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Regional Michigan unemployment rates fall in April

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates decreased in 15 of Michigan’s 17 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics.

“Michigan regional labor markets saw unemployment rates decline in April,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Decreases were also recorded in labor force, employment, and unemployment for a majority of areas this month.”

Michigan regional jobless rates ranged from 3.0 to 6.8 percent in April, with a median rate decrease of 0.2 percentage points over the month. The largest over-the-month rate reduction occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region. The Flint and Muskegon metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) demonstrated no change in jobless rate since March.

All 17 Michigan labor market areas exhibited jobless rate increases over the year, with a median rate gain of 0.5 percentage points.

Total employment down over month, up over year

Sixteen Michigan regions demonstrated employment reductions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.5 percent. The most pronounced employment decline occurred in the Upper Peninsula region (-0.9 percent). The Northeast Lower Michigan region was the only labor market to exhibit an employment increase during April (+0.6 percent).

Employment rose in 14 Michigan regions over the year, with a median increase of 1.2 percent. The largest over-the-year employment gain occurred in the Niles MSA (+2.3 percent).

Regional labor force down over month, up over year

Labor force levels receded in all 17 Michigan regions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.7 percent. The Upper Peninsula region exhibited the largest workforce decrease over the month (-1.1 percent).

Michigan labor force levels advanced in all 17 regions over the year, with a median increase of 1.4 percent.

Regional payroll employment advances in April

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs increased by 36,000, or 0.8 percent, during April. The most pronounced over-the-month employment gains occurred in the construction (+12,000) and professional and business services (+9,000) industries.

Payroll jobs increased in all 14 Michigan metro areas over the month, with a median advance of 0.6 percent. The Monroe MSA exhibited the largest nonfarm employment gain since March (+1.2 percent).

Michigan total nonfarm jobs advanced by 35,000, or 0.8 percent, over the year. Ten metro areas demonstrated payroll employment gains over the year, led by the Monroe MSA (+3.1 percent).

County jobless rates down over month, up over year

Sixty-eight Michigan counties demonstrated unemployment rate reductions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.3 percentage points. Jobless rates rose in 77 counties since April 2023.

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 April workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for April.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	203,600	204,700	200,000	-1,100	-0.5%	3,600	1.8%
Employed	197,600	198,400	194,900	-800	-0.4%	2,700	1.4%
Unemployed	6,000	6,300	5,100	-300	-4.8%	900	17.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.1	2.5	-0.1	XXX	0.5	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	61,900	62,300	61,800	-400	-0.6%	100	0.2%
Employed	59,200	59,600	59,500	-400	-0.7%	-300	-0.5%
Unemployed	2,700	2,700	2,300	0	0.0%	400	17.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.4	3.7	-0.1	XXX	0.6	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,400	50,800	49,700	-400	-0.8%	700	1.4%
Employed	48,000	48,200	47,500	-200	-0.4%	500	1.1%
Unemployed	2,400	2,600	2,200	-200	-7.7%	200	9.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.1	4.5	-0.3	XXX	0.3	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,184	2,202	2,133	-18	-0.8%	51	2.4%
Employed	2,107	2,122	2,082	-15	-0.7%	25	1.2%
Unemployed	77	80	51	-3	-3.8%	26	51.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.6	2.4	-0.1	XXX	1.1	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	185,200	185,700	183,300	-500	-0.3%	1,900	1.0%
Employed	176,200	176,500	175,300	-300	-0.2%	900	0.5%
Unemployed	9,000	9,200	8,000	-200	-2.2%	1,000	12.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.9	4.4	0.0	XXX	0.5	XXX

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

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	610,100	613,000	603,900	-2,900	-0.5%	6,200	1.0%
Employed	591,600	593,700	588,200	-2,100	-0.4%	3,400	0.6%
Unemployed	18,500	19,200	15,700	-700	-3.6%	2,800	17.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.1	2.6	-0.1	XXX	0.4	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,500	76,000	75,100	-500	-0.7%	400	0.5%
Employed	72,700	73,000	72,600	-300	-0.4%	100	0.1%
Unemployed	2,800	3,000	2,500	-200	-6.7%	300	12.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.9	3.3	-0.2	XXX	0.4	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	171,100	172,600	170,900	-1,500	-0.9%	200	0.1%
Employed	164,900	166,000	165,400	-1,100	-0.7%	-500	-0.3%
Unemployed	6,200	6,500	5,500	-300	-4.6%	700	12.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.8	3.2	-0.2	XXX	0.4	XXX

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

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	259,500	261,400	254,400	-1,900	-0.7%	5,100	2.0%
Employed	250,800	252,200	246,900	-1,400	-0.6%	3,900	1.6%
Unemployed	8,700	9,200	7,500	-500	-5.4%	1,200	16.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.5	2.9	-0.1	XXX	0.5	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	41,100	41,500	40,900	-400	-1.0%	200	0.5%
Employed	39,500	39,700	39,500	-200	-0.5%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	1,600	1,700	1,400	-100	-5.9%	200	14.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.1	3.4	-0.2	XXX	0.5	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,600	79,100	76,800	-500	-0.6%	1,800	2.3%
Employed	75,600	75,900	74,300	-300	-0.4%	1,300	1.7%
Unemployed	3,000	3,100	2,600	-100	-3.2%	400	15.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.9	3.3	-0.1	XXX	0.5	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,000	80,300	78,100	-300	-0.4%	1,900	2.4%
Employed	76,500	76,800	75,100	-300	-0.4%	1,400	1.9%
Unemployed	3,500	3,500	3,000	0	0.0%	500	16.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.4	3.8	0.0	XXX	0.6	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,000	75,500	72,800	-500	-0.7%	2,200	3.0%
Employed	71,900	72,300	70,300	-400	-0.6%	1,600	2.3%
Unemployed	3,100	3,200	2,500	-100	-3.1%	600	24.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.2	3.5	-0.1	XXX	0.6	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,700	85,300	83,600	-600	-0.7%	1,100	1.3%
Employed	80,400	80,800	79,700	-400	-0.5%	700	0.9%
Unemployed	4,200	4,500	3,900	-300	-6.7%	300	7.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.2	4.6	-0.2	XXX	0.4	XXX

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

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	138,100	139,600	135,900	-1,500	-1.1%	2,200	1.6%
Employed	130,000	131,200	128,500	-1,200	-0.9%	1,500	1.2%
Unemployed	8,000	8,400	7,400	-400	-4.8%	600	8.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.0	5.5	-0.2	XXX	0.3	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	84,000	84,300	82,300	-300	-0.4%	1,700	2.1%
Employed	78,300	77,800	77,100	500	0.6%	1,200	1.6%
Unemployed	5,700	6,500	5,200	-800	-12.3%	500	9.6%
Unemployment Rate	6.8	7.7	6.4	-0.9	XXX	0.4	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	147,900	148,800	146,800	-900	-0.6%	1,100	0.7%
Employed	140,800	141,200	140,200	-400	-0.3%	600	0.4%
Unemployed	7,100	7,600	6,600	-500	-6.6%	500	7.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.1	4.5	-0.3	XXX	0.3	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Apr. 2024	Mar. 2024	Apr. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,026	5,057	4,940	-31	-0.6%	86	1.7%
Employed	4,836	4,858	4,789	-22	-0.5%	47	1.0%
Unemployed	190	199	151	-9	-4.5%	39	25.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.9	3.1	-0.1	XXX	0.7	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - April 2024

1	Livingston County	2.5	43	Bay County	4.8
2	Oakland County	2.8	44	Mecosta County	4.8
3	Ottawa County	2.8	45	Sanilac County	4.8
4	Clinton County	3.0	46	Benzie County	4.9
5	Kent County	3.0	47	Dickinson County	4.9
6	Washtenaw County	3.0	48	Genesee County	4.9
7	Eaton County	3.3	49	Tuscola County	4.9
8	Grand Traverse County	3.3	50	Saginaw County	5.0
9	Ionia County	3.3	51	Charlevoix County	5.2
10	Allegan County	3.4	52	Missaukee County	5.2
11	Branch County	3.4	53	Otsego County	5.2
12	Kalamazoo County	3.4	54	Delta County	5.3
13	Macomb County	3.4	55	Wexford County	5.3
14	Barry County	3.5	56	Gogebic County	5.5
15	Ingham County	3.5	57	Kalkaska County	5.6
16	Jackson County	3.7	58	Antrim County	5.7
17	St. Clair County	3.7	59	Keweenaw County	5.8
18	Leelanau County	3.8	60	Gladwin County	5.9
19	Monroe County	3.8	61	Crawford County	6.2
20	Hillsdale County	3.9	62	Manistee County	6.2
21	Lenawee County	3.9	63	Oceana County	6.2
22	Midland County	3.9	64	Clare County	6.5
23	Newaygo County	3.9	65	Iosco County	6.5
24	Cass County	4.0	66	Lake County	6.8
25	Montcalm County	4.0	67	Ogemaw County	6.8
26	St. Joseph County	4.0	68	Arenac County	7.0
27	Berrien County	4.1	69	Chippewa County	7.0
28	Menominee County	4.1	70	Emmet County	7.0
29	Alpena County	4.2	71	Baraga County	7.2
30	Gratiot County	4.2	72	Iron County	7.4
31	Shiawassee County	4.2	73	Alcona County	7.5
32	Calhoun County	4.3	74	Roscommon County	7.6
33	Huron County	4.3	75	Oscoda County	7.9
34	Wayne County	4.3	76	Montmorency County	8.1
35	Isabella County	4.4	77	Presque Isle County	8.2
36	Lapeer County	4.4	78	Schoolcraft County	8.3
37	Marquette County	4.4	79	Luce County	8.4
38	Muskegon County	4.4	80	Ontonagon County	8.4
39	Van Buren County	4.6	81	Alger County	10.4
40	Houghton County	4.7	82	Cheboygan County	10.7
41	Mason County	4.7	83	Mackinac County	14.3
42	Osceola County	4.7			