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Michigan jobless rate increases in July

LANSING, Mich. – Michigan’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate advanced by three-tenths of a percentage point over the month to 4.4 percent during July, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Employment was reduced by 6,000 over the month, while unemployment increased by 16,000, resulting in a labor force gain of 10,000 during July.

“The uptick in Michigan’s jobless rate reflected an increase in both unemployment and the total workforce during July,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Industry employment was mixed over the month, which resulted in a slight decline in payroll jobs.”

The national unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage points over the month to 4.3 percent. Michigan’s July jobless rate was one-tenth of a percentage point larger than the U.S. rate. Over the year, the national unemployment rate rose by 0.8 percentage points, while the statewide rate increased by 0.6 percentage points since July 2023.

Labor force trends and highlights

- July was the second consecutive month with a statewide increase in unemployment rate.
- Total unemployment in the state rose by 7.8 percent over the month, while the national unemployment level advanced by 5.2 percent.
- Michigan’s over-the-year workforce gain of 0.7 percent was similar to the labor force gain seen nationally between July 2023 and July 2024 (+0.8 percent).
- Michigan’s July labor force level was the largest workforce total seen in the state since April 2006 (5,064,000).
- The July statewide labor force participation rate advanced by one-tenth of a percentage point to 62.4 percent in July. Michigan’s employment-population ratio decreased by one-tenth of a percentage point to 59.7 percent over the month.

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Michigan
Labor Force Estimates
 Seasonally Adjusted
 (Data in Thousands)

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,063	5,053	5,030	10	0.2%	33	0.7%
Employed	4,842	4,848	4,836	-6	-0.1%	6	0.1%
Unemployed	221	205	194	16	7.8%	27	13.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.1	3.8	0.3	XXX	0.6	XXX

Detroit metro area unemployment rate advances during July

The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area’s (MSA) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose by 0.4 percentage points to 4.5 percent in July. Employment in the region was reduced by 8,000 over the month, while unemployment advanced by 10,000. The Detroit metro area labor force remained unchanged since June 2024.

The Detroit MSA jobless rate increased by 0.9 percentage points over the year. Employment fell by 9,000, and unemployment increased by 21,000 over the year.

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA
Labor Force Estimates
 Seasonally Adjusted
 (Data in Thousands)

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,204	2,204	2,194	0	0.0%	10	0.5%
Employed	2,105	2,113	2,114	-8	-0.4%	-9	-0.4%
Unemployed	100	90	79	10	11.1%	21	26.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.1	3.6	0.4	XXX	0.9	XXX

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Michigan nonfarm employment declines in July

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll jobs fell by 2,000 between June and July, resulting in a total job count of 4,497,000.

Industry employment trends and highlights

- Total nonfarm employment in Michigan fell by 2,000 in July following a loss of 8,000 jobs in June.
- Jobs increased in Michigan's private education and health services sector for the sixth consecutive month, with employment rising by 18,000 since January 2024.
- Despite minor employment gains across multiple industries, total payroll jobs fell during July due to an over-the-month employment decline in the leisure and hospitality (-5,000) sector.
- On a seasonally adjusted basis, Michigan total nonfarm payroll jobs rose by 35,000, or 0.8 percent, over the year.
- The most pronounced over-the-year numerical industry job gains occurred in the government (+18,000) and private education and health services (+17,000) sectors.
- Michigan's construction sector recorded the most notable over-the-year industry employment gain on a percentage basis (+7.4 percent).

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Michigan
Payroll Employment Estimates
 Seasonally Adjusted
 (Data in Thousands)

	Jul** 2024	Jun* 2024	Jul 2023	Over the Month***		Over the Year ***	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4497	4499	4462	-2	0.0%	35	0.8%
Natural Resources and Mining	8	8	7	0	0.0%	0	5.6%
Construction	204	204	190	0	0.0%	14	7.4%
Manufacturing	607	607	617	0	0.1%	-10	-1.6%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	822	821	817	1	0.1%	4	0.5%
Retail Trade	456	456	456	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	58	58	58	0	-0.7%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	227	227	231	0	0.1%	-4	-1.6%
Professional and Business Services	649	649	651	0	0.0%	-2	-0.3%
Private Education and Health Services	708	707	691	2	0.2%	17	2.5%
Leisure and Hospitality Services	422	427	425	-5	-1.2%	-4	-0.8%
Other Services	169	169	169	0	-0.2%	-1	-0.3%
Government	624	623	606	1	0.2%	18	3.0%

* Revised data for June 2024

** Preliminary data for July 2024

*** Change calculated using unrounded data

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