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Michigan regional jobless rates remain stable in October

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates were little changed 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 little change during October,” said Wayne Rourke, associate director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. “Payroll jobs advanced modestly in most metro areas over the month.”

Michigan labor market area unemployment rates ranged from 3.1 to 5.4 percent during October. Six areas displayed minor rate reductions over the month, led by the Battle Creek metro area (-0.2 percentage points). The Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA), Monroe MSA, Northeast Lower Michigan region, and Northwest Lower Michigan region all exhibited minor rate increases of 0.1 percentage points since September. Seven labor market areas showed no change in jobless rate over the month.

Unemployment rates receded in nine Michigan regions over the year, with a median reduction of 0.3 percentage points. Seven labor market areas demonstrated jobless rate advances over the year. The Kalamazoo-Portage MSA exhibited no change in rate since October 2021.

Total employment down over month, up over year

Employment levels fell in 16 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median reduction of 1.1 percent. The largest over-the-month employment decline of 3.2 percent occurred in both the Northeast and the Northwest Lower Michigan regions. Employment in the Detroit metro area remained unchanged since September.

All 17 Michigan labor market areas displayed employment advances over the year, with a median increase of 1.7 percent. The Lansing MSA demonstrated the most pronounced over-the-year employment increase (+4.6 percent).

Labor force levels down over month, up over year

Sixteen Michigan regions exhibited labor force declines over the month, with a median reduction of 1.2 percent. The Northwest Lower Michigan region demonstrated the most pronounced workforce reduction (-3.1 percent).

Sixteen Michigan regions exhibited workforce increases over the year, with a median increase of 1.6 percent. The Lansing MSA showed the largest over-the-year labor force advance of 4.4 percent.

Metro area payroll jobs up during October

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs increased by 30,000 over the month, or 0.7 percent. Michigan's total payroll job count was 4,413,000 in October. Large employment increases in industries such as government (+13,000) and professional and business services (+12,000) were partially offset by minor decreases across multiple other sectors.

Nine Michigan metro areas exhibited nonfarm employment increases over the month, with a median increase of 0.6 percent. The largest over-the-month job advance occurred in the Lansing MSA (+1.4 percent). Payroll jobs decreased in the Muskegon MSA and remained unchanged in the Battle Creek, Bay City, Midland, and Monroe metro areas since September.

Michigan total nonfarm employment rose by 116,000 over the year, or 2.7 percent. Twelve metro areas demonstrated job advances over the year, with a median increase of 1.6 percent.

County jobless rate trends mixed over month, up over year

Thirty-one Michigan counties demonstrated jobless rate advances between September and October. Twenty-three areas exhibited rate declines, and 29 county unemployment rates remained unchanged over the month. Jobless rates increased in 49 counties since October 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 October workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for October.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	195,700	196,900	190,300	-1,200	-0.6%	5,400	2.8%
Employed	189,300	190,300	184,200	-1,000	-0.5%	5,100	2.8%
Unemployed	6,400	6,600	6,100	-200	-3.0%	300	4.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	XXX	0.1	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	59,000	59,900	58,800	-900	-1.5%	200	0.3%
Employed	56,300	57,100	55,900	-800	-1.4%	400	0.7%
Unemployed	2,700	2,800	3,000	-100	-3.6%	-300	-10.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.7	5.0	-0.2	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	48,100	48,700	47,500	-600	-1.2%	600	1.3%
Employed	45,900	46,500	45,400	-600	-1.3%	500	1.1%
Unemployed	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	0.0%	100	4.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	XXX	0.1	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,125	2,124	2,143	1	0.0%	-18	-0.8%
Employed	2,055	2,055	2,036	0	0.0%	19	0.9%
Unemployed	70	69	107	1	1.4%	-37	-34.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.2	5.0	0.1	XXX	-1.7	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	174,100	176,200	171,800	-2,100	-1.2%	2,300	1.3%
Employed	164,700	166,400	161,600	-1,700	-1.0%	3,100	1.9%
Unemployed	9,500	9,700	10,200	-200	-2.1%	-700	-6.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.5	5.9	-0.1	XXX	-0.5	XXX

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

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	577,100	582,900	562,500	-5,800	-1.0%	14,600	2.6%
Employed	559,000	564,200	543,900	-5,200	-0.9%	15,100	2.8%
Unemployed	18,100	18,700	18,600	-600	-3.2%	-500	-2.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.2	3.3	-0.1	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	72,100	72,700	71,200	-600	-0.8%	900	1.3%
Employed	69,200	69,800	68,200	-600	-0.9%	1,000	1.5%
Unemployed	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	0.0%	-100	-3.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.0	4.3	0.0	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	164,900	166,500	162,000	-1,600	-1.0%	2,900	1.8%
Employed	158,600	160,100	155,800	-1,500	-0.9%	2,800	1.8%
Unemployed	6,300	6,400	6,200	-100	-1.6%	100	1.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.8	3.8	0.0	XXX	0.0	XXX

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

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	243,500	244,100	233,300	-600	-0.2%	10,200	4.4%
Employed	234,700	235,000	224,300	-300	-0.1%	10,400	4.6%
Unemployed	8,800	9,100	9,000	-300	-3.3%	-200	-2.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.7	3.9	-0.1	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	38,200	38,800	38,000	-600	-1.5%	200	0.5%
Employed	36,700	37,300	36,600	-600	-1.6%	100	0.3%
Unemployed	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	0.0%	100	7.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.9	3.6	0.0	XXX	0.3	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,100	73,500	71,900	-400	-0.5%	1,200	1.7%
Employed	69,900	70,300	68,700	-400	-0.6%	1,200	1.7%
Unemployed	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	0.0%	100	3.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.3	4.3	0.1	XXX	0.1	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,800	77,100	74,600	-1,300	-1.7%	1,200	1.6%
Employed	71,900	73,100	70,300	-1,200	-1.6%	1,600	2.3%
Unemployed	3,900	4,000	4,300	-100	-2.5%	-400	-9.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.2	5.7	0.0	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	70,100	71,100	69,100	-1,000	-1.4%	1,000	1.4%
Employed	67,300	68,100	66,100	-800	-1.2%	1,200	1.8%
Unemployed	2,900	3,000	3,000	-100	-3.3%	-100	-3.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,500	82,200	80,300	-700	-0.9%	1,200	1.5%
Employed	77,200	77,900	75,900	-700	-0.9%	1,300	1.7%
Unemployed	4,200	4,400	4,400	-200	-4.5%	-200	-4.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.3	5.5	-0.1	XXX	-0.3	XXX

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

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	133,200	135,800	131,100	-2,600	-1.9%	2,100	1.6%
Employed	127,500	129,900	126,000	-2,400	-1.8%	1,500	1.2%
Unemployed	5,700	5,800	5,100	-100	-1.7%	600	11.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.3	3.9	0.0	XXX	0.4	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,400	82,800	78,900	-2,400	-2.9%	1,500	1.9%
Employed	76,000	78,500	75,000	-2,500	-3.2%	1,000	1.3%
Unemployed	4,300	4,400	3,900	-100	-2.3%	400	10.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.3	4.9	0.1	XXX	0.5	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	146,200	150,900	142,400	-4,700	-3.1%	3,800	2.7%
Employed	140,400	145,000	136,800	-4,600	-3.2%	3,600	2.6%
Unemployed	5,800	5,900	5,600	-100	-1.7%	200	3.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.9	3.9	0.1	XXX	0.1	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Oct. 2022	Sep. 2022	Oct. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,833	4,867	4,793	-34	-0.7%	40	0.8%
Employed	4,655	4,688	4,578	-33	-0.7%	77	1.7%
Unemployed	178	179	215	-1	-0.6%	-37	-17.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	4.5	0.0	XXX	-0.8	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - October 2022

1	Livingston County	2.3	43	Emmet County	4.3
2	Oakland County	2.5	44	Hillsdale County	4.3
3	Ottawa County	3.0	45	St. Joseph County	4.3
4	Allegan County	3.2	46	Cheboygan County	4.4
5	Clinton County	3.2	47	Gogebic County	4.4
6	Grand Traverse County	3.2	48	Monroe County	4.4
7	Kent County	3.2	49	Van Buren County	4.4
8	Macomb County	3.2	50	Bay County	4.5
9	St. Clair County	3.2	51	Calhoun County	4.5
10	Barry County	3.3	52	Mason County	4.5
11	Ionia County	3.3	53	Chippewa County	4.6
12	Lapeer County	3.3	54	Tuscola County	4.6
13	Washtenaw County	3.3	55	Wexford County	4.6
14	Mackinac County	3.4	56	Mecosta County	4.7
15	Eaton County	3.5	57	Otsego County	4.7
16	Leelanau County	3.5	58	Luce County	4.8
17	Dickinson County	3.6	59	Manistee County	4.8
18	Kalamazoo County	3.6	60	Antrim County	4.9
19	Menominee County	3.6	61	Iron County	4.9
20	Huron County	3.7	62	Kalkaska County	5.0
21	Houghton County	3.8	63	Keweenaw County	5.1
22	Ingham County	3.8	64	Iosco County	5.2
23	Osceola County	3.8	65	Muskegon County	5.2
24	Cass County	3.9	66	Saginaw County	5.2
25	Midland County	3.9	67	Genesee County	5.4
26	Montcalm County	3.9	68	Oceana County	5.4
27	Branch County	4.0	69	Presque Isle County	5.5
28	Charlevoix County	4.0	70	Gladwin County	5.6
29	Gratiot County	4.0	71	Schoolcraft County	5.6
30	Jackson County	4.0	72	Alcona County	5.7
31	Lenawee County	4.0	73	Crawford County	5.7
32	Newaygo County	4.0	74	Baraga County	5.9
33	Shiawassee County	4.0	75	Clare County	6.0
34	Benzie County	4.1	76	Ogemaw County	6.0
35	Berrien County	4.1	77	Ontonagon County	6.2
36	Isabella County	4.1	78	Arenac County	6.4
37	Wayne County	4.1	79	Lake County	6.4
38	Alpena County	4.2	80	Montmorency County	6.5
39	Marquette County	4.2	81	Alger County	7.0
40	Missaukee County	4.2	82	Oscoda County	7.6
41	Sanilac County	4.2	83	Roscommon County	8.1
42	Delta County	4.3			