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Michigan regional unemployment rates down slightly in October

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates declined in 13 Michigan labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan regional unemployment rates generally exhibited minor declines despite auto-related layoffs throughout the state in October,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “However, a prominent unemployment rate increase, coupled with decreases in employment and payroll jobs, was seen in the Detroit metro area over the month.”

Regional October jobless rates ranged from 3.2 to 4.9 percent. Thirteen regions displayed rate decreases, with a minor median decrease of 0.1 percentage points. Unemployment rates rose in three areas over the month. The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn metropolitan statistical area (MSA) demonstrated the largest unemployment rate advance with a rate increase of 0.7 percentage points. The Northeast Lower Michigan region jobless rate was unchanged during October.

Eleven Michigan labor market areas exhibited jobless rate declines over the year, with a median rate reduction of 0.2 percentage points. Unemployment rates advanced in the Detroit, Lansing, and Monroe MSAs and remained unchanged in the Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Niles MSAs since October 2022.

Please note: This release covers labor market trends for the week of Oct. 8–14, during which time there was an active UAW labor dispute in Michigan. As a result, the strike's impact is reflected in October's employment situation. To learn more about how a strike may affect Michigan's labor market estimates, please refer to the [Ask the Economist publication](#) from the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics.

Regional employment up over month and year

Fourteen Michigan labor market areas exhibited employment advances over the month, with a median increase of 2.0 percent. The Detroit metro area was the only Michigan region to demonstrate an employment decline over the month (-1.8 percent).

Employment in the Northeast and Northwest Lower Michigan regions remained unchanged since September.

Total employment increased in all 17 Michigan regions over the year, with a median increase of 5.4 percent. The largest over-the-year employment gain occurred in the Midland MSA (+6.9 percent).

Regional workforce levels up over month and year

Regional labor force totals advanced in 14 Michigan regions over the month, with a median increase of 1.9 percent. Labor force decreases occurred in the Detroit (-1.1 percent) and Northwest Lower Michigan (-0.1 percent) regions. The Northeast Lower Michigan region workforce remained unchanged over the month.

All 17 Michigan regions exhibited workforce increases over the year, with a median increase of 5.3 percent. The Lansing metro area demonstrated the largest over-the-year labor force gain of 7.0 percent.

Regional payroll jobs advance in October

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment rose by 12,000 over the month, or 0.3 percent, resulting in a payroll job total of 4,463,000 in October. Increases in statewide industries such as education and health services and government were partially offset by employment decreases in the state's manufacturing (-10,000), and leisure and hospitality (-6,000) sectors.

Twelve Michigan metro areas demonstrated employment gains over the month, with a median increase of 0.7 percent. Payroll employment fell in the Detroit metro area and remained unchanged in the Niles MSA.

Michigan payroll jobs advanced by 37,000, or 0.8 percent, over the year. Thirteen metro areas exhibited employment increases since October 2022, with a median increase of 1.5 percent.

County unemployment rates down over month and year

Forty-eight Michigan counties demonstrated jobless rate declines between September and October. Unemployment rates receded in 51 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 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 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	209,900	205,400	196,800	4,500	2.2%	13,100	6.7%
Employed	203,100	198,300	190,100	4,800	2.4%	13,000	6.8%
Unemployed	6,800	7,100	6,700	-300	-4.2%	100	1.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.5	3.4	-0.2	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	61,800	60,700	59,300	1,100	1.8%	2,500	4.2%
Employed	59,200	58,100	56,700	1,100	1.9%	2,500	4.4%
Unemployed	2,600	2,700	2,600	-100	-3.7%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.4	4.3	-0.2	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	51,500	50,600	48,500	900	1.8%	3,000	6.2%
Employed	49,300	48,300	46,400	1,000	2.1%	2,900	6.3%
Unemployed	2,200	2,200	2,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.4	4.4	-0.2	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,198	2,222	2,118	-24	-1.1%	80	3.8%
Employed	2,099	2,137	2,047	-38	-1.8%	52	2.5%
Unemployed	98	85	71	13	15.3%	27	38.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	3.8	3.4	0.7	XXX	1.1	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	186,200	181,200	177,100	5,000	2.8%	9,100	5.1%
Employed	177,300	172,400	168,200	4,900	2.8%	9,100	5.4%
Unemployed	8,900	8,900	8,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.9	5.0	-0.1	XXX	-0.2	XXX

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

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	611,500	601,500	577,600	10,000	1.7%	33,900	5.9%
Employed	591,800	581,300	559,000	10,500	1.8%	32,800	5.9%
Unemployed	19,700	20,100	18,600	-400	-2.0%	1,100	5.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.3	3.2	-0.1	XXX	0.0	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,900	75,400	73,300	1,500	2.0%	3,600	4.9%
Employed	74,000	72,400	70,400	1,600	2.2%	3,600	5.1%
Unemployed	2,900	3,000	2,900	-100	-3.3%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.9	3.9	-0.1	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	173,700	170,300	165,000	3,400	2.0%	8,700	5.3%
Employed	167,200	163,600	158,600	3,600	2.2%	8,600	5.4%
Unemployed	6,500	6,700	6,300	-200	-3.0%	200	3.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.9	3.8	-0.1	XXX	0.0	XXX

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

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	260,100	250,600	243,100	9,500	3.8%	17,000	7.0%
Employed	250,100	241,400	234,100	8,700	3.6%	16,000	6.8%
Unemployed	10,000	9,200	8,900	800	8.7%	1,100	12.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.7	3.7	0.2	XXX	0.2	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	42,000	41,200	39,500	800	1.9%	2,500	6.3%
Employed	40,500	39,700	37,900	800	2.0%	2,600	6.9%
Unemployed	1,500	1,600	1,500	-100	-6.3%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.8	3.9	-0.2	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	77,500	75,900	73,800	1,600	2.1%	3,700	5.0%
Employed	74,100	72,700	70,600	1,400	1.9%	3,500	5.0%
Unemployed	3,500	3,200	3,200	300	9.4%	300	9.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.2	4.4	0.3	XXX	0.1	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,700	78,300	75,600	1,400	1.8%	4,100	5.4%
Employed	76,200	74,700	72,000	1,500	2.0%	4,200	5.8%
Unemployed	3,500	3,600	3,600	-100	-2.8%	-100	-2.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.5	4.8	-0.1	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,200	74,100	71,300	1,100	1.5%	3,900	5.5%
Employed	72,100	71,000	68,500	1,100	1.5%	3,600	5.3%
Unemployed	3,000	3,100	2,900	-100	-3.2%	100	3.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.2	4.0	-0.2	XXX	0.0	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,200	84,600	81,700	1,600	1.9%	4,500	5.5%
Employed	82,100	80,500	77,600	1,600	2.0%	4,500	5.8%
Unemployed	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	0.0%	100	2.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.9	4.9	-0.1	XXX	-0.1	XXX

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

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	138,800	137,400	133,900	1,400	1.0%	4,900	3.7%
Employed	133,200	131,700	128,100	1,500	1.1%	5,100	4.0%
Unemployed	5,700	5,800	5,800	-100	-1.7%	-100	-1.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,700	84,700	81,100	0	0.0%	3,600	4.4%
Employed	80,600	80,600	76,800	0	0.0%	3,800	4.9%
Unemployed	4,100	4,200	4,200	-100	-2.4%	-100	-2.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.9	5.2	0.0	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	152,700	152,800	146,300	-100	-0.1%	6,400	4.4%
Employed	146,900	146,900	140,500	0	0.0%	6,400	4.6%
Unemployed	5,800	5,900	5,800	-100	-1.7%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.9	3.9	-0.1	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,060	5,035	4,833	25	0.5%	227	4.7%
Employed	4,849	4,838	4,654	11	0.2%	195	4.2%
Unemployed	210	196	179	14	7.1%	31	17.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.9	3.7	0.3	XXX	0.5	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - October 2023

1	Grand Traverse County	3.1	43	Van Buren County	4.2
2	Ottawa County	3.1	44	Cass County	4.3
3	Clinton County	3.2	45	Hillsdale County	4.3
4	Kent County	3.2	46	Iron County	4.3
5	Barry County	3.3	47	Lapeer County	4.3
6	Leelanau County	3.3	48	Macomb County	4.3
7	Livingston County	3.3	49	Mason County	4.3
8	Washtenaw County	3.3	50	Wexford County	4.3
9	Allegan County	3.4	51	Antrim County	4.4
10	Mackinac County	3.4	52	Luce County	4.4
11	Dickinson County	3.6	53	Muskegon County	4.4
12	Huron County	3.6	54	Tuscola County	4.4
13	Ionia County	3.6	55	Baraga County	4.5
14	Midland County	3.6	56	Kalkaska County	4.5
15	Oakland County	3.6	57	Monroe County	4.5
16	Kalamazoo County	3.7	58	St. Clair County	4.5
17	Marquette County	3.7	59	St. Joseph County	4.6
18	Menominee County	3.7	60	Manistee County	4.7
19	Branch County	3.8	61	Cheboygan County	4.8
20	Eaton County	3.8	62	Crawford County	4.8
21	Jackson County	3.8	63	Genesee County	4.8
22	Newaygo County	3.8	64	Iosco County	4.8
23	Gogebic County	3.9	65	Oceana County	4.8
24	Houghton County	3.9	66	Saginaw County	4.8
25	Montcalm County	3.9	67	Alger County	4.9
26	Alpena County	4.0	68	Ogemaw County	4.9
27	Benzie County	4.0	69	Delta County	5.0
28	Berrien County	4.0	70	Gladwin County	5.1
29	Emmet County	4.0	71	Mecosta County	5.1
30	Keweenaw County	4.0	72	Alcona County	5.3
31	Gratiot County	4.1	73	Arenac County	5.4
32	Ingham County	4.1	74	Ontonagon County	5.4
33	Isabella County	4.1	75	Presque Isle County	5.5
34	Lenawee County	4.1	76	Wayne County	5.5
35	Sanilac County	4.1	77	Schoolcraft County	5.6
36	Bay County	4.2	78	Montmorency County	5.9
37	Calhoun County	4.2	79	Roscommon County	6.0
38	Charlevoix County	4.2	80	Clare County	6.1
39	Chippewa County	4.2	81	Lake County	6.1
40	Missaukee County	4.2	82	Oscoda County	6.1
41	Otsego County	4.2	83	Osceola County	6.3
42	Shiawassee County	4.2			