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## Michigan regional jobless rates advance in May

**LANSING, Mich.** – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates rose in 14 of Michigan’s 18 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan regional labor markets were largely impacted by seasonal workforce increases over the month,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Payroll employment rose in most Michigan metro areas during May.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 4.6 to 7.4 percent in May, with a median rate gain of half a percentage point. The largest rate increase occurred in the Detroit metropolitan statistical area (MSA), with a jobless rate gain of 0.9 percentage points. Unemployment rates decreased seasonally over the month in both the Northwest and Northeast Lower Michigan regions, as well as the Upper Peninsula. The Traverse City MSA jobless rate remained unchanged since April.

All 18 Michigan labor market areas displayed unemployment rate gains over the year, with a median rate increase of 1.2 percentage points. The Bay City, Flint, and Saginaw metro areas all exhibited the most pronounced rate increase of 1.6 percentage points over the year.

### **Total employment up over month, down over year**

Total employment rose in 13 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.8 percent. The largest employment gain occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+4.6 percent).

Sixteen Michigan regions exhibited employment reductions over the year, with a median decrease of 1.2 percent. Employment rose in the Lansing MSA and the Northeast Lower Michigan region over the year.

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### **Regional workforce levels up over month and year**

Regional labor force levels rose in all 18 Michigan regions over the month, with a median increase of 0.9 percent. The Northeast Lower Michigan region exhibited the largest workforce increase over the month (+2.8 percent).

Michigan labor force levels rose in 13 labor market areas over the year, with a median gain of 0.5 percent. Four Michigan labor market areas demonstrated workforce decreases over the year, and the labor force remained unchanged in the Saginaw MSA since May 2024.

### **Regional nonfarm jobs increase in May**

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll jobs advanced by 62,000, or 1.4 percent, during May. Employment increases occurred in most major statewide industries, with the largest gain occurring in the leisure and hospitality sector (+34,000).

Payroll jobs rose in 14 Michigan metro areas over the month, with a median gain of 1.1 percent. The largest over-the-month employment increase occurred in the Traverse City MSA (+2.7 percent).

Michigan total nonfarm employment advanced by 45,000, or 1.0 percent, over the year. Ten metro areas demonstrated payroll employment gains since May 2024, with a median increase of 1.1 percent.

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

Forty-eight Michigan counties exhibited unemployment rate advances over the month, with a median increase of 0.5 percentage points. Jobless rates rose in all 83 Michigan counties since May 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 May workforce estimates for Michigan and its 18 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for May.

**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)**

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	210,800	209,500	209,400	1,300	0.6%	1,400	0.7%
Employed	200,500	201,000	201,600	-500	-0.2%	-1,100	-0.5%
Unemployed	10,300	8,500	7,800	1,800	21.2%	2,500	32.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.1	3.7	0.8	XXX	1.2	XXX

**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	64,800	64,000	64,200	800	1.3%	600	0.9%
Employed	60,800	60,300	61,000	500	0.8%	-200	-0.3%
Unemployed	4,000	3,700	3,200	300	8.1%	800	25.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.2	5.7	4.9	0.5	XXX	1.3	XXX

**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,800	50,600	50,600	200	0.4%	200	0.4%
Employed	47,400	47,300	48,000	100	0.2%	-600	-1.3%
Unemployed	3,400	3,300	2,600	100	3.0%	800	30.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.5	5.2	0.3	XXX	1.6	XXX

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**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

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

(Data in Thousands)

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,171	2,168	2,161	3	0.1%	10	0.5%
Employed	2,071	2,087	2,072	-16	-0.8%	-1	0.0%
Unemployed	101	81	89	20	24.7%	12	13.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	3.7	4.1	0.9	XXX	0.5	XXX

**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	192,100	190,100	191,600	2,000	1.1%	500	0.3%
Employed	178,800	177,700	181,500	1,100	0.6%	-2,700	-1.5%
Unemployed	13,300	12,400	10,100	900	7.3%	3,200	31.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.9	6.5	5.3	0.4	XXX	1.6	XXX

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

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	633,500	624,500	638,600	9,000	1.4%	-5,100	-0.8%
Employed	601,900	597,100	614,000	4,800	0.8%	-12,100	-2.0%
Unemployed	31,600	27,400	24,500	4,200	15.3%	7,100	29.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.4	3.8	0.6	XXX	1.2	XXX

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**Jackson MSA (Jackson County)**

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,800	75,000	76,200	800	1.1%	-400	-0.5%
Employed	71,400	71,100	72,800	300	0.4%	-1,400	-1.9%
Unemployed	4,400	3,900	3,500	500	12.8%	900	25.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.3	4.5	0.6	XXX	1.4	XXX

**Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo County)**

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	141,600	141,300	141,100	300	0.2%	500	0.4%
Employed	134,000	134,900	135,400	-900	-0.7%	-1,400	-1.0%
Unemployed	7,600	6,400	5,700	1,200	18.8%	1,900	33.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	4.5	4.0	0.8	XXX	1.3	XXX

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

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	260,900	260,300	257,600	600	0.2%	3,300	1.3%
Employed	247,200	248,300	245,900	-1,100	-0.4%	1,300	0.5%
Unemployed	13,700	11,900	11,700	1,800	15.1%	2,000	17.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	4.6	4.5	0.7	XXX	0.8	XXX

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**Midland MSA (Midland County)**

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	43,500	43,300	43,100	200	0.5%	400	0.9%
Employed	41,200	41,100	41,300	100	0.2%	-100	-0.2%
Unemployed	2,400	2,200	1,800	200	9.1%	600	33.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.1	4.2	0.3	XXX	1.2	XXX

**Monroe MSA (Monroe County)**

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,200	78,700	80,300	500	0.6%	-1,100	-1.4%
Employed	74,700	74,500	76,300	200	0.3%	-1,600	-2.1%
Unemployed	4,600	4,200	4,000	400	9.5%	600	15.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.3	5.0	0.5	XXX	0.8	XXX

**Muskegon–Norton Shores MSA (Muskegon County)**

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,400	85,000	86,300	1,400	1.6%	100	0.1%
Employed	80,900	80,000	82,200	900	1.1%	-1,300	-1.6%
Unemployed	5,500	5,000	4,100	500	10.0%	1,400	34.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.3	5.8	4.8	0.5	XXX	1.5	XXX

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**Niles MSA (Berrien County)**

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	77,200	76,000	78,600	1,200	1.6%	-1,400	-1.8%
Employed	72,700	71,900	74,800	800	1.1%	-2,100	-2.8%
Unemployed	4,500	4,100	3,800	400	9.8%	700	18.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.4	4.8	0.5	XXX	1.1	XXX

**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,100	85,000	85,100	100	0.1%	0	0.0%
Employed	79,000	79,200	80,400	-200	-0.3%	-1,400	-1.7%
Unemployed	6,100	5,800	4,700	300	5.2%	1,400	29.8%
Unemployment Rate	7.1	6.8	5.5	0.3	XXX	1.6	XXX

**Traverse City MSA**

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

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	83,100	81,200	82,700	1,900	2.3%	400	0.5%
Employed	78,900	77,100	79,400	1,800	2.3%	-500	-0.6%
Unemployed	4,200	4,100	3,300	100	2.4%	900	27.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.0	4.0	0.0	XXX	1.0	XXX

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

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	143,500	142,600	141,700	900	0.6%	1,800	1.3%
Employed	133,800	132,200	133,900	1,600	1.2%	-100	-0.1%
Unemployed	9,600	10,400	7,800	-800	-7.7%	1,800	23.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.7	7.3	5.5	-0.6	XXX	1.2	XXX

**Northeast Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	90,300	87,800	88,300	2,500	2.8%	2,000	2.3%
Employed	83,600	79,900	83,000	3,700	4.6%	600	0.7%
Unemployed	6,700	7,900	5,300	-1,200	-15.2%	1,400	26.4%
Unemployment Rate	7.4	9.0	6.0	-1.6	XXX	1.4	XXX

**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	161,000	156,800	160,800	4,200	2.7%	200	0.1%
Employed	151,900	147,200	153,400	4,700	3.2%	-1,500	-1.0%
Unemployed	9,100	9,600	7,400	-500	-5.2%	1,700	23.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	6.1	4.6	-0.5	XXX	1.0	XXX

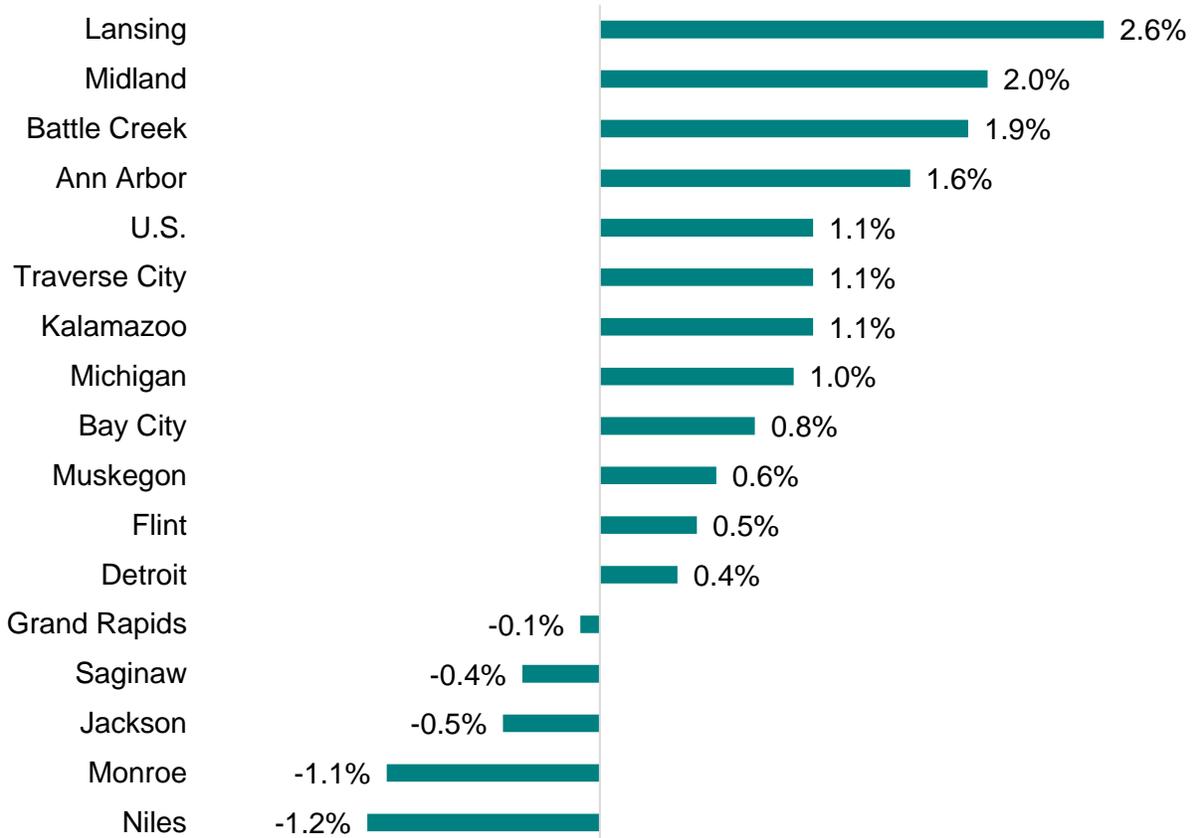
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**Michigan** (Data in Thousands)

	May 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,077	5,040	5,061	37	0.7%	16	0.3%
Employed	4,809	4,804	4,840	5	0.1%	-31	-0.6%
Unemployed	269	237	221	32	13.5%	48	21.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	4.7	4.4	0.6	XXX	0.9	XXX

**Metro Area Over-the-Year Payroll Jobs Change, May 2025**

Not Seasonally Adjusted



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**Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - May 2025**

1	Livingston County	3.4	43	Muskegon County	6.3
2	Oakland County	3.7	44	Antrim County	6.4
3	Lapeer County	4.4	45	Gratiot County	6.4
4	St. Clair County	4.5	46	Marquette County	6.4
5	Clinton County	4.6	47	Huron County	6.5
6	Grand Traverse County	4.6	48	Kalkaska County	6.6
7	Macomb County	4.7	49	Mason County	6.6
8	Ottawa County	4.8	50	Delta County	6.7
9	Washtenaw County	4.9	51	Wexford County	6.7
10	Allegan County	5.0	52	Bay County	6.8
11	Branch County	5.0	53	Tuscola County	6.8
12	Ionia County	5.0	54	Cheboygan County	6.9
13	Kent County	5.0	55	Genesee County	6.9
14	Eaton County	5.1	56	Gogebic County	7.0
15	Leelanau County	5.1	57	Houghton County	7.0
16	Kalamazoo County	5.3	58	Mecosta County	7.0
17	Menominee County	5.3	59	Chippewa County	7.1
18	Barry County	5.4	60	Manistee County	7.1
19	Charlevoix County	5.4	61	Osceola County	7.1
20	Mackinac County	5.4	62	Saginaw County	7.1
21	Midland County	5.4	63	Crawford County	7.2
22	Ingham County	5.5	64	Gladwin County	7.2
23	Dickinson County	5.6	65	Sanilac County	7.4
24	Lenawee County	5.6	66	Arenac County	7.5
25	Montcalm County	5.6	67	Roscommon County	7.5
26	Wayne County	5.6	68	Keweenaw County	7.6
27	Cass County	5.7	69	Oceana County	7.6
28	St. Joseph County	5.7	70	Montmorency County	7.7
29	Monroe County	5.8	71	Lake County	7.8
30	Shiawassee County	5.8	72	Iosco County	7.9
31	Benzie County	5.9	73	Baraga County	8.0
32	Berrien County	5.9	74	Clare County	8.1
33	Hillsdale County	5.9	75	Schoolcraft County	8.1
34	Jackson County	5.9	76	Iron County	8.4
35	Missaukee County	5.9	77	Luce County	8.6
36	Alpena County	6.0	78	Alger County	8.8
37	Van Buren County	6.0	79	Ogemaw County	8.8
38	Newaygo County	6.1	80	Presque Isle County	8.9
39	Otsego County	6.1	81	Ontonagon County	9.5
40	Calhoun County	6.2	82	Alcona County	9.7
41	Emmet County	6.3	83	Oscoda County	10.7
42	Isabella County	6.3			

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