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Michigan regional jobless rates fall in September

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 17 Michigan 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 jobless rate declines,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Total nonfarm employment advanced in most regions over the month.”

Regional jobless rates in the state ranged from 3.4 to 4.9 percent in September, with a median rate decrease of 0.4 percentage points over the month.

Fourteen Michigan labor market areas exhibited jobless rate declines over the year, with a median rate reduction of 0.2 percentage points. The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn metropolitan statistical area (MSA) was the only region to demonstrate a rate increase over the year (+0.3 percentage points). Rates in the Grand Rapids and Niles MSAs remained unchanged since September 2022.

Please note: The UAW labor dispute began Sept. 15. The information in this release covers labor market trends for the week of Sept. 10–16. Due to the persons on strike having worked for part of that week, they are counted as employed in this month’s estimates. As a result, the labor dispute had no substantial impact on September’s employment situation.

Regional employment down over month, up over year

Fifteen Michigan labor market areas displayed employment decreases over the month, with a median reduction of 0.9 percent. The largest over-the-month decline occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (-5.1 percent). The Detroit and Lansing metro areas both demonstrated employment advances since August.

Employment increased in all 17 Michigan regions over the year, with a median increase of 3.0 percent. The largest over-the-year employment gain occurred in the Ann Arbor MSA (+5.4 percent).

Regional labor force levels down over month, up over year

Regional workforce levels fell in 15 Michigan regions over the month, with a median decrease of 1.4 percent.

All 17 Michigan regions exhibited labor force increases over the year, with a median increase of 3.0 percent. The Ann Arbor MSA demonstrated the largest over-the-year workforce gain of 5.3 percent.

Regional payroll employment increases during September

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs edged down by 2,000, or 0.1 percent, over the month, resulting in a nonfarm employment total of 4,452,000 in September. Decreases across most major industries in the state were partially offset by a large seasonal increase in the government sector (+45,000).

Eleven Michigan metro areas demonstrated employment gains over the month, with a median increase of 1.3 percent. Payroll employment fell in the Detroit, Flint, and Muskegon MSAs during September.

Michigan payroll jobs advanced by 56,000, or 1.3 percent, over the year. Thirteen metro areas displayed employment gains since September 2022, with a median increase of 1.4 percent.

County unemployment rates down over month and year

Seventy-eight Michigan counties demonstrated jobless rate declines between August and September. Unemployment rates fell in 54 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 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 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	204,900	206,000	194,600	-1,100	-0.5%	10,300	5.3%
Employed	197,800	198,100	187,700	-300	-0.2%	10,100	5.4%
Unemployed	7,100	8,000	7,000	-900	-11.3%	100	1.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.9	3.6	-0.4	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	60,800	61,600	59,800	-800	-1.3%	1,000	1.7%
Employed	58,100	58,600	57,000	-500	-0.9%	1,100	1.9%
Unemployed	2,700	3,000	2,700	-300	-10.0%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.8	4.6	-0.4	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,700	51,500	48,900	-800	-1.6%	1,800	3.7%
Employed	48,500	48,900	46,700	-400	-0.8%	1,800	3.9%
Unemployed	2,200	2,500	2,200	-300	-12.0%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.9	4.5	-0.5	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,222	2,213	2,117	9	0.4%	105	5.0%
Employed	2,137	2,122	2,044	15	0.7%	93	4.5%
Unemployed	85	91	73	-6	-6.6%	12	16.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.1	3.5	-0.3	XXX	0.3	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	181,500	186,000	177,800	-4,500	-2.4%	3,700	2.1%
Employed	172,600	176,200	168,600	-3,600	-2.0%	4,000	2.4%
Unemployed	8,900	9,800	9,200	-900	-9.2%	-300	-3.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.3	5.2	-0.4	XXX	-0.3	XXX

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

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	601,000	612,100	579,100	-11,100	-1.8%	21,900	3.8%
Employed	580,800	590,000	559,500	-9,200	-1.6%	21,300	3.8%
Unemployed	20,200	22,100	19,600	-1,900	-8.6%	600	3.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.6	3.4	-0.2	XXX	0.0	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,500	76,000	73,300	-500	-0.7%	2,200	3.0%
Employed	72,500	72,700	70,400	-200	-0.3%	2,100	3.0%
Unemployed	3,000	3,300	3,000	-300	-9.1%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.4	4.0	-0.5	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	170,500	171,700	165,600	-1,200	-0.7%	4,900	3.0%
Employed	163,800	164,400	159,000	-600	-0.4%	4,800	3.0%
Unemployed	6,700	7,300	6,600	-600	-8.2%	100	1.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.3	4.0	-0.4	XXX	-0.1	XXX

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

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	250,600	249,400	240,900	1,200	0.5%	9,700	4.0%
Employed	241,300	239,100	231,500	2,200	0.9%	9,800	4.2%
Unemployed	9,200	10,300	9,400	-1,100	-10.7%	-200	-2.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.1	3.9	-0.4	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	41,300	41,900	39,800	-600	-1.4%	1,500	3.8%
Employed	39,800	40,200	38,300	-400	-1.0%	1,500	3.9%
Unemployed	1,600	1,700	1,600	-100	-5.9%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.1	4.0	-0.3	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,900	76,300	73,800	-400	-0.5%	2,100	2.8%
Employed	72,800	72,900	70,600	-100	-0.1%	2,200	3.1%
Unemployed	3,200	3,300	3,200	-100	-3.0%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.4	4.4	-0.2	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,400	79,900	76,300	-1,500	-1.9%	2,100	2.8%
Employed	74,800	76,000	72,600	-1,200	-1.6%	2,200	3.0%
Unemployed	3,600	3,800	3,700	-200	-5.3%	-100	-2.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.8	4.9	-0.3	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	74,100	75,400	71,900	-1,300	-1.7%	2,200	3.1%
Employed	71,000	72,100	68,900	-1,100	-1.5%	2,100	3.0%
Unemployed	3,100	3,400	3,000	-300	-8.8%	100	3.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.5	4.2	-0.3	XXX	0.0	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,000	85,900	81,900	-900	-1.0%	3,100	3.8%
Employed	80,900	81,300	77,700	-400	-0.5%	3,200	4.1%
Unemployed	4,100	4,600	4,200	-500	-10.9%	-100	-2.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.3	5.1	-0.5	XXX	-0.3	XXX

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

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	137,500	138,700	135,400	-1,200	-0.9%	2,100	1.6%
Employed	131,700	132,100	129,400	-400	-0.3%	2,300	1.8%
Unemployed	5,800	6,600	6,000	-800	-12.1%	-200	-3.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.8	4.4	-0.6	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,800	87,300	82,600	-2,500	-2.9%	2,200	2.7%
Employed	80,600	82,600	78,400	-2,000	-2.4%	2,200	2.8%
Unemployed	4,200	4,700	4,300	-500	-10.6%	-100	-2.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.4	5.2	-0.5	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	152,900	161,200	150,000	-8,300	-5.1%	2,900	1.9%
Employed	146,900	154,800	144,100	-7,900	-5.1%	2,800	1.9%
Unemployed	5,900	6,400	5,900	-500	-7.8%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.0	4.0	-0.1	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,036	5,070	4,844	-34	-0.7%	192	4.0%
Employed	4,839	4,855	4,659	-16	-0.3%	180	3.9%
Unemployed	196	215	185	-19	-8.8%	11	5.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.2	3.8	-0.3	XXX	0.1	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - September 2023

1	Livingston County	2.9	43	Delta County	4.3
2	Grand Traverse County	3.2	44	Gogebic County	4.3
3	Mackinac County	3.2	45	Hillsdale County	4.3
4	Oakland County	3.2	46	Houghton County	4.3
5	Ottawa County	3.2	47	Mason County	4.3
6	Allegan County	3.3	48	Van Buren County	4.3
7	Clinton County	3.3	49	Antrim County	4.4
8	Barry County	3.4	50	Bay County	4.4
9	Kent County	3.4	51	Calhoun County	4.4
10	Eaton County	3.5	52	Cheboygan County	4.4
11	Ionia County	3.5	53	Isabella County	4.4
12	Leelanau County	3.5	54	Keweenaw County	4.4
13	Washtenaw County	3.5	55	Wexford County	4.4
14	Huron County	3.6	56	Cass County	4.5
15	Macomb County	3.7	57	Muskegon County	4.5
16	Branch County	3.8	58	Tuscola County	4.5
17	Charlevoix County	3.8	59	Wayne County	4.5
18	Dickinson County	3.8	60	Kalkaska County	4.6
19	Kalamazoo County	3.8	61	Iosco County	4.7
20	Lapeer County	3.8	62	Iron County	4.7
21	Menominee County	3.8	63	Luce County	4.8
22	Midland County	3.8	64	Oceana County	4.8
23	St. Clair County	3.8	65	Saginaw County	4.8
24	Ingham County	3.9	66	Crawford County	4.9
25	Jackson County	3.9	67	Genesee County	4.9
26	Marquette County	4.0	68	Mecosta County	4.9
27	Montcalm County	4.0	69	Alger County	5.0
28	Newaygo County	4.0	70	Baraga County	5.0
29	Benzie County	4.1	71	Manistee County	5.0
30	Emmet County	4.1	72	Alcona County	5.2
31	Sanilac County	4.1	73	Gladwin County	5.3
32	Shiawassee County	4.1	74	Ogemaw County	5.3
33	Berrien County	4.2	75	Arenac County	5.4
34	Gratiot County	4.2	76	Ontonagon County	5.6
35	Lenawee County	4.2	77	Presque Isle County	5.6
36	Missaukee County	4.2	78	Schoolcraft County	5.6
37	Monroe County	4.2	79	Clare County	5.7
38	Osceola County	4.2	80	Lake County	5.8
39	Otsego County	4.2	81	Roscommon County	6.0
40	St. Joseph County	4.2	82	Montmorency County	6.1
41	Alpena County	4.3	83	Oscoda County	6.3
42	Chippewa County	4.3			