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## Michigan regional jobless rates decline in March

**LANSING, Mich.** – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates receded in 16 of Michigan’s 17 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics.

“Michigan regions demonstrated positive labor market trends over the month,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Seasonal jobless rate reductions and payroll job gains occurred throughout most metro areas.”

Regional unemployment rates in the state ranged from 3.1 to 7.8 percent during March, with a median rate decrease of 0.3 percentage points over the month. Rate declines ranged from 0.1 to 0.5 percentage points, with the most pronounced over-the-month reduction occurring in the Northeast Lower Michigan region. The Ann Arbor metropolitan statistical area (MSA) was the only region to exhibit a minor rate gain in March (+0.1 percentage points).

Over the year, 16 Michigan regions experienced unemployment rate decreases, with a median rate reduction of 0.5 percentage points. The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA was the only region to exhibit a rate increase since March 2023 (+0.4 percentage points).

### **Total employment up over month and year**

All 17 Michigan regions demonstrated employment gains over the month, with a median increase of 1.3 percent. The largest over-the-month employment gain occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+1.6 percent).

Employment advanced in all 17 Michigan regions over the year, with a median increase of 2.8 percent. The largest over-the-year employment gain occurred in the Monroe MSA (+4.3 percent).

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

Labor force levels rose in all 17 Michigan regions over the month, with a median increase of 1.1 percent. The largest over-the-month workforce increase occurred in the Ann Arbor MSA (+1.3 percent).

Michigan workforce levels rose in all 17 regions over the year, with a median increase of 2.2 percent.

### **Regional payroll jobs increase during March**

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 18,000, or 0.4 percent, over the month. The most pronounced over-the-month employment gains were seen in the construction (+7,000), leisure and hospitality (+3,000), and government (+3,000) industries.

Payroll jobs rose in 13 Michigan metro areas during March, with a median increase of 0.4 percent. The largest nonfarm employment gain occurred in the Midland MSA (+0.8 percent).

Michigan total nonfarm jobs advanced by 38,000, or 0.9 percent, over the year. Eleven metro areas demonstrated payroll employment gains, led by the Monroe MSA (+4.1 percent).

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

Seventy-six Michigan counties exhibited unemployment rate reductions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.4 percentage points. Over the year, unemployment rates declined in 75 counties.

**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 March workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for March.

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

**Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)**

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	205,000	202,400	198,200	2,600	1.3%	6,800	3.4%
Employed	198,700	196,200	191,700	2,500	1.3%	7,000	3.7%
Unemployed	6,300	6,200	6,500	100	1.6%	-200	-3.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	3.3	0.1	XXX	-0.2	XXX

**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	62,300	61,800	61,600	500	0.8%	700	1.1%
Employed	59,600	59,000	58,700	600	1.0%	900	1.5%
Unemployed	2,700	2,800	2,800	-100	-3.6%	-100	-3.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.5	4.6	-0.1	XXX	-0.2	XXX

**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,600	50,200	49,400	400	0.8%	1,200	2.4%
Employed	48,100	47,500	46,500	600	1.3%	1,600	3.4%
Unemployed	2,600	2,700	2,900	-100	-3.7%	-300	-10.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.4	5.8	-0.3	XXX	-0.7	XXX

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,201	2,176	2,153	25	1.1%	48	2.2%
Employed	2,121	2,089	2,083	32	1.5%	38	1.8%
Unemployed	80	87	70	-7	-8.0%	10	14.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	4.0	3.2	-0.4	XXX	0.4	XXX

**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	185,700	184,100	182,100	1,600	0.9%	3,600	2.0%
Employed	176,500	174,400	172,100	2,100	1.2%	4,400	2.6%
Unemployed	9,200	9,700	10,000	-500	-5.2%	-800	-8.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.3	5.5	-0.3	XXX	-0.5	XXX

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

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	612,400	605,700	602,500	6,700	1.1%	9,900	1.6%
Employed	593,200	586,200	582,500	7,000	1.2%	10,700	1.8%
Unemployed	19,200	19,500	19,900	-300	-1.5%	-700	-3.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.2	3.3	-0.1	XXX	-0.2	XXX

**Jackson MSA (Jackson County)**

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,100	75,200	74,800	900	1.2%	1,300	1.7%
Employed	73,100	72,100	71,600	1,000	1.4%	1,500	2.1%
Unemployed	3,000	3,200	3,200	-200	-6.3%	-200	-6.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.2	4.3	-0.3	XXX	-0.4	XXX

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

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	172,500	170,700	170,500	1,800	1.1%	2,000	1.2%
Employed	166,000	163,800	163,500	2,200	1.3%	2,500	1.5%
Unemployed	6,500	6,800	7,000	-300	-4.4%	-500	-7.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	4.0	4.1	-0.2	XXX	-0.3	XXX

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

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	261,400	258,900	252,500	2,500	1.0%	8,900	3.5%
Employed	252,100	249,000	242,700	3,100	1.2%	9,400	3.9%
Unemployed	9,200	9,900	9,700	-700	-7.1%	-500	-5.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.8	3.9	-0.3	XXX	-0.4	XXX

**Midland MSA (Midland County)**

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	41,400	40,900	40,700	500	1.2%	700	1.7%
Employed	39,700	39,100	38,800	600	1.5%	900	2.3%
Unemployed	1,700	1,700	1,900	0	0.0%	-200	-10.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.3	4.6	-0.2	XXX	-0.5	XXX

**Monroe MSA (Monroe County)**

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,100	78,400	76,200	700	0.9%	2,900	3.8%
Employed	76,000	75,100	72,900	900	1.2%	3,100	4.3%
Unemployed	3,100	3,400	3,400	-300	-8.8%	-300	-8.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.3	4.4	-0.4	XXX	-0.5	XXX

**Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)**

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,300	79,500	77,500	800	1.0%	2,800	3.6%
Employed	76,700	75,900	73,800	800	1.1%	2,900	3.9%
Unemployed	3,500	3,600	3,700	-100	-2.8%	-200	-5.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.5	4.7	-0.1	XXX	-0.3	XXX

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

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,400	74,600	72,900	800	1.1%	2,500	3.4%
Employed	72,300	71,200	69,600	1,100	1.5%	2,700	3.9%
Unemployed	3,200	3,400	3,300	-200	-5.9%	-100	-3.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.5	4.5	-0.3	XXX	-0.3	XXX

**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,200	84,300	83,600	900	1.1%	1,600	1.9%
Employed	80,800	79,700	78,600	1,100	1.4%	2,200	2.8%
Unemployed	4,500	4,600	5,000	-100	-2.2%	-500	-10.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.5	6.0	-0.3	XXX	-0.8	XXX

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

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	139,600	138,700	136,400	900	0.6%	3,200	2.3%
Employed	131,100	130,100	127,400	1,000	0.8%	3,700	2.9%
Unemployed	8,400	8,500	9,000	-100	-1.2%	-600	-6.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.2	6.6	-0.2	XXX	-0.6	XXX

**Northeast Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,300	83,400	82,300	900	1.1%	2,000	2.4%
Employed	77,700	76,500	75,200	1,200	1.6%	2,500	3.3%
Unemployed	6,500	6,900	7,100	-400	-5.8%	-600	-8.5%
Unemployment Rate	7.8	8.3	8.6	-0.5	XXX	-0.8	XXX

**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	148,700	147,200	146,700	1,500	1.0%	2,000	1.4%
Employed	141,200	139,200	138,300	2,000	1.4%	2,900	2.1%
Unemployed	7,600	8,000	8,400	-400	-5.0%	-800	-9.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.5	5.7	-0.4	XXX	-0.6	XXX

**Michigan (Data in Thousands)**

	Mar. 2024	Feb. 2024	Mar. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,056	5,002	4,949	54	1.1%	107	2.2%
Employed	4,857	4,790	4,751	67	1.4%	106	2.2%
Unemployed	200	212	198	-12	-5.7%	2	1.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.2	4.0	-0.3	XXX	-0.1	XXX



**Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - March 2024**

1	Livingston County	2.7	43	Dickinson County	5.0
2	Oakland County	2.8	44	Genesee County	5.0
3	Ottawa County	3.0	45	Gogebic County	5.0
4	Kent County	3.1	46	Bay County	5.1
5	Washtenaw County	3.1	47	Saginaw County	5.2
6	Clinton County	3.3	48	Tuscola County	5.2
7	Allegan County	3.4	49	Mecosta County	5.4
8	Eaton County	3.5	50	Missaukee County	5.4
9	Kalamazoo County	3.5	51	Otsego County	5.4
10	Branch County	3.6	52	Sanilac County	5.4
11	Ingham County	3.6	53	Benzie County	5.5
12	Macomb County	3.6	54	Charlevoix County	5.5
13	Barry County	3.7	55	Mason County	5.6
14	Grand Traverse County	3.7	56	Delta County	5.8
15	Ionia County	3.7	57	Keweenaw County	5.8
16	Jackson County	3.9	58	Kalkaska County	6.0
17	Monroe County	3.9	59	Antrim County	6.2
18	St. Clair County	4.0	60	Gladwin County	6.3
19	Leelanau County	4.1	61	Crawford County	6.7
20	Menominee County	4.1	62	Iron County	6.7
21	Midland County	4.1	63	Manistee County	6.8
22	Newaygo County	4.1	64	Lake County	7.0
23	St. Joseph County	4.1	65	Clare County	7.1
24	Berrien County	4.2	66	Oceana County	7.1
25	Cass County	4.2	67	Baraga County	7.2
26	Lenawee County	4.2	68	Iosco County	7.2
27	Hillsdale County	4.3	69	Luce County	7.2
28	Montcalm County	4.3	70	Emmet County	7.3
29	Wayne County	4.3	71	Chippewa County	7.4
30	Calhoun County	4.4	72	Ogemaw County	7.7
31	Gratiot County	4.4	73	Ontonagon County	7.7
32	Muskegon County	4.4	74	Arenac County	8.1
33	Shiawassee County	4.5	75	Alcona County	8.3
34	Marquette County	4.6	76	Roscommon County	8.3
35	Houghton County	4.7	77	Oscoda County	8.7
36	Isabella County	4.7	78	Montmorency County	9.3
37	Alpena County	4.8	79	Alger County	9.5
38	Lapeer County	4.8	80	Schoolcraft County	9.7
39	Huron County	4.9	81	Presque Isle County	10.0
40	Osceola County	4.9	82	Cheboygan County	13.4
41	Van Buren County	4.9	83	Mackinac County	17.8
42	Wexford County	4.9			