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## Michigan regional jobless rates fall in November

**LANSING, Mich.** – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 16 Michigan labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Employment expanded in most regional labor markets during November,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Payroll jobs generally rose in retail trade and declined in leisure and hospitality across Michigan metro areas.”

Regional November unemployment rates ranged from 2.6 to 5.0 percent. Sixteen labor market areas displayed rate declines, with a median decrease of 0.7 percentage points. The Northeast Lower Michigan region was the only Michigan labor market area to display a minor seasonal uptick in jobless rate during November (+0.1 percentage points).

Sixteen Michigan labor market areas demonstrated jobless rate declines over the year, with a median rate reduction of 0.6 percentage points. The Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA) jobless rate advanced by 0.8 percentage points since November 2022.

### Regional employment up over month and year

Thirteen Michigan regions demonstrated employment increases over the month, with a median increase of 1.7 percent. The largest over-the-month employment increase of 2.0 percent was seen in the Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, and Saginaw MSAs. Four labor market areas exhibited employment reductions in November, led by the Northeast Lower Michigan region (-1.5 percent).

Total employment advanced in all 17 Michigan regions over the year, with a median increase of 6.1 percent. The largest over-the-year employment gain occurred in the Ann Arbor metro area (+8.0 percent).

### **Regional labor force levels up over month and year**

Workforce totals rose in 13 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median increase of 1.0 percent. Four Michigan regions displayed labor force decreases in November, led by the Lansing MSA (-2.1 percent).

All 17 Michigan labor market areas demonstrated workforce increases over the year, with a median increase of 5.5 percent.

### **Regional nonfarm jobs increase in November**

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment edged down slightly by 4,000 over the month, or 0.1 percent, resulting in a payroll job total of 4,456,000 in November. November industry movements were largely seasonal, with the most pronounced decrease seen in the leisure and hospitality sector (-19,000).

Eight Michigan metro areas demonstrated employment gains over the month, with a median increase of 0.2 percent. Payroll jobs fell in four metro areas over the month and remained unchanged in the Bay City and Midland MSAs.

Michigan payroll employment rose by 26,000, or 0.6 percent, over the year. Twelve metro areas exhibited employment increases since November 2022, with a median increase of 1.1 percent.

### **County unemployment rates down over month and year**

Sixty-five Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate decreases between October and November. Jobless rates fell in 76 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 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	212,900	210,200	198,200	2,700	1.3%	14,700	7.4%
Employed	207,300	203,300	192,000	4,000	2.0%	15,300	8.0%
Unemployed	5,600	6,800	6,200	-1,200	-17.6%	-600	-9.7%
Unemployment Rate	2.6	3.3	3.2	-0.7	XXX	-0.6	XXX

**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	62,600	61,800	59,600	800	1.3%	3,000	5.0%
Employed	60,400	59,200	57,200	1,200	2.0%	3,200	5.6%
Unemployed	2,200	2,600	2,400	-400	-15.4%	-200	-8.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	4.2	4.1	-0.7	XXX	-0.6	XXX

**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	51,900	51,400	48,900	500	1.0%	3,000	6.1%
Employed	50,000	49,200	46,800	800	1.6%	3,200	6.8%
Unemployed	1,900	2,200	2,100	-300	-13.6%	-200	-9.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.2	4.3	-0.5	XXX	-0.6	XXX

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,206	2,197	2,101	9	0.4%	105	5.0%
Employed	2,121	2,099	2,036	22	1.0%	85	4.2%
Unemployed	86	98	65	-12	-12.2%	21	32.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.5	3.1	-0.6	XXX	0.8	XXX

**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	187,100	186,000	178,200	1,100	0.6%	8,900	5.0%
Employed	179,500	177,100	169,700	2,400	1.4%	9,800	5.8%
Unemployed	7,600	8,900	8,500	-1,300	-14.6%	-900	-10.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.8	4.8	-0.8	XXX	-0.8	XXX

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

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	618,500	611,700	581,500	6,800	1.1%	37,000	6.4%
Employed	602,300	592,000	563,800	10,300	1.7%	38,500	6.8%
Unemployed	16,300	19,700	17,800	-3,400	-17.3%	-1,500	-8.4%
Unemployment Rate	2.6	3.2	3.1	-0.6	XXX	-0.5	XXX

**Jackson MSA (Jackson County)**

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	77,800	76,900	73,700	900	1.2%	4,100	5.6%
Employed	75,300	73,900	71,000	1,400	1.9%	4,300	6.1%
Unemployed	2,500	2,900	2,800	-400	-13.8%	-300	-10.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.8	3.7	-0.6	XXX	-0.5	XXX

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

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	175,800	173,900	166,600	1,900	1.1%	9,200	5.5%
Employed	170,300	167,400	160,500	2,900	1.7%	9,800	6.1%
Unemployed	5,500	6,500	6,100	-1,000	-15.4%	-600	-9.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.8	3.7	-0.7	XXX	-0.6	XXX

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

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	253,100	258,500	245,300	-5,400	-2.1%	7,800	3.2%
Employed	245,400	248,500	236,900	-3,100	-1.2%	8,500	3.6%
Unemployed	7,600	10,000	8,400	-2,400	-24.0%	-800	-9.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.9	3.4	-0.9	XXX	-0.4	XXX

**Midland MSA (Midland County)**

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	42,400	42,000	39,800	400	1.0%	2,600	6.5%
Employed	41,100	40,500	38,300	600	1.5%	2,800	7.3%
Unemployed	1,300	1,500	1,500	-200	-13.3%	-200	-13.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.6	3.8	-0.6	XXX	-0.8	XXX

**Monroe MSA (Monroe County)**

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,300	77,600	74,200	700	0.9%	4,100	5.5%
Employed	75,400	74,100	71,300	1,300	1.8%	4,100	5.8%
Unemployed	2,900	3,500	2,900	-600	-17.1%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.5	3.9	-0.8	XXX	-0.2	XXX

**Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)**

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,500	79,700	76,100	800	1.0%	4,400	5.8%
Employed	77,500	76,100	72,700	1,400	1.8%	4,800	6.6%
Unemployed	3,000	3,500	3,400	-500	-14.3%	-400	-11.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.4	4.5	-0.7	XXX	-0.8	XXX

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

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,800	75,200	71,900	600	0.8%	3,900	5.4%
Employed	73,300	72,200	69,000	1,100	1.5%	4,300	6.2%
Unemployed	2,600	3,000	2,900	-400	-13.3%	-300	-10.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.4	4.0	4.0	-0.6	XXX	-0.6	XXX

**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	87,200	86,100	82,400	1,100	1.3%	4,800	5.8%
Employed	83,600	82,000	78,500	1,600	2.0%	5,100	6.5%
Unemployed	3,600	4,100	3,900	-500	-12.2%	-300	-7.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.8	4.7	-0.7	XXX	-0.6	XXX

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

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	137,700	138,900	132,300	-1,200	-0.9%	5,400	4.1%
Employed	132,100	133,200	125,900	-1,100	-0.8%	6,200	4.9%
Unemployed	5,500	5,700	6,400	-200	-3.5%	-900	-14.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	4.1	4.9	-0.1	XXX	-0.9	XXX

**Northeast Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	83,600	84,700	79,900	-1,100	-1.3%	3,700	4.6%
Employed	79,400	80,600	75,000	-1,200	-1.5%	4,400	5.9%
Unemployed	4,200	4,100	4,900	100	2.4%	-700	-14.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.9	6.1	0.1	XXX	-1.1	XXX

**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	151,000	152,800	143,800	-1,800	-1.2%	7,200	5.0%
Employed	145,700	147,000	137,900	-1,300	-0.9%	7,800	5.7%
Unemployed	5,300	5,800	5,900	-500	-8.6%	-600	-10.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.8	4.1	-0.3	XXX	-0.6	XXX

**Michigan (Data in Thousands)**

	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,077	5,058	4,825	19	0.4%	252	5.2%
Employed	4,897	4,848	4,655	49	1.0%	242	5.2%
Unemployed	180	210	170	-30	-14.3%	10	5.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	4.2	3.5	-0.6	XXX	0.1	XXX



**Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - November 2023**

1	Ottawa County	2.5	43	Charlevoix County	3.8
2	Clinton County	2.6	44	Macomb County	3.8
3	Kent County	2.6	45	Benzie County	3.9
4	Washtenaw County	2.6	46	Otsego County	3.9
5	Grand Traverse County	2.7	47	Tuscola County	3.9
6	Allegan County	2.8	48	Antrim County	4.0
7	Barry County	2.8	49	Delta County	4.0
8	Livingston County	2.8	50	Genesee County	4.0
9	Ionia County	2.9	51	Mason County	4.0
10	Eaton County	3.0	52	St. Clair County	4.0
11	Kalamazoo County	3.0	53	Mecosta County	4.1
12	Leelanau County	3.0	54	Saginaw County	4.1
13	Midland County	3.0	55	Lapeer County	4.2
14	Branch County	3.1	56	Iron County	4.3
15	Ingham County	3.1	57	Kalkaska County	4.3
16	Menominee County	3.1	58	Osceola County	4.3
17	Oakland County	3.1	59	Baraga County	4.5
18	Jackson County	3.2	60	Chippewa County	4.5
19	Dickinson County	3.3	61	Emmet County	4.5
20	Huron County	3.3	62	Iosco County	4.5
21	Isabella County	3.3	63	Ogemaw County	4.6
22	Montcalm County	3.3	64	Keweenaw County	4.7
23	Newaygo County	3.3	65	Manistee County	4.7
24	Berrien County	3.4	66	Oceana County	4.7
25	Houghton County	3.4	67	Wayne County	4.7
26	Lenawee County	3.4	68	Crawford County	4.8
27	Marquette County	3.4	69	Gladwin County	4.8
28	Calhoun County	3.5	70	Arenac County	5.2
29	Hillsdale County	3.5	71	Lake County	5.2
30	St. Joseph County	3.5	72	Alcona County	5.3
31	Wexford County	3.5	73	Clare County	5.3
32	Alpena County	3.6	74	Ontonagon County	5.5
33	Cass County	3.6	75	Luce County	5.6
34	Gratiot County	3.6	76	Schoolcraft County	5.6
35	Sanilac County	3.6	77	Presque Isle County	6.0
36	Shiawassee County	3.6	78	Roscommon County	6.0
37	Van Buren County	3.6	79	Montmorency County	6.5
38	Bay County	3.7	80	Alger County	6.9
39	Gogebic County	3.7	81	Cheboygan County	6.9
40	Missaukee County	3.7	82	Oscoda County	7.0
41	Monroe County	3.7	83	Mackinac County	8.4
42	Muskegon County	3.7			