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January jobless rates advance in all Michigan regional labor market areas

LANSING, Mich. -- January seasonally unadjusted jobless rates rose in each of the state's 17 major labor market areas, according to data released today from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB).

"Michigan's regional labor markets were influenced by seasonal job reductions in January," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "However, unemployment rates fell in all regions over the year."

January jobless rate gains throughout the state's labor market areas ranged from 0.4 to 2.2 percentage points, with a median increase of 0.9 percentage points. The most pronounced over-the-month movements were seen in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+2.2) and the Monroe (+1.3) and Bay City (+1.3) metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). Michigan's nonseasonally adjusted jobless rate of 4.3 percent was three-tenths above the national rate of 4.0 percent.

Jobless rates down over year

Since January 2019, regional unemployment rates in Michigan declined in all 17 labor market areas, with a median reduction of 0.7 percentage points. The largest over-the-year-rate cut occurred in the Lansing-East Lansing MSA (-1.1).

Total employment down over month, up over year

Over the month, total employment fell in 15 of Michigan's 17 regions. Employment cuts ranged from 0.3 to 1.6 percent, with a median reduction of 0.9 percent. Notable over-the-month declines occurred in the Upper Peninsula (-1.6 percent), Battle Creek (-1.3 percent), and Saginaw (-1.3 percent) regions. The Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSA was the only region to exhibit an employment increase over the month (+0.1 percent), while the Niles-Benton Harbor region employment level remained unchanged since December 2019.

Over the year, total employment advanced in 14 regions and fell in three. The largest over-the-year gain was seen in the Ann Arbor MSA (+2.9 percent). The Midland (-1.3 percent), Bay City (-0.4 percent), and Battle Creek (-0.2 percent) MSAs all exhibited employment declines since January 2019.

Labor force levels up over month and year

In January, workforce levels advanced in 10 regions, fell in six, and remained unchanged in the Flint MSA. The largest over-the-month labor force increase occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+1.6 percent). Labor force declines were led by the Battle Creek region (-0.8 percent).

Over the year, labor force levels rose in 11 regions. The Ann Arbor MSA exhibited the largest workforce increase since January 2019, up by 2.2 percent. Five regions demonstrated labor force declines. The most pronounced workforce drops were seen in the Bay City (-1.2 percent) and Midland (-1.2 percent) regions. The workforce in the Grand Rapids region was little changed over the year.

January payroll jobs down seasonally

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan fell by 92,000 (-2.1 percent) in January to 4,373,000. The largest monthly job declines on a numerical basis occurred in trade, transportation and utilities (-26,000) and government (-23,000).

Payroll employment receded in all 14 Michigan metro regions in January. Regional job reductions ranged from 1.3 to 3.4 percent. The largest over-the-month percentage job decrease was seen in the Saginaw MSA (-3.4 percent).

Since January 2019, unadjusted payroll jobs rose statewide by 17,000 or 0.4 percent. Seven metro regions advanced in employment over this period, led by the Ann Arbor MSA (+2.5 percent). Six regions demonstrated percent declines in nonfarm employment, led by the Midland MSA (-1.9 percent). The Lansing metro region's payroll employment level was stable over the year.

County jobless rates up over month, down over year

Seventy-eight of Michigan's 83 counties exhibited unemployment rate increases in January, with a median gain of 1.1 percentage points. Alger, Keweenaw, and Menominee counties in the Upper Peninsula all exhibited jobless rate reductions in January, while rates in Luce and Ontonagon counties remained unchanged. Over the year, rates fell in 80 counties, with a median decline of 0.8 percentage points. Gogebic County exhibited a jobless rate increase, while Dickinson and Montmorency counties had no rate changes since January 2019.

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 seasonally unadjusted January workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a listing of county jobless rates for January.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	199,100	200,300	194,800	-1,200	-0.6%	4,300	2.2%
Employment	194,100	196,100	188,600	-2,000	-1.0%	5,500	2.9%
Unemployment	5,000	4,300	6,100	700	16.3%	-1,100	-18.0%
Rate (Percent)	2.5	2.1	3.1	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	61,900	62,400	62,500	-500	-0.8%	-600	-1.0%
Employment	59,400	60,200	59,500	-800	-1.3%	-100	-0.2%
Unemployment	2,500	2,200	3,000	300	13.6%	-500	-16.7%
Rate (Percent)	4.1	3.4	4.8	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	49,700	49,500	50,300	200	0.4%	-600	-1.2%
Employment	47,000	47,400	47,200	-400	-0.8%	-200	-0.4%
Unemployment	2,700	2,100	3,100	600	28.6%	-400	-12.9%
Rate (Percent)	5.5	4.2	6.2	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,160	2,163	2,152	-3	-0.1%	8	0.4%
Employment	2,066	2,082	2,042	-16	-0.8%	24	1.2%
Unemployment	95	81	110	14	17.3%	-15	-13.6%
Rate (Percent)	4.4	3.8	5.1	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	183,600	183,600	182,200	0	0.0%	1,400	0.8%
Employment	174,500	176,300	171,300	-1,800	-1.0%	3,200	1.9%
Unemployment	9,100	7,300	10,900	1,800	24.7%	-1,800	-16.5%
Rate (Percent)	5.0	4.0	6.0	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	579,500	575,900	579,600	3,600	0.6%	-100	0.0%
Employment	562,700	561,900	559,800	800	0.1%	2,900	0.5%
Unemployment	16,900	13,900	19,800	3,000	21.6%	-2,900	-14.6%
Rate (Percent)	2.9	2.4	3.4	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	74,300	74,000	74,200	300	0.4%	100	0.1%
Employment	71,400	71,600	70,800	-200	-0.3%	600	0.8%
Unemployment	2,900	2,400	3,400	500	20.8%	-500	-14.7%
Rate (Percent)	3.9	3.2	4.6	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	169,000	168,900	168,400	100	0.1%	600	0.4%
Employment	162,900	163,800	161,300	-900	-0.5%	1,600	1.0%
Unemployment	6,100	5,100	7,200	1,000	19.6%	-1,100	-15.3%
Rate (Percent)	3.6	3.0	4.2	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	249,200	249,700	249,900	-500	-0.2%	-700	-0.3%
Employment	241,300	243,000	239,200	-1,700	-0.7%	2,100	0.9%
Unemployment	7,900	6,700	10,800	1,200	17.9%	-2,900	-26.9%
Rate (Percent)	3.2	2.7	4.3	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	39,900	39,800	40,400	100	0.3%	-500	-1.2%
Employment	38,100	38,500	38,600	-400	-1.0%	-500	-1.3%
Unemployment	1,700	1,300	1,900	400	30.8%	-200	-10.5%
Rate (Percent)	4.3	3.3	4.6	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,500	75,200	75,200	300	0.4%	300	0.4%
Employment	72,200	72,900	71,500	-700	-1.0%	700	1.0%
Unemployment	3,200	2,300	3,700	900	39.1%	-500	-13.5%
Rate (Percent)	4.3	3.0	4.9	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	77,100	76,900	76,600	200	0.3%	500	0.7%
Employment	73,700	74,000	72,700	-300	-0.4%	1,000	1.4%
Unemployment	3,400	2,900	3,900	500	17.2%	-500	-12.8%
Rate (Percent)	4.4	3.8	5.1	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,000	72,400	72,300	600	0.8%	700	1.0%
Employment	69,800	69,800	68,500	0	0.0%	1,300	1.9%
Unemployment	3,300	2,600	3,800	700	26.9%	-500	-13.2%
Rate (Percent)	4.5	3.6	5.2	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,400	86,700	86,800	-300	-0.3%	-400	-0.5%
Employment	82,000	83,100	81,500	-1,100	-1.3%	500	0.6%
Unemployment	4,400	3,500	5,300	900	25.7%	-900	-17.0%
Rate (Percent)	5.1	4.1	6.1	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Upper Peninsula LMA (15 counties)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	134,800	135,700	134,700	-900	-0.7%	100	0.1%
Employment	126,000	128,100	124,700	-2,100	-1.6%	1,300	1.0%
Unemployment	8,800	7,600	10,000	1,200	15.8%	-1,200	-12.0%
Rate (Percent)	6.5	5.6	7.4	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Northeast Lower Michigan

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

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,000	79,700	80,800	1,300	1.6%	200	0.2%
Employment	73,800	74,300	72,800	-500	-0.7%	1,000	1.4%
Unemployment	7,300	5,400	8,000	1,900	35.2%	-700	-8.8%
Rate (Percent)	9.0	6.8	9.9	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Northwest Lower Michigan

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

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	147,600	147,000	146,400	600	0.4%	1,200	0.8%
Employment	139,500	140,700	136,900	-1,200	-0.9%	2,600	1.9%
Unemployment	8,200	6,300	9,500	1,900	30.2%	-1,300	-13.7%
Rate (Percent)	5.5	4.3	6.5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Jan 2020	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,926	4,922	4,909	4	0.1%	17	0.3%
Employment	4,715	4,747	4,662	-32	-0.7%	53	1.1%
Unemployment	211	175	247	36	20.6%	-36	-14.6%
Rate (Percent)	4.3	3.6	5.0	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Note: Data Revisions

The data in this release reflects recently revised historical estimates. All states in the nation participate in this revision process, which is facilitated by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor force estimates for Michigan counties have been revised for all months of 2019. Revised data will be released in coming weeks for 2015–2018.

In addition, unadjusted payroll job data for Michigan and all metro areas was revised for 2018 and 2019. Certain industries had more extensive data revisions, some back to 1990. For newly revised data, go to www.milmi.org/datasearch or contact DTMB at 313-456-3090.

Previously published data for these years should be replaced with these new series.

Michigan Counties Ranked by Unemployment Rate - January 2020

1	Washtenaw County	2.5	43	Wexford County	5.4
2	Ottawa County	2.7	44	Bay County	5.5
3	Kent County	2.8	45	Mecosta County	5.5
4	Clinton County	3.0	46	Huron County	5.6
5	Ingham County	3.2	47	Charlevoix County	6.0
6	Kalamazoo County	3.2	48	Otsego County	6.0
7	Livingston County	3.2	49	Sanilac County	6.0
8	Eaton County	3.3	50	Tuscola County	6.0
9	Oakland County	3.3	51	Mason County	6.2
10	Allegan County	3.4	52	Missaukee County	6.2
11	Barry County	3.6	53	Antrim County	6.3
12	Ionia County	3.7	54	Delta County	6.3
13	Jackson County	3.9	55	Gogebic County	6.5
14	Branch County	4.0	56	Lapeer County	6.5
15	Grand Traverse County	4.0	57	Manistee County	6.6
16	Calhoun County	4.1	58	Benzie County	6.9
17	Isabella County	4.1	59	Iron County	6.9
18	Leelanau County	4.3	60	Keweenaw County	6.9
19	Lenawee County	4.3	61	Luce County	6.9
20	Midland County	4.3	62	Gladwin County	7.0
21	Monroe County	4.3	63	Crawford County	7.1
22	St. Joseph County	4.3	64	Emmet County	7.2
23	Hillsdale County	4.4	65	Lake County	7.2
24	Montcalm County	4.4	66	Baraga County	7.3
25	Muskegon County	4.4	67	Ontonagon County	7.3
26	Shiawassee County	4.4	68	Kalkaska County	7.4
27	Berrien County	4.5	69	Chippewa County	7.7
28	Menominee County	4.6	70	Oceana County	7.7
29	Newaygo County	4.6	71	Clare County	7.8
30	Cass County	4.7	72	Oscoda County	8.0
31	Macomb County	4.7	73	Iosco County	8.5
32	Osceola County	4.7	74	Arenac County	8.6
33	Dickinson County	4.9	75	Alcona County	8.7
34	Gratiot County	4.9	76	Alger County	8.8
35	Genesee County	5.0	77	Ogemaw County	9.1
36	Saginaw County	5.1	78	Schoolcraft County	9.3
37	Wayne County	5.1	79	Roscommon County	9.8
38	Alpena County	5.3	80	Presque Isle County	11.4
39	Houghton County	5.3	81	Montmorency County	12.0
40	Van Buren County	5.3	82	Cheboygan County	16.1
41	Marquette County	5.4	83	Mackinac County	20.3
42	St. Clair County	5.4			