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Michigan regional jobless rates recede in August

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

“While unemployment rates decreased typically throughout all regions in August, they remained elevated throughout most areas over the year,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Payroll jobs have risen throughout a majority of metro areas over the month and over the year.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 4.3 to 6.9 percent during August, with a median rate reduction of 0.8 percentage points. The most prominent rate decline occurred in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn metropolitan statistical area (MSA), with an unemployment rate decrease of 1.4 percentage points.

Fifteen Michigan labor market areas exhibited unemployment rate increases over the year, with a median rate gain of 0.4 percentage points. The Flint and Saginaw metro areas both exhibited the largest over-the-year rate gain of 0.6 percentage points.

Total employment up over month, down over year

Total employment advanced in 15 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median gain of 0.6 percent. Employment was reduced in the Detroit and Northwest Lower Michigan regions and remained unchanged in the Northeast Lower Michigan region since July.

Sixteen Michigan regions exhibited employment reductions over the year, with a median decrease of 1.5 percent. The Northeast Lower Michigan region and the Upper Peninsula were the only two labor market areas to demonstrate employment increases over the year.

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Regional workforce levels down over month and year

Regional labor force levels receded in 16 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median decrease of 0.3 percent. The Battle Creek MSA total workforce rose slightly over the month (+0.2 percent), and the Monroe metro area labor force total remained unchanged since July.

Regional workforce levels declined in 16 regions over the year, with a median reduction of 1.0 percent. The largest over-the-year labor force decrease occurred in the Traverse City MSA (-2.0 percent).

Regional payroll jobs advance in August

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment rose by 10,000, or 0.2 percent, during August. Industries with the largest over-the-month payroll job gains included government (+7,000) and professional and business services (+4,000).

Nonfarm employment rose in 10 of Michigan's 15 metro areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.3 percent. The largest over-the-month employment advance occurred in the Battle Creek MSA (+1.2 percent).

Michigan total nonfarm employment rose by 41,000, or 0.9 percent, over the year. Twelve metro areas demonstrated payroll job gains since August 2024, with a median increase of 0.6 percent.

County unemployment rates down over month, up over year

All 83 Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate declines over the month, with a median rate reduction of 0.9 percentage points. Jobless rates rose in 50 Michigan counties over the year.

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

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)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	208,200	208,800	208,600	-600	-0.3%	-400	-0.2%
Employed	198,300	197,700	199,400	600	0.3%	-1,100	-0.6%
Unemployed	9,900	11,100	9,100	-1,200	-10.8%	800	8.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.3	4.4	-0.6	XXX	0.3	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	64,400	64,300	64,700	100	0.2%	-300	-0.5%
Employed	60,400	59,600	60,900	800	1.3%	-500	-0.8%
Unemployed	4,000	4,800	3,800	-800	-16.7%	200	5.3%
Unemployment Rate	6.3	7.4	5.8	-1.1	XXX	0.5	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,400	50,500	50,900	-100	-0.2%	-500	-1.0%
Employed	47,300	47,000	48,000	300	0.6%	-700	-1.5%
Unemployed	3,100	3,600	2,900	-500	-13.9%	200	6.9%
Unemployment Rate	6.2	7.0	5.8	-0.8	XXX	0.4	XXX

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Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,180	2,243	2,195	-63	-2.8%	-15	-0.7%
Employed	2,087	2,116	2,094	-29	-1.4%	-7	-0.3%
Unemployed	93	127	101	-34	-26.8%	-8	-7.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	5.7	4.6	-1.4	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	190,700	192,400	191,700	-1,700	-0.9%	-1,000	-0.5%
Employed	177,600	177,200	179,900	400	0.2%	-2,300	-1.3%
Unemployed	13,100	15,200	11,800	-2,100	-13.8%	1,300	11.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.8	7.9	6.2	-1.1	XXX	0.6	XXX

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

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	622,400	624,700	632,100	-2,300	-0.4%	-9,700	-1.5%
Employed	592,600	590,300	603,600	2,300	0.4%	-11,000	-1.8%
Unemployed	29,800	34,400	28,500	-4,600	-13.4%	1,300	4.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.5	4.5	-0.7	XXX	0.3	XXX

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Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	74,000	74,200	74,600	-200	-0.3%	-600	-0.8%
Employed	69,800	69,300	70,600	500	0.7%	-800	-1.1%
Unemployed	4,300	4,800	4,000	-500	-10.4%	300	7.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.5	5.3	-0.7	XXX	0.5	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo County)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	138,500	138,600	139,700	-100	-0.1%	-1,200	-0.9%
Employed	131,300	130,400	133,100	900	0.7%	-1,800	-1.4%
Unemployed	7,200	8,200	6,600	-1,000	-12.2%	600	9.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.9	4.7	-0.7	XXX	0.5	XXX

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

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	251,000	252,500	252,200	-1,500	-0.6%	-1,200	-0.5%
Employed	237,800	236,400	239,900	1,400	0.6%	-2,100	-0.9%
Unemployed	13,100	16,100	12,200	-3,000	-18.6%	900	7.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	6.4	4.8	-1.2	XXX	0.4	XXX

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Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	42,800	42,900	43,500	-100	-0.2%	-700	-1.6%
Employed	40,600	40,400	41,400	200	0.5%	-800	-1.9%
Unemployed	2,200	2,500	2,100	-300	-12.0%	100	4.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.8	4.7	-0.7	XXX	0.4	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,300	78,300	79,400	0	0.0%	-1,100	-1.4%
Employed	73,400	73,200	74,600	200	0.3%	-1,200	-1.6%
Unemployed	4,800	5,100	4,800	-300	-5.9%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.5	6.0	-0.3	XXX	0.2	XXX

Muskegon–Norton Shores MSA (Muskegon County)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,500	86,700	87,500	-200	-0.2%	-1,000	-1.1%
Employed	81,100	80,700	82,500	400	0.5%	-1,400	-1.7%
Unemployed	5,400	6,000	4,900	-600	-10.0%	500	10.2%
Unemployment Rate	6.2	7.0	5.7	-0.8	XXX	0.5	XXX

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Niles MSA (Berrien County)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,900	77,000	78,400	-100	-0.1%	-1,500	-1.9%
Employed	72,600	72,100	74,000	500	0.7%	-1,400	-1.9%
Unemployed	4,200	4,900	4,400	-700	-14.3%	-200	-4.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	6.3	5.6	-0.8	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,800	84,900	85,700	-100	-0.1%	-900	-1.1%
Employed	78,900	78,300	80,300	600	0.8%	-1,400	-1.7%
Unemployed	5,800	6,600	5,400	-800	-12.1%	400	7.4%
Unemployment Rate	6.9	7.7	6.3	-0.8	XXX	0.6	XXX

Traverse City MSA

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

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,500	85,000	86,200	-500	-0.6%	-1,700	-2.0%
Employed	80,800	80,700	82,600	100	0.1%	-1,800	-2.2%
Unemployed	3,700	4,300	3,600	-600	-14.0%	100	2.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	5.0	4.2	-0.7	XXX	0.1	XXX

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

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	145,000	145,600	143,900	-600	-0.4%	1,100	0.8%
Employed	136,700	135,900	135,500	800	0.6%	1,200	0.9%
Unemployed	8,400	9,700	8,400	-1,300	-13.4%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.6	5.9	-0.8	XXX	-0.1	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	90,600	91,600	90,200	-1,000	-1.1%	400	0.4%
Employed	84,800	84,800	84,500	0	0.0%	300	0.4%
Unemployed	5,800	6,900	5,700	-1,100	-15.9%	100	1.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.4	7.5	6.3	-1.1	XXX	0.1	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	164,500	166,100	166,600	-1,600	-1.0%	-2,100	-1.3%
Employed	156,600	156,900	158,900	-300	-0.2%	-2,300	-1.4%
Unemployed	7,800	9,200	7,700	-1,400	-15.2%	100	1.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.5	4.6	-0.7	XXX	0.2	XXX

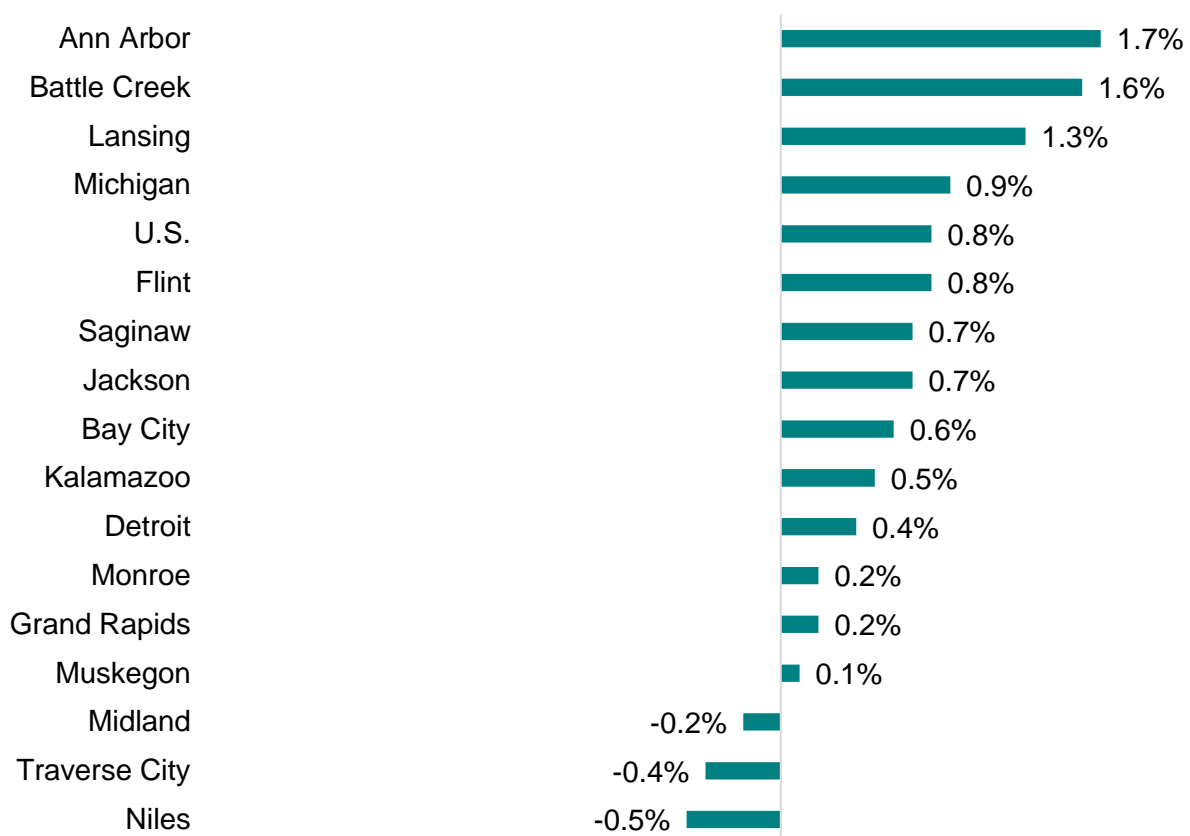
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Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Aug. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2024	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,057	5,131	5,095	-74	-1.4%	-38	-0.7%
Employed	4,806	4,821	4,844	-15	-0.3%	-38	-0.8%
Unemployed	251	310	251	-59	-19.0%	0	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	6.0	4.9	-1.0	XXX	0.1	XXX

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

Not Seasonally Adjusted



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Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - August 2025

1	Livingston County	3.1	43	Crawford County	5.8
2	Oakland County	3.4	44	Jackson County	5.8
3	Mackinac County	3.6	45	Mason County	5.8
4	Lapeer County	3.8	46	Newaygo County	5.8
5	Grand Traverse County	4.0	47	Gratiot County	5.9
6	St. Clair County	4.0	48	Houghton County	5.9
7	Macomb County	4.1	49	Wexford County	5.9
8	Charlevoix County	4.3	50	Huron County	6.0
9	Clinton County	4.4	51	Alger County	6.1
10	Leelanau County	4.4	52	Delta County	6.1
11	Allegan County	4.6	53	Isabella County	6.1
12	Ottawa County	4.6	54	Manistee County	6.1
13	Branch County	4.7	55	Bay County	6.2
14	Menominee County	4.7	56	Monroe County	6.2
15	Washtenaw County	4.7	57	Muskegon County	6.2
16	Kent County	4.8	58	Calhoun County	6.3
17	Benzie County	4.9	59	Gogebic County	6.3
18	Dickinson County	4.9	60	Oceana County	6.3
19	Emmet County	4.9	61	Gladwin County	6.5
20	Ionia County	4.9	62	Osceola County	6.5
21	Eaton County	5.0	63	Roscommon County	6.5
22	Barry County	5.1	64	Arenac County	6.7
23	Cheboygan County	5.1	65	Chippewa County	6.7
24	Midland County	5.1	66	Montmorency County	6.7
25	Missaukee County	5.1	67	Sanilac County	6.7
26	Cass County	5.2	68	Genesee County	6.8
27	Kalamazoo County	5.2	69	Mecosta County	6.8
28	Antrim County	5.3	70	Iron County	6.9
29	Wayne County	5.3	71	Lake County	6.9
30	Hillsdale County	5.4	72	Saginaw County	6.9
31	Keweenaw County	5.4	73	Schoolcraft County	6.9
32	Montcalm County	5.4	74	Tuscola County	6.9
33	St. Joseph County	5.4	75	Iosco County	7.0
34	Van Buren County	5.4	76	Baraga County	7.1
35	Alpena County	5.5	77	Luce County	7.2
36	Berrien County	5.5	78	Ontonagon County	7.3
37	Lenawee County	5.5	79	Clare County	7.4
38	Marquette County	5.5	80	Ogemaw County	7.9
39	Ingham County	5.6	81	Presque Isle County	7.9
40	Kalkaska County	5.6	82	Alcona County	8.2
41	Otsego County	5.6	83	Oscoda County	9.6
42	Shiawassee County	5.7			

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