2.3%
Employed	46,500	46,700	45,200	-200	-0.4%	1,300	2.9%
Unemployed	2,200	2,500	2,300	-300	-12.0%	-100	-4.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.0	4.9	-0.5	XXX	-0.4	XXX

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,124	2,134	2,136	-10	-0.5%	-12	-0.6%
Employed	2,055	2,059	2,014	-4	-0.2%	41	2.0%
Unemployed	69	75	121	-6	-8.0%	-52	-43.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.5	5.7	-0.2	XXX	-2.4	XXX

**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	176,000	178,600	172,500	-2,600	-1.5%	3,500	2.0%
Employed	166,300	167,800	160,600	-1,500	-0.9%	5,700	3.5%
Unemployed	9,700	10,800	11,900	-1,100	-10.2%	-2,200	-18.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	6.1	6.9	-0.6	XXX	-1.4	XXX

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

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	583,500	584,800	560,400	-1,300	-0.2%	23,100	4.1%
Employed	564,800	564,700	538,800	100	0.0%	26,000	4.8%
Unemployed	18,700	20,100	21,600	-1,400	-7.0%	-2,900	-13.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.4	3.9	-0.2	XXX	-0.7	XXX

**Jackson MSA (Jackson County)**

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	72,700	73,100	71,200	-400	-0.5%	1,500	2.1%
Employed	69,800	69,800	67,700	0	0.0%	2,100	3.1%
Unemployed	2,900	3,300	3,500	-400	-12.1%	-600	-17.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.5	4.9	-0.5	XXX	-0.9	XXX

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

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	166,600	166,100	161,100	500	0.3%	5,500	3.4%
Employed	160,200	159,200	154,000	1,000	0.6%	6,200	4.0%
Unemployed	6,400	6,900	7,200	-500	-7.2%	-800	-11.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.2	4.4	-0.4	XXX	-0.6	XXX

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

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	243,300	240,100	233,200	3,200	1.3%	10,100	4.3%
Employed	234,200	229,200	220,500	5,000	2.2%	13,700	6.2%
Unemployed	9,100	10,800	12,700	-1,700	-15.7%	-3,600	-28.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.5	5.4	-0.8	XXX	-1.7	XXX

**Midland MSA (Midland County)**

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	38,800	39,200	38,000	-400	-1.0%	800	2.1%
Employed	37,300	37,600	36,400	-300	-0.8%	900	2.5%
Unemployed	1,500	1,600	1,500	-100	-6.3%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.2	4.1	-0.3	XXX	-0.2	XXX

**Monroe MSA (Monroe County)**

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,400	73,800	71,800	-400	-0.5%	1,600	2.2%
Employed	70,300	70,400	67,800	-100	-0.1%	2,500	3.7%
Unemployed	3,200	3,400	4,000	-200	-5.9%	-800	-20.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.6	5.6	-0.3	XXX	-1.3	XXX

**Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)**

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	77,200	77,900	74,600	-700	-0.9%	2,600	3.5%
Employed	73,200	73,500	69,800	-300	-0.4%	3,400	4.9%
Unemployed	4,000	4,400	4,800	-400	-9.1%	-800	-16.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.7	6.4	-0.5	XXX	-1.2	XXX

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

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	71,300	72,100	69,300	-800	-1.1%	2,000	2.9%
Employed	68,300	68,900	65,900	-600	-0.9%	2,400	3.6%
Unemployed	3,000	3,300	3,400	-300	-9.1%	-400	-11.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.5	4.9	-0.3	XXX	-0.7	XXX

**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	82,200	82,500	80,500	-300	-0.4%	1,700	2.1%
Employed	77,900	77,600	75,400	300	0.4%	2,500	3.3%
Unemployed	4,400	4,800	5,100	-400	-8.3%	-700	-13.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.9	6.3	-0.6	XXX	-1.0	XXX

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

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	135,900	135,400	131,700	500	0.4%	4,200	3.2%
Employed	130,000	128,900	126,000	1,100	0.9%	4,000	3.2%
Unemployed	5,800	6,500	5,700	-700	-10.8%	100	1.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.8	4.3	-0.5	XXX	0.0	XXX

**Northeast Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	82,900	84,600	80,100	-1,700	-2.0%	2,800	3.5%
Employed	78,500	79,700	75,700	-1,200	-1.5%	2,800	3.7%
Unemployed	4,400	4,900	4,400	-500	-10.2%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.8	5.4	-0.5	XXX	-0.1	XXX

**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	151,100	156,200	144,700	-5,100	-3.3%	6,400	4.4%
Employed	145,100	149,800	138,400	-4,700	-3.1%	6,700	4.8%
Unemployed	5,900	6,400	6,300	-500	-7.8%	-400	-6.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.1	4.3	-0.2	XXX	-0.4	XXX

**Michigan (Data in Thousands)**

	Sep. 2022	Aug. 2022	Sep. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,868	4,890	4,789	-22	-0.4%	79	1.6%
Employed	4,688	4,694	4,540	-6	-0.1%	148	3.3%
Unemployed	179	197	248	-18	-9.1%	-69	-27.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.0	5.2	-0.3	XXX	-1.5	XXX



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

1	Livingston County	2.1	43	Berrien County	4.2
2	Oakland County	2.5	44	Marquette County	4.2
3	Mackinac County	2.8	45	Gogebic County	4.3
4	Ottawa County	3.0	46	Monroe County	4.3
5	Lapeer County	3.1	47	Van Buren County	4.3
6	St. Clair County	3.1	48	Delta County	4.4
7	Allegan County	3.2	49	Mason County	4.4
8	Grand Traverse County	3.2	50	Wexford County	4.4
9	Kent County	3.2	51	Bay County	4.5
10	Barry County	3.3	52	Otsego County	4.5
11	Clinton County	3.3	53	Sanilac County	4.5
12	Washtenaw County	3.3	54	Tuscola County	4.5
13	Ionia County	3.4	55	Chippewa County	4.6
14	Macomb County	3.4	56	Calhoun County	4.7
15	Leelanau County	3.5	57	Iron County	4.7
16	Eaton County	3.6	58	Mecosta County	4.7
17	Kalamazoo County	3.7	59	Antrim County	4.9
18	Menominee County	3.7	60	Kalkaska County	4.9
19	Branch County	3.8	61	Luce County	5.0
20	Dickinson County	3.8	62	Manistee County	5.0
21	Osceola County	3.8	63	Oceana County	5.1
22	Cass County	3.9	64	Iosco County	5.2
23	Charlevoix County	3.9	65	Keweenaw County	5.2
24	Cheboygan County	3.9	66	Muskegon County	5.2
25	Gratiot County	3.9	67	Gladwin County	5.3
26	Huron County	3.9	68	Saginaw County	5.3
27	Ingham County	3.9	69	Genesee County	5.5
28	Lenawee County	3.9	70	Presque Isle County	5.5
29	Midland County	3.9	71	Alcona County	5.6
30	Montcalm County	3.9	72	Alger County	5.7
31	Houghton County	4.0	73	Crawford County	5.7
32	Jackson County	4.0	74	Lake County	5.8
33	Missaukee County	4.0	75	Schoolcraft County	5.8
34	Newaygo County	4.0	76	Arenac County	6.0
35	Shiawassee County	4.0	77	Baraga County	6.0
36	Wayne County	4.0	78	Clare County	6.0
37	Alpena County	4.1	79	Ogemaw County	6.0
38	Benzie County	4.1	80	Ontonagon County	6.2
39	Emmet County	4.1	81	Montmorency County	6.6
40	Hillsdale County	4.1	82	Oscoda County	7.7
41	Isabella County	4.1	83	Roscommon County	7.7
42	St. Joseph County	4.1			