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Michigan regional jobless rates decline in November

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates decreased in 13 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 moved as expected during November,” said Wayne Rourke, associate director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. “Seasonal rate increases occurred in several regions. Payroll employment was stable over the month.”

Michigan regional jobless rates ranged from 2.9 to 6.2 percent in November. Rate declines ranged from 0.1 to 0.4 percentage points, with a median decrease of 0.2 percentage points over the month. Seasonal jobless rate advances occurred in the Northeast and Northwest Lower Michigan regions and the Upper Peninsula. The Niles-Benton Harbor metro area displayed no change in rate since October.

Ten Michigan regions demonstrated jobless rate increases over the year, led by the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+0.8 percentage points). The median over-the-year rate advance was 0.2 percentage points. Jobless rates fell over the year in five areas, including the Detroit, Muskegon, Battle Creek, Flint, and Jackson metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). Rates remained unchanged in the Grand Rapids and Saginaw MSAs since November 2021.

Total employment up over month and year

Regional employment levels rose in 13 Michigan areas over the month, with a median increase of 1.9 percent. Seasonal November employment decreases occurred in the Northeast and Northwest Lower Michigan regions as well as the Upper Peninsula. The Detroit MSA also demonstrated a minor employment decrease over the month (-0.5 percent).

Sixteen Michigan labor market areas displayed employment hikes over the year, with a median advance of 2.2 percent. The Lansing MSA demonstrated the most pronounced over-the-year employment increase (+5.3 percent).

Workforce levels up over month and year

Thirteen Michigan regions displayed labor force increases over the month, with a median advance of 1.8 percent. Four labor market areas exhibited workforce reductions over the month, including the Detroit MSA, the Northeast and Northwest Lower Michigan regions, and the Upper Peninsula.

Sixteen Michigan regions demonstrated workforce increases over the year, with a median increase of 2.4 percent. The Lansing MSA showed the largest over-the-year labor force advance of 5.3 percent.

Regional nonfarm job levels advance in November

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll jobs remained nearly unchanged over the month, edging up by 5,000, or 0.1 percent. Nonfarm employment in the state was primarily influenced by seasonal movements in sector jobs, including an increase in trade, transportation, and utilities (+11,000), and an over-the-month decline in leisure and hospitality (-9,000).

All 14 Michigan metro areas exhibited nonfarm employment advances over the month, with a median increase of 0.4 percent. The largest increase in payroll jobs of 0.9 percent was seen in both the Lansing MSA and the Bay City metro area.

Michigan total nonfarm jobs rose by 112,000 over the year, or 2.6 percent. Twelve metro areas displayed job advances over the year, with a median increase of 1.6 percent.

County unemployment rate trends mixed over month, up over year

Thirty-seven Michigan counties demonstrated jobless rate increases during November, while 36 counties saw rate declines and 10 regions were unchanged over the month. The unemployment rate increased in 68 Michigan 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 November workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for November.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	199,300	195,600	193,000	3,700	1.9%	6,300	3.3%
Employed	193,100	189,200	187,600	3,900	2.1%	5,500	2.9%
Unemployed	6,100	6,400	5,400	-300	-4.7%	700	13.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.3	2.8	-0.2	XXX	0.3	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	60,200	59,100	59,300	1,100	1.9%	900	1.5%
Employed	57,600	56,500	56,600	1,100	1.9%	1,000	1.8%
Unemployed	2,600	2,700	2,700	-100	-3.7%	-100	-3.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.5	4.6	-0.2	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	48,900	48,000	47,900	900	1.9%	1,000	2.1%
Employed	46,700	45,800	45,900	900	2.0%	800	1.7%
Unemployed	2,200	2,200	2,000	0	0.0%	200	10.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.5	4.2	-0.1	XXX	0.2	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,107	2,125	2,135	-18	-0.8%	-28	-1.3%
Employed	2,045	2,055	2,045	-10	-0.5%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	62	70	90	-8	-11.4%	-28	-31.1%
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.3	4.2	-0.4	XXX	-1.3	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	177,600	174,400	173,900	3,200	1.8%	3,700	2.1%
Employed	168,400	164,900	164,500	3,500	2.1%	3,900	2.4%
Unemployed	9,200	9,500	9,300	-300	-3.2%	-100	-1.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.4	5.4	-0.2	XXX	-0.2	XXX

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

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	587,800	577,800	566,600	10,000	1.7%	21,200	3.7%
Employed	570,200	559,700	549,600	10,500	1.9%	20,600	3.7%
Unemployed	17,600	18,100	17,000	-500	-2.8%	600	3.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.1	3.0	-0.1	XXX	0.0	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,200	72,100	72,400	1,100	1.5%	800	1.1%
Employed	70,400	69,200	69,600	1,200	1.7%	800	1.1%
Unemployed	2,800	2,900	2,800	-100	-3.4%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.0	3.9	-0.2	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	168,000	164,700	163,500	3,300	2.0%	4,500	2.8%
Employed	161,800	158,500	157,800	3,300	2.1%	4,000	2.5%
Unemployed	6,100	6,200	5,700	-100	-1.6%	400	7.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.8	3.5	-0.1	XXX	0.2	XXX

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

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	248,800	243,300	236,200	5,500	2.3%	12,600	5.3%
Employed	240,300	234,400	228,300	5,900	2.5%	12,000	5.3%
Unemployed	8,500	8,800	7,900	-300	-3.4%	600	7.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.6	3.3	-0.2	XXX	0.1	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	38,900	38,200	38,100	700	1.8%	800	2.1%
Employed	37,400	36,700	36,900	700	1.9%	500	1.4%
Unemployed	1,500	1,500	1,300	0	0.0%	200	15.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.9	3.3	-0.1	XXX	0.5	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,900	72,900	72,400	1,000	1.4%	1,500	2.1%
Employed	70,900	69,700	69,500	1,200	1.7%	1,400	2.0%
Unemployed	3,000	3,200	2,800	-200	-6.3%	200	7.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.4	3.9	-0.4	XXX	0.1	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	77,200	75,900	75,300	1,300	1.7%	1,900	2.5%
Employed	73,400	72,000	71,300	1,400	1.9%	2,100	2.9%
Unemployed	3,800	3,900	4,000	-100	-2.6%	-200	-5.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.2	5.3	-0.3	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	71,300	70,100	69,500	1,200	1.7%	1,800	2.6%
Employed	68,400	67,200	66,700	1,200	1.8%	1,700	2.5%
Unemployed	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	0.0%	100	3.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	XXX	0.1	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	82,800	81,400	81,000	1,400	1.7%	1,800	2.2%
Employed	78,600	77,100	77,000	1,500	1.9%	1,600	2.1%
Unemployed	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	0.0%	100	2.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.2	5.0	-0.2	XXX	0.0	XXX

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

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	132,000	133,100	130,000	-1,100	-0.8%	2,000	1.5%
Employed	125,500	127,400	124,600	-1,900	-1.5%	900	0.7%
Unemployed	6,500	5,700	5,500	800	14.0%	1,000	18.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.3	4.2	0.6	XXX	0.7	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,800	80,300	77,800	-500	-0.6%	2,000	2.6%
Employed	74,800	76,000	73,600	-1,200	-1.6%	1,200	1.6%
Unemployed	5,000	4,300	4,200	700	16.3%	800	19.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.2	5.4	5.4	0.8	XXX	0.8	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	144,900	146,100	140,500	-1,200	-0.8%	4,400	3.1%
Employed	138,800	140,300	135,000	-1,500	-1.1%	3,800	2.8%
Unemployed	6,100	5,800	5,600	300	5.2%	500	8.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.0	4.0	0.2	XXX	0.2	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Nov. 2022	Oct. 2022	Nov. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,850	4,832	4,799	18	0.4%	51	1.1%
Employed	4,680	4,654	4,608	26	0.6%	72	1.6%
Unemployed	169	178	191	-9	-5.1%	-22	-11.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.7	4.0	-0.2	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - November 2022

1	Livingston County	2.1	43	Wexford County	4.3
2	Oakland County	2.3	44	Bay County	4.4
3	Ottawa County	2.8	45	Benzie County	4.5
4	Macomb County	2.9	46	Charlevoix County	4.5
5	Clinton County	3.0	47	Gogebic County	4.5
6	Kent County	3.0	48	Tuscola County	4.5
7	St. Clair County	3.0	49	Van Buren County	4.5
8	Allegan County	3.1	50	Mecosta County	4.6
9	Washtenaw County	3.1	51	Delta County	4.8
10	Barry County	3.2	52	Muskegon County	4.9
11	Grand Traverse County	3.2	53	Iron County	5.0
12	Ionia County	3.2	54	Otsego County	5.0
13	Lapeer County	3.2	55	Saginaw County	5.0
14	Eaton County	3.3	56	Emmet County	5.1
15	Kalamazoo County	3.4	57	Antrim County	5.2
16	Ingham County	3.6	58	Genesee County	5.2
17	Leelanau County	3.6	59	Mason County	5.2
18	Branch County	3.7	60	Chippewa County	5.4
19	Dickinson County	3.7	61	Manistee County	5.4
20	Wayne County	3.7	62	Iosco County	5.5
21	Cass County	3.8	63	Kalkaska County	5.6
22	Jackson County	3.8	64	Gladwin County	5.8
23	Menominee County	3.8	65	Oceana County	5.8
24	Midland County	3.8	66	Keweenaw County	6.0
25	Osceola County	3.8	67	Schoolcraft County	6.0
26	Shiawassee County	3.8	68	Clare County	6.2
27	Huron County	3.9	69	Crawford County	6.4
28	Lenawee County	3.9	70	Lake County	6.4
29	Montcalm County	3.9	71	Alcona County	6.5
30	Gratiot County	4.0	72	Ogemaw County	6.5
31	Houghton County	4.0	73	Baraga County	6.6
32	Isabella County	4.0	74	Arenac County	6.7
33	Missaukee County	4.0	75	Presque Isle County	6.7
34	Monroe County	4.0	76	Luce County	6.8
35	Newaygo County	4.0	77	Ontonagon County	6.9
36	St. Joseph County	4.0	78	Montmorency County	7.9
37	Berrien County	4.1	79	Cheboygan County	8.0
38	Alpena County	4.2	80	Oscoda County	8.0
39	Hillsdale County	4.2	81	Roscommon County	8.5
40	Sanilac County	4.2	82	Alger County	8.8
41	Calhoun County	4.3	83	Mackinac County	10.7
42	Marquette County	4.3			