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Regional Michigan unemployment rates rise modestly in February

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates rose in 16 of Michigan’s 18 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Unemployment rates have been trending upward across all regions of the state since this time last year due to a rising number of unemployed workers,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics.

“However, most metro areas showed an increase in payroll jobs both over the month and over the year.”

Regional unemployment rates in the state ranged from 4.5 to 11.0 percent in February. Rate increases ranged from 0.1 to 0.6 percentage points, with a median increase of 0.3 percentage points. The largest over-the-month increase occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region. The Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA) jobless rate edged down by 0.1 percentage points over the month, and the unemployment rate in the Ann Arbor MSA was unchanged since January.

Unemployment rates advanced in all 18 Michigan labor market areas over the year, with a median rate gain of 1.6 percentage points. The largest over-the-year rate gain occurred in the Monroe metro area (+2.3 percentage points).

Total employment down over month, up over year

Total employment receded in 17 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median reduction of 0.6 percent. The largest employment decrease occurred in the Midland MSA.

Twelve Michigan labor market areas demonstrated employment gains over the year, with a median increase of 0.7 percent. The Traverse City metro area exhibited the largest employment gain since February 2024 (+2.7 percent).

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Regional workforce levels down over month, up over year

Regional labor force levels receded in 13 Michigan regions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.4 percent. The most prominent over-the-month workforce reduction occurred in the Midland metro area (-1.1 percent). Labor force totals advanced in three labor market areas during February and remained unchanged in the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo MSAs.

All 18 Michigan labor market areas demonstrated labor force gains over the year, with a median increase of 2.2 percent. The largest over-the-year workforce advance occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+4.0 percent).

Regional nonfarm employment advances in February

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll jobs rose by 28,000, or 0.6 percent, over the month. Industries with the largest over-the-month increases included government (+18,000), professional and business services (+7,000), and manufacturing (+6,000).

Total nonfarm jobs advanced in 11 Michigan metro areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.5 percent. The largest payroll employment increase occurred in the Lansing MSA (+1.0 percent). Payroll jobs fell in the Midland, Bay City, Niles, and Saginaw metro areas since January.

Michigan total nonfarm jobs rose by 41,000 over the year, or 0.9 percent. Thirteen metro areas demonstrated job gains since February 2024, with a median increase of 1.3 percent.

County jobless rates up over month and year

Seventy-one Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate gains during February, with a median increase of 0.4 percentage points. All 83 Michigan counties exhibited unemployment rate increases since February 2024.

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 February workforce estimates for Michigan and its 18 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for February.

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

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Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	209,800	211,100	205,600	-1,300	-0.6%	4,200	2.0%
Employed	200,400	201,700	198,900	-1,300	-0.6%	1,500	0.8%
Unemployed	9,400	9,500	6,600	-100	-1.1%	2,800	42.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.5	3.2	0.0	XXX	1.3	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	64,600	64,600	62,700	0	0.0%	1,900	3.0%
Employed	60,400	60,600	59,700	-200	-0.3%	700	1.2%
Unemployed	4,200	4,000	3,000	200	5.0%	1,200	40.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.2	4.9	0.4	XXX	1.7	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	51,000	51,300	49,800	-300	-0.6%	1,200	2.4%
Employed	47,100	47,600	46,800	-500	-1.1%	300	0.6%
Unemployed	4,000	3,700	3,000	300	8.1%	1,000	33.3%
Unemployment Rate	7.8	7.3	6.0	0.5	XXX	1.8	XXX

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Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,177	2,193	2,157	-16	-0.7%	20	0.9%
Employed	2,058	2,071	2,070	-13	-0.6%	-12	-0.6%
Unemployed	119	122	87	-3	-2.5%	32	36.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.6	4.0	-0.1	XXX	1.5	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	191,400	192,000	186,500	-600	-0.3%	4,900	2.6%
Employed	177,000	178,000	176,100	-1,000	-0.6%	900	0.5%
Unemployed	14,400	14,000	10,500	400	2.9%	3,900	37.1%
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.3	5.6	0.2	XXX	1.9	XXX

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

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	630,600	633,500	625,000	-2,900	-0.5%	5,600	0.9%
Employed	599,500	603,500	602,300	-4,000	-0.7%	-2,800	-0.5%
Unemployed	31,100	30,000	22,800	1,100	3.7%	8,300	36.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.7	3.6	0.2	XXX	1.3	XXX

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Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,600	75,800	74,400	-200	-0.3%	1,200	1.6%
Employed	70,800	71,100	70,900	-300	-0.4%	-100	-0.1%
Unemployed	4,800	4,600	3,500	200	4.3%	1,300	37.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.1	4.7	0.2	XXX	1.6	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo County)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	142,400	142,400	139,900	0	0.0%	2,500	1.8%
Employed	135,300	135,500	134,600	-200	-0.1%	700	0.5%
Unemployed	7,100	6,900	5,300	200	2.9%	1,800	34.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.9	3.8	0.1	XXX	1.2	XXX

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

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	255,900	255,700	255,700	200	0.1%	200	0.1%
Employed	242,500	242,800	245,000	-300	-0.1%	-2,500	-1.0%
Unemployed	13,400	12,900	10,700	500	3.9%	2,700	25.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.1	4.2	0.1	XXX	1.0	XXX

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Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	43,500	44,000	42,500	-500	-1.1%	1,000	2.4%
Employed	40,900	41,600	40,600	-700	-1.7%	300	0.7%
Unemployed	2,600	2,400	1,900	200	8.3%	700	36.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.6	4.4	0.3	XXX	1.5	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,100	80,300	78,500	-200	-0.2%	1,600	2.0%
Employed	74,500	74,800	74,800	-300	-0.4%	-300	-0.4%
Unemployed	5,600	5,500	3,700	100	1.8%	1,900	51.4%
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.8	4.7	0.2	XXX	2.3	XXX

Muskegon–Norton Shores MSA (Muskegon County)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,600	85,800	83,600	-200	-0.2%	2,000	2.4%
Employed	80,000	80,500	79,700	-500	-0.6%	300	0.4%
Unemployed	5,600	5,400	3,900	200	3.7%	1,700	43.6%
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.3	4.7	0.3	XXX	1.9	XXX

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Niles MSA (Berrien County)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,700	77,000	75,200	-300	-0.4%	1,500	2.0%
Employed	71,700	72,200	71,600	-500	-0.7%	100	0.1%
Unemployed	5,000	4,800	3,700	200	4.2%	1,300	35.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.2	4.9	0.3	XXX	1.6	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,800	86,500	84,300	-700	-0.8%	1,500	1.8%
Employed	79,100	79,900	79,300	-800	-1.0%	-200	-0.3%
Unemployed	6,700	6,600	5,000	100	1.5%	1,700	34.0%
Unemployment Rate	7.9	7.7	5.9	0.2	XXX	2.0	XXX

Traverse City MSA

(Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau counties)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	81,400	81,500	78,300	-100	-0.1%	3,100	4.0%
Employed	76,500	77,000	74,500	-500	-0.6%	2,000	2.7%
Unemployed	4,900	4,500	3,800	400	8.9%	1,100	28.9%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.5	4.8	0.5	XXX	1.2	XXX

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

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	143,800	142,500	139,400	1,300	0.9%	4,400	3.2%
Employed	131,700	131,200	129,900	500	0.4%	1,800	1.4%
Unemployed	12,100	11,300	9,400	800	7.1%	2,700	28.7%
Unemployment Rate	8.4	7.9	6.8	0.5	XXX	1.6	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	87,400	86,900	84,000	500	0.6%	3,400	4.0%
Employed	77,800	77,900	76,400	-100	-0.1%	1,400	1.8%
Unemployed	9,700	9,000	7,600	700	7.8%	2,100	27.6%
Unemployment Rate	11.0	10.4	9.0	0.6	XXX	2.0	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	157,800	157,900	152,900	-100	-0.1%	4,900	3.2%
Employed	146,700	147,500	144,000	-800	-0.5%	2,700	1.9%
Unemployed	11,100	10,400	8,800	700	6.7%	2,300	26.1%
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.6	5.8	0.4	XXX	1.2	XXX

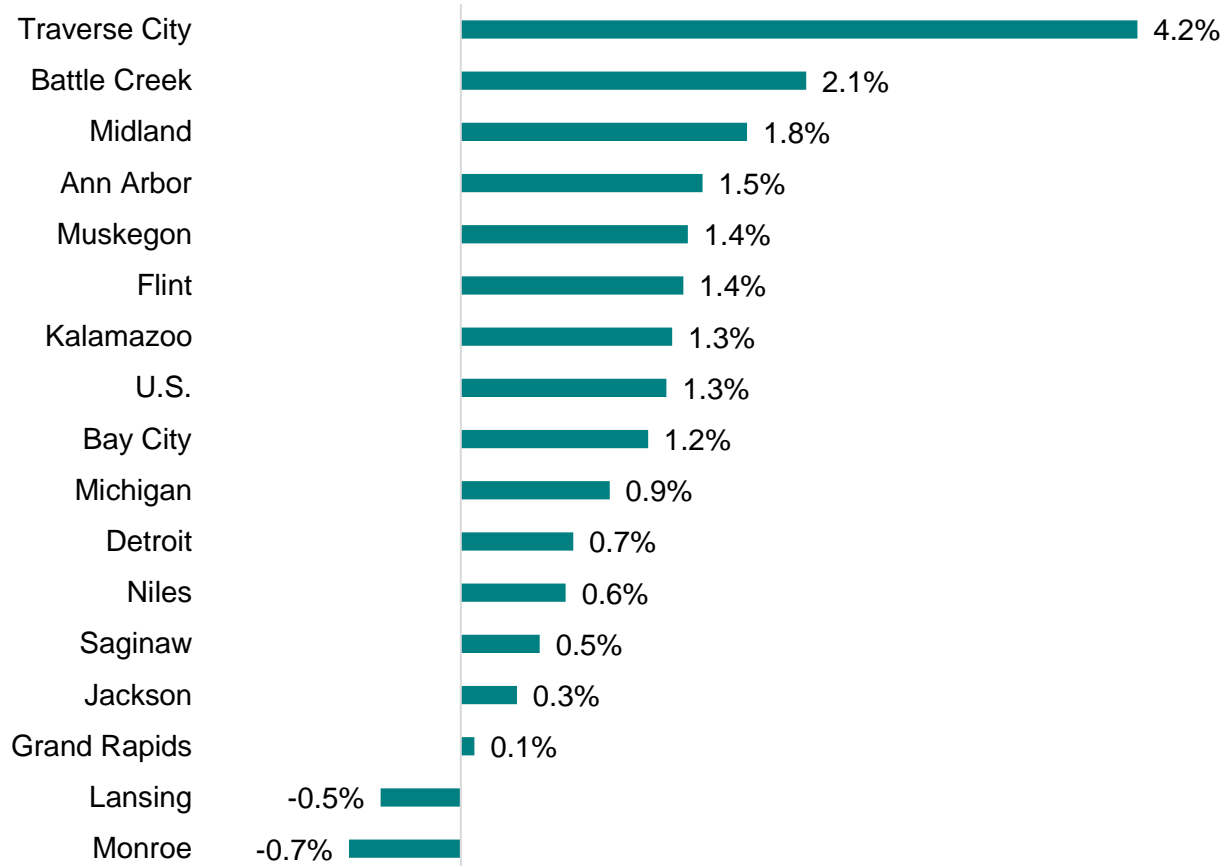
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Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Feb. 2025	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,063	5,082	4,991	-19	-0.4%	72	1.4%
Employed	4,761	4,785	4,767	-24	-0.5%	-6	-0.1%
Unemployed	302	298	223	4	1.3%	79	35.4%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.9	4.5	0.1	XXX	1.5	XXX

Metro Area Over-the-Year Payroll Jobs Change, February 2025

Not Seasonally Adjusted



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Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - February 2025

1	Livingston County	4.0	43	Genesee County	7.5
2	Oakland County	4.3	44	Otsego County	7.5
3	Ottawa County	4.5	45	Wexford County	7.6
4	Washtenaw County	4.5	46	Bay County	7.8
5	Kent County	4.8	47	Missaukee County	7.9
6	Clinton County	5.0	48	Saginaw County	7.9
7	Kalamazoo County	5.0	49	Huron County	8.0
8	Grand Traverse County	5.2	50	Tuscola County	8.0
9	Ingham County	5.3	51	Benzie County	8.1
10	Branch County	5.4	52	Keweenaw County	8.2
11	Eaton County	5.4	53	Kalkaska County	8.3
12	Macomb County	5.5	54	Mecosta County	8.4
13	Allegan County	5.7	55	Delta County	8.6
14	Ionia County	5.7	56	Antrim County	8.7
15	St. Joseph County	5.8	57	Manistee County	8.7
16	Barry County	5.9	58	Mason County	8.7
17	Menominee County	5.9	59	Ontonagon County	8.7
18	Midland County	5.9	60	Osceola County	8.7
19	St. Clair County	5.9	61	Emmet County	8.9
20	Dickinson County	6.1	62	Gladwin County	8.9
21	Houghton County	6.1	63	Crawford County	9.0
22	Isabella County	6.2	64	Sanilac County	9.0
23	Leelanau County	6.2	65	Lake County	9.6
24	Cass County	6.3	66	Chippewa County	9.7
25	Jackson County	6.3	67	Baraga County	9.8
26	Lenawee County	6.3	68	Clare County	10.2
27	Montcalm County	6.3	69	Iron County	10.8
28	Hillsdale County	6.4	70	Roscommon County	10.8
29	Berrien County	6.5	71	Arenac County	11.0
30	Wayne County	6.5	72	Luce County	11.0
31	Calhoun County	6.6	73	Oceana County	11.1
32	Muskegon County	6.6	74	Montmorency County	11.4
33	Gratiot County	6.7	75	Iosco County	11.5
34	Lapeer County	6.8	76	Alger County	11.6
35	Shiawassee County	6.8	77	Ogemaw County	12.8
36	Monroe County	7.0	78	Schoolcraft County	12.8
37	Newaygo County	7.0	79	Alcona County	13.3
38	Charlevoix County	7.1	80	Presque Isle County	14.8
39	Gogebic County	7.1	81	Oscoda County	15.3
40	Alpena County	7.2	82	Cheboygan County	16.2
41	Marquette County	7.3	83	Mackinac County	23.0
42	Van Buren County	7.3			

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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 facilitated by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Following the decennial census, the Office of Management and Budget issued new metropolitan statistical area delineations. The metro areas affected by these new delineations includes revisions to the Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI and Kalamazoo-Portage, MI metro areas, along with the addition of the Traverse City, MI metro area. For updated geographic delineations, go to www.bls.gov.

Labor force estimates for Michigan counties have been revised for all months of 2024. Revised data will be released in coming weeks for 2016–2023.

In addition, all unadjusted payroll job data for Michigan and all metro areas was revised for 2023 and 2024. For certain industries with larger historical revisions, unadjusted payroll job data was revised for multiple years, some back to 1990. For newly revised data, go to www.milmi.org/datasearch.

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

***Note about additional data revisions:**

Since the release of January 2025 data, additional adjustments had been made to historical Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) and Current Employment Statistics (CES) program data. The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics released an overview of the adjustments made. To learn more about these additional adjustments, go to www.bls.gov/errata.

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