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Regional Michigan unemployment rates advance in December

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates advanced in 16 of Michigan’s 17 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Regional labor markets demonstrated employment and workforce reductions during December,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director of the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “However, preliminary annual average jobless rates declined markedly over the year.”

Regional jobless rates in the state ranged from 3.0 to 7.7 percent in December. Unemployment rate advances ranged from 0.1 to 1.5 percentage points, with a median increase of four-tenths of a percentage point. The largest over-the-month increase occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region. The Ann Arbor metropolitan statistical area (MSA) was the only Michigan region to exhibit a reduction in jobless rate over the month (-0.1 percentage points).

Annual average unemployment rates down over year

Preliminary annual average data indicates that regional jobless rates decreased notably in all of Michigan’s 17 major regions over the year. Rate reductions ranged from 0.5 to 2.1 percentage points, with a median decrease of 1.2 percentage points.

Total employment down over month, up over year

Employment totals receded in 16 Michigan labor market areas in December, with a median decline of 1.0 percent. The most pronounced employment decrease occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (-2.4 percent). The Detroit MSA exhibited a minor employment gain over the month (+0.2 percent).

All 17 Michigan labor market areas demonstrated employment advances over the year, with a median increase of 1.8 percent. The Lansing metro area had the largest over-the-year employment gain (+4.8 percent).

Workforce levels down over month, up over year

Labor force levels decreased in 16 Michigan regions over the month, with a median reduction of 0.5 percent. The largest over-the-month reduction occurred in the Ann Arbor MSA (-1.4 percent).

Sixteen Michigan labor market areas demonstrated workforce advances over the year, with a median increase of 1.9 percent. The Lansing MSA exhibited the largest workforce increase since December 2021 (+4.8 percent).

Regional payroll employment levels fall in December

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment receded by 26,000, or 0.6 percent, since November. Sectors with the largest numerical decreases in jobs included government (-9,000), leisure and hospitality (-9,000), and construction (-8,000).

Twelve Michigan metro areas demonstrated payroll job reductions between November and December, with a median decrease of 0.3 percent. The largest employment decline occurred in the Ann Arbor metro area (-1.2 percent). Nonfarm jobs edged up by 0.1 percent in the Grand Rapids MSA and remained unchanged in the Bay City MSA.

Michigan total nonfarm jobs rose by 94,000 over the year, or 2.2 percent. Eleven metro areas exhibited job advances over the year, with a median increase of 1.3 percent.

County jobless rates up over month and year

Eighty-one Michigan counties displayed unemployment rate gains during December, with a median increase of 0.7 percentage points. Sixty-seven Michigan counties demonstrated jobless rate advances 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 December workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for December.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	196,300	199,100	192,600	-2,800	-1.4%	3,700	1.9%
Employed	190,400	193,000	187,000	-2,600	-1.3%	3,400	1.8%
Unemployed	5,900	6,100	5,600	-200	-3.3%	300	5.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.1	2.9	-0.1	XXX	0.1	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	59,900	60,300	59,100	-400	-0.7%	800	1.4%
Employed	57,200	57,700	56,300	-500	-0.9%	900	1.6%
Unemployed	2,700	2,600	2,900	100	3.8%	-200	-6.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.2	4.8	0.3	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	48,700	48,800	47,800	-100	-0.2%	900	1.9%
Employed	46,300	46,700	45,600	-400	-0.9%	700	1.5%
Unemployed	2,500	2,200	2,300	300	13.6%	200	8.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.4	4.8	0.7	XXX	0.3	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,119	2,106	2,134	13	0.6%	-15	-0.7%
Employed	2,049	2,044	2,045	5	0.2%	4	0.2%
Unemployed	70	62	90	8	12.9%	-20	-22.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	2.9	4.2	0.4	XXX	-0.9	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	176,900	177,400	173,900	-500	-0.3%	3,000	1.7%
Employed	167,300	168,200	164,200	-900	-0.5%	3,100	1.9%
Unemployed	9,500	9,100	9,700	400	4.4%	-200	-2.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.2	5.6	0.2	XXX	-0.2	XXX

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

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	586,800	588,000	563,900	-1,200	-0.2%	22,900	4.1%
Employed	568,600	570,400	545,800	-1,800	-0.3%	22,800	4.2%
Unemployed	18,200	17,600	18,100	600	3.4%	100	0.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	3.2	0.1	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	72,600	73,200	72,300	-600	-0.8%	300	0.4%
Employed	69,600	70,400	69,300	-800	-1.1%	300	0.4%
Unemployed	3,000	2,800	3,000	200	7.1%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.8	4.2	0.4	XXX	0.0	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	166,600	167,800	163,000	-1,200	-0.7%	3,600	2.2%
Employed	160,100	161,600	156,900	-1,500	-0.9%	3,200	2.0%
Unemployed	6,500	6,100	6,100	400	6.6%	400	6.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.7	3.7	0.2	XXX	0.2	XXX

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

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	245,600	248,200	234,400	-2,600	-1.0%	11,200	4.8%
Employed	236,900	239,700	226,000	-2,800	-1.2%	10,900	4.8%
Unemployed	8,700	8,500	8,400	200	2.4%	300	3.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.4	3.6	0.2	XXX	0.0	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	38,600	38,900	38,200	-300	-0.8%	400	1.0%
Employed	37,000	37,400	36,800	-400	-1.1%	200	0.5%
Unemployed	1,600	1,500	1,400	100	6.7%	200	14.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.8	3.7	0.3	XXX	0.4	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,500	73,900	72,300	-400	-0.5%	1,200	1.7%
Employed	70,400	71,000	69,400	-600	-0.8%	1,000	1.4%
Unemployed	3,100	2,900	2,800	200	6.9%	300	10.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.0	3.9	0.2	XXX	0.3	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,700	77,100	75,300	-400	-0.5%	1,400	1.9%
Employed	72,900	73,400	71,200	-500	-0.7%	1,700	2.4%
Unemployed	3,800	3,800	4,100	0	0.0%	-300	-7.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.9	5.4	0.1	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	70,900	71,200	69,600	-300	-0.4%	1,300	1.9%
Employed	67,600	68,300	66,600	-700	-1.0%	1,000	1.5%
Unemployed	3,200	2,900	3,000	300	10.3%	200	6.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.1	4.3	0.5	XXX	0.3	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	82,700	82,900	81,100	-200	-0.2%	1,600	2.0%
Employed	78,200	78,700	76,800	-500	-0.6%	1,400	1.8%
Unemployed	4,600	4,200	4,300	400	9.5%	300	7.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.0	5.3	0.5	XXX	0.2	XXX

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

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	131,800	132,000	129,300	-200	-0.2%	2,500	1.9%
Employed	124,000	125,600	122,800	-1,600	-1.3%	1,200	1.0%
Unemployed	7,800	6,500	6,500	1,300	20.0%	1,300	20.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.9	4.9	5.0	1.0	XXX	0.9	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,100	79,800	76,700	-700	-0.9%	2,400	3.1%
Employed	73,000	74,800	71,600	-1,800	-2.4%	1,400	2.0%
Unemployed	6,100	5,000	5,100	1,100	22.0%	1,000	19.6%
Unemployment Rate	7.7	6.2	6.6	1.5	XXX	1.1	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	144,200	144,900	140,000	-700	-0.5%	4,200	3.0%
Employed	136,800	138,900	133,200	-2,100	-1.5%	3,600	2.7%
Unemployed	7,300	6,100	6,800	1,200	19.7%	500	7.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.2	4.8	0.9	XXX	0.3	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	Dec. 2021	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,845	4,848	4,788	-3	-0.1%	57	1.2%
Employed	4,659	4,679	4,589	-20	-0.4%	70	1.5%
Unemployed	186	169	199	17	10.1%	-13	-6.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.5	4.2	0.3	XXX	-0.4	XXX

**Michigan Major Labor Market Areas
Preliminary Annual Average Unemployment Rates, 2021–2022**

Area	2021	2022
Ann Arbor MSA	4.3	3.4
Battle Creek MSA	6.6	5.0
Bay City MSA	6.1	5.2
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA	6.2	4.1
Flint MSA	7.6	6.0
Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSA	4.6	3.4
Jackson MSA	5.7	4.5
Kalamazoo-Portage MSA	5.2	4.1
Lansing-East Lansing MSA	5.3	4.2
Midland MSA	4.9	4.2
Monroe MSA	6	4.7
Muskegon MSA	7.5	5.6
Niles-Benton Harbor MSA	5.8	4.6
Saginaw MSA	7.1	5.9
Upper Peninsula LMA	5.9	5.4
Northeast Lower Michigan	7.5	6.8
Northwest Lower Michigan	5.9	4.7
Michigan	5.9	4.3

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - December 2022

1	Livingston County	2.4	43	Sanilac County	4.9
2	Oakland County	2.5	44	Muskegon County	5.0
3	Ottawa County	2.9	45	Bay County	5.1
4	Washtenaw County	3.0	46	Gogebic County	5.3
5	Kent County	3.1	47	Mecosta County	5.3
6	Macomb County	3.2	48	Tuscola County	5.3
7	Clinton County	3.3	49	Van Buren County	5.3
8	Ionia County	3.4	50	Genesee County	5.4
9	Allegan County	3.5	51	Otsego County	5.5
10	Kalamazoo County	3.5	52	Saginaw County	5.5
11	Barry County	3.6	53	Charlevoix County	5.7
12	Eaton County	3.6	54	Benzie County	5.8
13	Ingham County	3.6	55	Delta County	5.9
14	St. Clair County	3.6	56	Mason County	5.9
15	Grand Traverse County	3.7	57	Iron County	6.3
16	Branch County	4.0	58	Antrim County	6.5
17	Dickinson County	4.0	59	Gladwin County	6.6
18	Wayne County	4.0	60	Kalkaska County	6.6
19	Lapeer County	4.1	61	Manistee County	6.7
20	Lenawee County	4.1	62	Oceana County	6.8
21	Midland County	4.1	63	Chippewa County	6.9
22	St. Joseph County	4.1	64	Emmet County	6.9
23	Isabella County	4.2	65	Iosco County	7.0
24	Jackson County	4.2	66	Clare County	7.2
25	Leelanau County	4.2	67	Crawford County	7.4
26	Monroe County	4.2	68	Alcona County	7.6
27	Cass County	4.3	69	Keweenaw County	7.6
28	Gratiot County	4.3	70	Ontonagon County	7.7
29	Montcalm County	4.3	71	Baraga County	7.8
30	Hillsdale County	4.4	72	Luce County	7.8
31	Menominee County	4.4	73	Lake County	7.9
32	Newaygo County	4.4	74	Arenac County	8.5
33	Shiawassee County	4.4	75	Ogemaw County	8.5
34	Calhoun County	4.5	76	Schoolcraft County	8.5
35	Houghton County	4.5	77	Presque Isle County	8.9
36	Osceola County	4.5	78	Montmorency County	9.5
37	Berrien County	4.6	79	Oscoda County	9.7
38	Huron County	4.7	80	Roscommon County	10.2
39	Wexford County	4.8	81	Alger County	10.3
40	Alpena County	4.9	82	Cheboygan County	10.9
41	Marquette County	4.9	83	Mackinac County	15.9
42	Missaukee County	4.9			