

Michigan's Cash Assistance Caseload Hits Record Low

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In the past year, there have been a number of proposals to restrict cash assistance benefits to families who receive them. The rhetoric among policymakers and prevalent in the media is that “welfare” is rife with fraud, that caseloads are growing, and that the state and federal government are paying far too much on cash assistance benefits. A bit of perspective is in order:

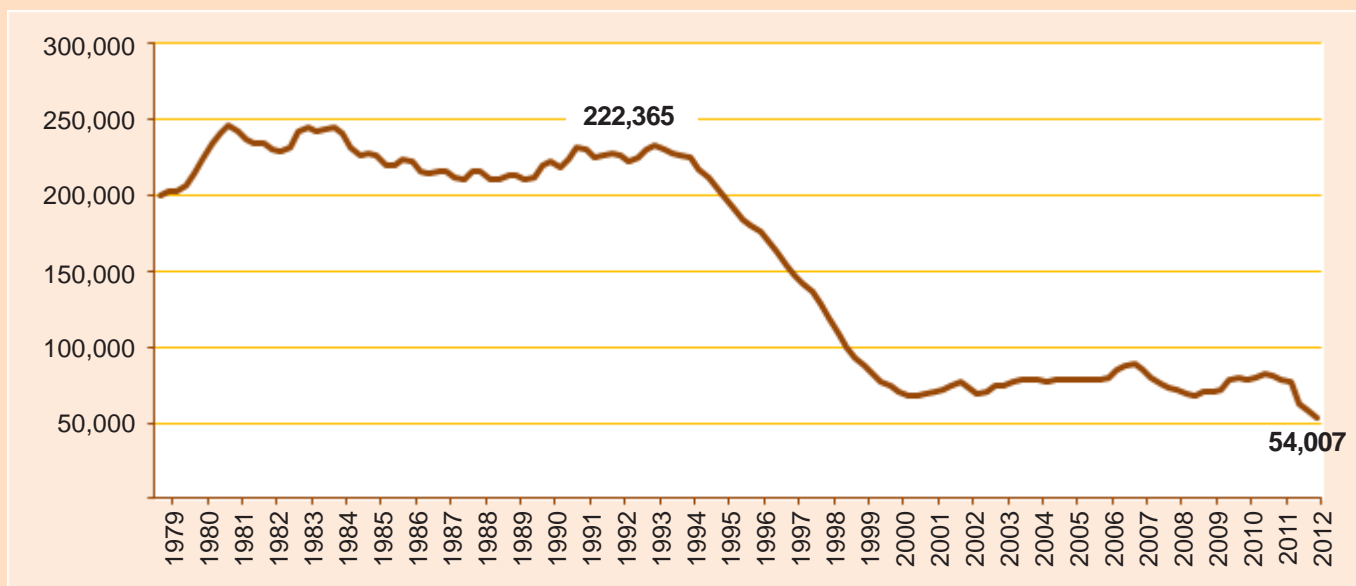
- Michigan’s Family Independence Program had its lowest caseload ever during the second quarter of 2012. From April to June, an average of only 54,000 households per month received cash assistance through the program. This is less than one-fourth of the AFDC caseload for the same quarter 20 years ago, in 1992.
- Michigan spends only 21% of what it spent on cash assistance payments 20 years ago. From April to June 1992, Michigan spent \$303,283,000. During the same period in 2012, it spent \$62,951,000—equal to

\$38,550,000 in 1992 dollars. (These figures include total federal and state dollars spent by Michigan on cash assistance.)


- From April to June 1992, a monthly average of 671,750 people in Michigan, or 7.1% of the total population, were in families that received cash assistance. During the same time in 2012, there were 135,856 individuals in such families—only 1.5% of the population.
- Although 1992 was a recession year for both Michigan and the nation, unemployment and underemployment were nowhere near as bad as the recession Michigan is slowly climbing out of in 2012.

Adequate and effective public structures to help families remain necessary as many Michigan residents continue to experience economic insecurity. It is important that public assistance policy be guided by facts and data and responsible analysis rather than assumptions and hyperbole.

AFDC/FIP Caseloads 1979-Present




Source:

 Prepared by: Michigan League for Human Services	Unemployment (data not seasonally adjusted)						Food Assistance Program				
	Unemployment Rate			Number Unemployed			Average Number of Households Per Month			Percent of Population Receiving Assistance ¹	
County	Qtr 2 2011	Qtr 2 2012	+/- points	Qtr 2 2011	Qtr 2 2012	% change	Qtr 2 2011	Qtr 2 2012	% change	Qtr 2 2011	Qtr 2 2012
Michigan²	10.4	8.6	-1.8	486,333	401,333	-17.5	962,286	918,417	-4.6	19.2%	18.4%
Alcona	13.5	11.2	-2.3	519	429	-17.3	908	855	-5.8	16.5%	15.2%
Alger	11.8	10.5	-1.2	454	402	-11.4	630	600	-4.7	13.5%	12.3%
Allegan	8.7	7.0	-1.7	4,622	3,824	-17.3	7,321	6,696	-8.5	14.7%	13.5%
Alpena	10.5	9.1	-1.5	1,423	1,203	-15.5	3,470	3,219	-7.2	22.4%	20.5%
Antrim	12.5	10.1	-2.4	1,284	1,028	-19.9	1,773	1,649	-7.0	16.1%	15.2%
Arenac	12.6	10.9	-1.7	905	779	-14.0	1,786	1,720	-3.7	21.9%	21.7%
Baraga	19.1	15.9	-3.2	733	590	-19.5	749	707	-5.7	16.2%	15.9%
Barry	7.3	6.1	-1.3	2,085	1,763	-15.4	3,946	3,527	-10.6	14.7%	13.0%
Bay	9.9	8.3	-1.6	5,118	4,364	-14.7	10,617	9,988	-5.9	19.1%	18.1%
Benzie	11.3	9.4	-1.8	944	785	-16.8	1,327	1,249	-5.9	15.2%	15.1%
Berrien	10.2	8.8	-1.5	7,488	6,411	-14.4	16,153	15,563	-3.7	20.1%	19.9%
Branch	10.0	8.0	-2.0	1,991	1,572	-21.0	3,943	3,666	-7.0	19.3%	17.6%
Calhoun	9.1	7.2	-1.9	5,964	4,713	-21.0	17,329	16,084	-7.2	24.7%	22.7%
Cass	8.0	6.9	-1.1	2,022	1,801	-10.9	4,627	4,286	-7.4	20.7%	17.9%
Charlevoix	11.6	10.2	-1.5	1,481	1,288	-13.0	1,792	1,657	-7.5	14.9%	13.6%
Cheboygan	9.5	9.4	-0.1	1,024	985	-3.8	2,551	2,484	-2.6	19.7%	19.7%
Chippewa	11.5	10.2	-1.3	1,867	1,652	-11.5	3,033	2,804	-7.5	16.2%	14.7%
Clare	12.9	11.2	-1.8	1,586	1,367	-13.8	4,289	4,127	-3.8	28.1%	26.5%
Clinton	7.0	5.9	-1.1	2,620	2,226	-15.0	3,379	2,945	-12.8	10.3%	8.2%
Crawford	11.0	9.6	-1.4	653	568	-13.0	1,460	1,428	-2.2	20.3%	20.2%
Delta	10.1	8.5	-1.5	1,864	1,596	-14.4	3,441	3,240	-5.8	17.9%	16.5%
Dickinson	9.2	7.5	-1.6	1,232	1,017	-17.4	1,984	1,884	-5.0	13.9%	13.9%
Eaton	7.5	6.3	-1.2	4,105	3,479	-15.2	7,007	6,375	-9.0	13.4%	12.1%
Emmet	12.4	11.0	-1.4	2,297	2,025	-11.8	2,501	2,192	-12.4	14.6%	13.4%
Genesee	11.0	9.0	-2.0	20,413	17,008	-16.7	57,174	54,582	-4.5	26.6%	25.2%
Gladwin	13.5	11.9	-1.6	1,315	1,145	-12.9	2,770	2,586	-6.7	21.5%	19.4%
Gogebic	12.2	10.9	-1.3	862	762	-11.6	1,760	1,716	-2.5	20.3%	19.1%
Gr. Traverse	9.7	7.8	-1.9	4,498	3,595	-20.1	6,951	6,157	-11.4	15.2%	13.4%
Gratiot	10.3	8.9	-1.4	1,955	1,682	-14.0	3,478	3,367	-3.2	18.4%	17.3%
Hillsdale	10.9	9.2	-1.7	2,103	1,767	-16.0	3,898	3,725	-4.4	19.0%	17.4%
Houghton	10.2	9.0	-1.3	1,688	1,484	-12.1	2,880	2,542	-11.8	16.4%	13.4%
Huron	10.0	8.0	-2.1	1,555	1,226	-21.2	2,462	2,291	-6.9	15.6%	14.0%
Ingham	9.0	7.5	-1.5	12,899	10,893	-15.6	30,163	27,775	-7.9	21.3%	18.6%
Ionia	10.0	8.2	-1.8	2,875	2,368	-17.6	5,044	4,900	-2.9	17.2%	16.3%
Iosco	12.7	11.1	-1.6	1,279	1,115	-12.8	3,146	3,210	2.0	23.8%	24.5%
Iron	10.2	8.8	-1.4	552	477	-13.7	988	995	0.7	17.5%	16.3%
Isabella	7.9	6.8	-1.1	2,873	2,504	-12.9	6,815	5,280	-22.5	23.9%	14.0%
Jackson	10.1	8.2	-2.0	7,238	5,964	-17.6	15,413	14,750	-4.3	19.6%	18.9%
Kalamazoo	8.4	6.8	-1.6	10,566	8,663	-18.0	25,630	22,910	-10.6	20.1%	17.3%
Kalkaska	11.5	9.2	-2.4	932	737	-20.9	1,828	1,775	-2.9	23.7%	21.5%
Kent	8.2	6.6	-1.7	25,025	20,223	-19.2	55,361	51,657	-6.7	18.2%	17.0%
Keweenaw	13.3	11.6	-1.7	126	109	-13.5	156	138	-11.7	12.8%	11.6%
Lake	12.2	11.1	-1.1	499	442	-11.5	1,712	1,694	-1.1	30.1%	27.8%
Lapeer	13.0	10.0	-3.0	5,236	3,966	-24.3	5,855	5,369	-8.3	14.5%	13.7%
Leelanau	8.2	6.9	-1.3	854	720	-15.6	857	756	-11.8	8.4%	7.3%

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Lenawee	11.0	8.7	-2.3	4,911	3,832	-22.0	8,077	7,610	-5.8	17.1%	16.1%
Livingston	9.6	7.8	-1.9	8,514	6,798	-20.2	7,134	6,381	-10.5	8.0%	7.2%
Luce	12.4	10.1	-2.2	308	245	-20.5	561	527	-6.1	16.7%	15.8%
Mackinac	9.7	8.2	-1.5	530	449	-15.3	824	802	-2.6	14.2%	14.0%
Macomb	11.7	9.5	-2.2	47,067	37,768	-19.8	63,853	62,322	-2.4	15.5%	15.1%
Manistee	11.2	9.6	-1.6	1,223	1,048	-14.3	2,246	2,148	-4.4	18.3%	17.1%
Marquette	8.9	7.7	-1.2	3,029	2,637	-12.9	5,362	4,665	-13.0	15.8%	12.8%
Mason	10.0	8.6	-1.4	1,441	1,239	-14.0	2,866	2,744	-4.2	20.1%	19.6%
Mecosta	10.8	9.2	-1.6	2,103	1,789	-14.9	4,576	3,887	-15.1	24.9%	17.9%
Menominee	8.2	7.0	-1.2	1,008	873	-13.4	1,879	1,693	-9.9	15.5%	13.4%
Midland	8.0	6.9	-1.1	3,320	2,951	-11.1	5,881	5,606	-4.7	14.2%	13.3%
Missaukee	12.2	10.2	-2.0	711	588	-17.2	1,267	1,205	-4.9	18.5%	17.9%
Monroe	9.8	7.9	-1.8	6,775	5,506	-18.7	10,211	9,773	-4.3	13.6%	13.3%
Montcalm	12.1	10.7	-1.5	3,094	2,712	-12.3	6,119	5,756	-5.9	21.4%	19.5%
Montmorency	17.1	14.4	-2.7	616	506	-17.9	1,138	1,050	-7.7	21.6%	20.5%
Muskegon	10.3	8.7	-1.6	8,461	7,174	-15.2	24,141	22,852	-5.3	26.9%	25.7%
Newaygo	10.2	8.3	-2.0	2,186	1,773	-18.9	5,199	5,007	-3.7	23.1%	22.3%
Oakland	10.2	8.3	-2.0	60,092	48,104	-19.9	71,051	68,573	-3.5	11.1%	10.9%
Oceana	12.1	10.6	-1.6	1,633	1,418	-13.1	2,853	2,701	-5.3	23.1%	23.3%
Ogemaw	11.3	9.6	-1.7	1,040	876	-15.8	2,885	2,845	-1.4	26.0%	25.6%
Ontonagon	16.8	13.5	-3.4	463	348	-24.8	618	595	-3.7	16.2%	15.9%
Osceola	11.7	9.8	-1.9	1,059	877	-17.2	2,375	2,192	-7.7	22.7%	20.6%
Oscoda	16.3	13.4	-2.8	571	463	-18.9	1,087	1,059	-2.6	23.7%	23.0%
Otsego	12.6	10.7	-1.9	1,393	1,168	-16.1	2,575	2,471	-4.0	21.7%	20.5%
Ottawa	8.4	6.6	-1.8	10,816	8,768	-18.9	12,328	10,989	-10.9	11.3%	9.1%
Presque Isle	15.0	13.3	-1.7	850	729	-14.3	1,081	983	-9.0	14.1%	14.5%
Roscommon	12.5	10.7	-1.8	1,197	1,034	-13.6	3,141	3,067	-2.3	24.8%	24.0%
Saginaw	9.8	8.4	-1.4	8,838	7,669	-13.2	24,555	23,460	-4.5	24.2%	23.1%
St. Clair	13.0	10.8	-2.2	9,856	8,108	-17.7	15,328	14,633	-4.5	18.4%	18.0%
St. Joseph	10.0	8.1	-1.9	2,781	2,279	-18.1	6,059	5,668	-6.5	21.4%	20.2%
Sanilac	11.9	9.7	-2.1	2,293	1,864	-18.7	4,080	3,723	-8.8	21.4%	18.7%
Schoolcraft	12.7	10.9	-1.7	484	416	-13.9	749	726	-3.0	17.6%	16.9%
Shiawassee	10.6	8.9	-1.7	3,515	2,963	-15.7	6,166	5,791	-6.1	18.9%	17.6%
Tuscola	11.4	9.6	-1.8	2,967	2,490	-16.1	4,733	4,489	-5.2	18.7%	17.8%
Van Buren	10.5	8.9	-1.6	3,771	3,270	-13.3	7,845	7,393	-5.8	21.6%	21.1%
Washtenaw	6.7	5.6	-1.2	12,087	10,290	-14.9	22,847	19,985	-12.5	11.9%	10.4%
Wayne	12.6	10.7	-1.9	103,801	86,035	-17.1	273,981	271,847	-0.8	27.7%	29.1%
Wexford	12.7	11.0	-1.8	1,732	1,483	-14.4	3,914	3,767	-3.7	26.0%	23.8%

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	Qtr 2 2011	Qtr 2 2012	% change	Qtr 2 2011	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2011	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2011	Qtr 2 2012	% change	Qtr 2 2011	Qtr 2 2012
Michigan³	82,391	55,573	-32.5	2.4%	1.4%	54,150	49,789	1,469,719	1,521,059	3.5	19.7%	19.4%
Alcona	35	30	-13.5	0.7%	0.7%	21	16	1,463	1,501	2.6	16.7%	17.0%
Alger	20	15	-25.0	0.6%	0.3%	22	17	1,296	1,256	-3.0	16.0%	15.5%
Allegan	366	294	-19.5	0.9%	0.7%	400	406	16,928	16,725	-1.2	17.4%	17.2%
Alpena	208	162	-22.0	2.0%	1.3%	189	175	4,894	4,932	0.8	22.0%	22.1%
Antrim	50	40	-20.1	0.5%	0.4%	73	57	3,920	3,766	-3.9	19.1%	18.6%
Arenac	81	61	-24.7	1.5%	0.9%	69	70	2,941	2,963	0.7	23.3%	23.4%
Baraga	49	44	-8.9	1.7%	1.3%	29	21	1,357	1,326	-2.3	18.8%	18.3%
Barry	161	131	-18.8	0.9%	0.5%	185	177	8,005	7,804	-2.5	15.5%	15.1%
Bay	606	441	-27.3	1.6%	1.0%	819	763	16,310	16,231	-0.5	19.4%	19.0%
Benzie	37	31	-16.1	0.5%	0.4%	33	32	2,723	2,744	0.8	17.8%	17.9%
Berrien	1,443	872	-39.5	2.4%	1.3%	1,136	1,003	25,945	27,402	5.6	22.1%	21.9%
Branch	322	221	-31.4	2.1%	1.3%	196	218	8,108	8,069	-0.5	21.8%	21.1%
Calhoun	1,405	933	-33.6	3.2%	1.7%	1,033	847	24,658	25,489	3.4	24.2%	24.1%
Cass	302	166	-45.2	1.9%	0.8%	271	220	8,906	9,040	1.5	20.4%	20.1%
Charlevoix	34	29	-14.9	0.3%	0.2%	74	68	3,965	4,025	1.5	17.2%	17.4%
Cheboygan	118	70	-40.6	1.0%	0.6%	93	100	4,887	4,896	0.2	22.4%	22.0%
Chippewa	189	161	-15.0	1.3%	1.1%	134	110	5,327	5,342	0.3	17.3%	17.1%
Clare	278	194	-30.3	2.5%	1.6%	126	117	6,299	6,577	4.4	26.8%	26.9%
Clinton	86	87	1.2	0.4%	0.2%	180	164	6,609	6,681	1.1	9.9%	10.0%
Crawford	65	58	-11.2	1.1%	1.0%	51	62	2,597	2,581	-0.6	22.0%	21.8%
Delta	133	95	-28.4	1.2%	0.6%	164	157	5,955	5,940	-0.2	19.7%	19.4%
Dickinson	54	30	-44.2	0.5%	0.2%	130	118	4,132	4,148	0.4	18.4%	18.3%
Eaton	282	209	-25.8	0.6%	0.4%	500	449	12,911	12,875	-0.3	13.9%	13.5%
Emmet	40	32	-20.0	0.3%	0.2%	134	109	5,179	4,921	-5.0	17.8%	16.9%
Genesee	8,102	5,466	-32.5	5.3%	3.3%	5,041	4,388	69,305	74,389	7.3	25.1%	24.7%
Gladwin	162	118	-27.5	1.9%	1.1%	115	93	4,571	4,451	-2.6	22.5%	21.7%
Gogebic	192	115	-40.0	3.5%	1.9%	39	37	2,544	2,671	5.0	21.2%	21.0%
Gr. Traverse	187	160	-14.6	0.5%	0.4%	333	324	12,892	12,720	-1.3	17.0%	16.5%
Gratiot	131	93	-28.8	1.0%	0.5%	174	168	7,303	7,346	0.6	20.3%	20.4%
Hillsdale	351	259	-26.1	2.0%	1.5%	185	173	7,711	7,807	1.2	21.1%	20.8%
Houghton	77	62	-19.8	0.6%	0.4%	72	78	5,379	5,397	0.3	17.0%	16.9%
Huron	113	86	-24.4	0.8%	0.6%	135	151	5,221	5,001	-4.2	18.9%	18.3%
Ingham	1,589	1,264	-20.4	1.7%	1.2%	1,509	1,519	39,312	40,594	3.3	18.1%	18.3%
Ionia	247	128	-48.1	1.1%	0.4%	263	250	9,768	9,849	0.8	18.1%	17.9%
Iosco	171	137	-20.0	1.6%	1.3%	129	120	4,791	4,986	4.1	23.1%	24.1%
Iron	68	74	8.9	1.6%	1.6%	25	13	2,081	1,990	-4.4	21.8%	21.1%
Isabella	179	126	-29.5	0.7%	0.4%	282	249	8,974	8,562	-4.6	15.3%	14.4%
Jackson	1,350	1,021	-24.4	2.4%	1.7%	892	904	25,037	26,109	4.3	20.4%	20.6%
Kalamazoo	2,343	1,509	-35.6	2.7%	1.5%	1,724	1,663	32,786	35,097	7.0	18.0%	17.9%
Kalkaska	49	47	-3.4	0.9%	0.6%	81	81	3,720	3,732	0.3	24.7%	24.5%
Kent	4,551	3,117	-31.5	2.2%	1.2%	3,941	3,708	94,054	97,154	3.3	19.9%	19.6%
Keweenaw	6	4	-33.3	0.4%	0.3%	1	2	279	248	-11.1	15.4%	13.9%
Lake	82	62	-24.1	2.3%	1.3%	50	59	2,368	2,400	1.3	27.3%	27.0%
Lapeer	326	184	-43.6	1.1%	0.5%	322	354	12,544	12,599	0.4	16.4%	16.1%
Leelanau	17	13	-22.0	0.2%	0.1%	26	34	1,904	1,859	-2.4	9.5%	9.4%

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Lenawee	480	434	-9.7	1.3%	1.1%	488	470	14,970	14,752	-1.5	18.1%	17.9%
Livingston	256	205	-19.7	0.4%	0.3%	272	272	14,708	14,457	-1.7	9.0%	8.9%
Luce	48	41	-15.3	2.3%	1.8%	17	12	1,033	1,033	0.0	21.0%	20.7%
Mackinac	42	27	-34.4	0.9%	0.6%	12	15	1,506	1,467	-2.5	16.4%	15.9%
Macomb	4,251	3,441	-19.1	1.4%	1.1%	3,090	2,900	108,190	110,599	2.2	16.1%	16.2%
Manistee	101	76	-24.8	1.4%	0.8%	49	59	3,857	3,909	1.4	19.2%	19.2%
Marquette	227	192	-15.4	0.9%	0.7%	253	198	8,397	8,391	-0.1	15.0%	14.8%
Mason	167	124	-25.9	1.5%	1.0%	260	245	5,224	5,341	2.2	22.3%	22.3%
Mecosta	162	155	-4.3	1.1%	0.9%	145	150	7,301	7,125	-2.4	20.5%	19.9%
Menominee	70	38	-45.0	0.7%	0.3%	73	63	3,693	3,592	-2.8	17.9%	17.2%
Midland	220	163	-25.9	0.8%	0.4%	283	313	10,721	10,702	-0.2	15.3%	15.0%
Missaukee	65	58	-11.7	1.1%	0.9%	77	62	2,809	2,835	0.9	21.8%	21.9%
Monroe	794	510	-35.8	1.5%	0.8%	509	478	18,473	19,324	4.6	15.1%	15.2%
Montcalm	135	85	-37.2	0.7%	0.3%	179	194	11,726	11,726	0.0	21.7%	21.6%
Montmorency	40	33	-16.7	1.4%	0.8%	34	22	1,852	1,804	-2.6	23.4%	22.8%
Muskegon	3,336	2,199	-34.1	5.4%	3.2%	1,968	1,845	30,118	32,862	9.1	26.2%	25.9%
Newaygo	335	245	-26.8	1.8%	1.2%	199	215	9,953	9,750	-2.0	24.9%	24.1%
Oakland	4,800	3,511	-26.8	1.1%	0.8%	3,043	2,934	114,796	116,873	1.8	12.2%	12.1%
Oceana	301	185	-38.5	3.1%	2.0%	137	138	5,983	6,262	4.7	28.5%	28.4%
Ogemaw	188	157	-16.3	2.1%	2.0%	128	143	4,448	4,316	-3.0	26.5%	25.7%
Ontonagon	25	20	-17.6	1.2%	0.8%	5	5	961	957	-0.5	17.5%	17.6%
Osceola	98	89	-9.8	1.3%	0.9%	91	97	4,612	4,630	0.4	23.9%	24.0%
Oscoda	47	42	-10.6	1.2%	1.3%	30	26	1,681	1,710	1.7	24.0%	24.3%
Otsego	115	103	-10.4	1.3%	1.1%	213	181	4,926	4,825	-2.1	23.6%	23.3%
Ottawa	478	393	-17.8	0.5%	0.3%	758	733	29,101	28,961	-0.5	12.4%	12.2%
Presque Isle	31	25	-17.4	0.6%	0.4%	20	27	1,833	1,857	1.3	16.8%	17.4%
Roscommon	160	139	-12.9	1.8%	1.5%	95	92	4,618	4,647	0.6	23.7%	24.0%
Saginaw	2,540	1,834	-27.8	3.5%	2.3%	2,365	2,122	32,924	33,845	2.8	23.9%	23.5%
St. Clair	1,002	627	-37.4	1.8%	1.0%	725	674	26,402	26,846	1.7	19.8%	19.6%
St. Joseph	331	213	-35.8	1.6%	0.9%	340	319	13,521	13,401	-0.9	25.4%	24.8%
Sanilac	242	180	-25.4	1.4%	1.0%	201	196	8,126	7,894	-2.9	22.4%	21.7%
Schoolcraft	43	43	-0.8	1.2%	1.3%	23	19	1,390	1,365	-1.8	20.5%	20.3%
Shiawassee	498	411	-17.5	1.9%	1.5%	298	312	11,050	11,091	0.4	19.7%	19.7%
Tuscola	361	260	-27.8	1.6%	1.2%	272	225	9,823	9,700	-1.2	21.4%	20.9%
Van Buren	506	320	-36.8	1.7%	1.0%	316	311	15,734	16,017	1.8	24.9%	24.8%
Washtenaw	1,138	845	-25.8	0.9%	0.6%	1,263	1,171	32,094	32,367	0.9	11.5%	11.4%
Wayne	31,882	19,524	-38.8	4.9%	2.7%	14,290	12,469	345,251	373,242	8.1	28.1%	27.8%
Wexford	197	160	-18.8	1.8%	1.2%	202	218	6,923	6,980	0.8	25.8%	25.9%

¹ Population figures based on U.S. Census Bureau county estimates from July of the previous year.

² In some cases the Michigan number is slightly different from the county total.

³ Includes both regular and extended FIP.

Data sources: Unemployment: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics; Public Assistance: Michigan Department of Human Services.

Employment Trends by Selected Industries in Michigan
(data not seasonally adjusted, rounded to the nearest hundred)

Industry	Avg 2011 Qtr 2	Avg 2012 Qtr 2	% Change	Industry	Avg 2011 Qtr 2	Avg 2012 Qtr 2	% Change
TOTAL NONFARM	3,959,000	4,013,900	1.4	•Retail Trade	446,967	442,200	-1.1
Natural Resources and Mining	7,400	7,533	1.8	Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	52,400	53,567	2.2
Construction	126,733	122,300	-3.5	Building Material and Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	42,467	43,533	2.5
Construction of Buildings	26,967	24,733	-8.3	Food and Beverage Stores	74,500	72,467	-2.7
Heavy and Civil Engineering	14,500	14,367	-0.9	Health and Personal Care	30,467	30,433	-0.1
Specialty Trade Contractors	85,267	83,200	-2.4	Gasoline Stations	24,200	24,000	-0.8
Manufacturing	506,167	524,333	3.6	Clothing and Clothing Accessories	30,800	27,800	-9.7
•Durable Goods	377,900	393,400	4.1	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	19,500	19,200	-1.5
Nonmetallic Mineral Products	11,167	10,467	-6.3	General Merchandise Stores	109,933	108,000	-1.8
Primary Metal Manufacturing	19,767	20,767	5.1	Miscellaneous Store Retail	22,233	22,567	1.5
Fabricated Metal Products	70,667	73,600	4.2	•Transportation Warehousing & Utilities	117,333	120,100	2.4
Metalworking Machinery Manuf.	31,600	34,933	10.5	Air Transportation	14,300	14,633	2.3
Computer and Electronic Products	17,333	17,733	2.3	Rail Transportation	3,900	3,900	0.0
Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	37,933	39,600	4.4	Truck Transportation	36,533	37,300	2.1
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	93,533	98,467	5.3	Warehousing and Storage	12,467	12,967	4.0
Furniture and Related Products	19,200	19,600	2.1	Information	53,000	53,300	0.6
•Non-Durable Goods	128,267	130,933	2.1	Publishing Industries	16,033	15,633	-2.5
Food Manufacturing	33,367	33,233	-0.4	Telecommunications	19,267	18,667	-3.1
Printing and Related Support Activities	14,233	14,000	-1.6	Financial Activities	192,633	198,833	3.2
Chemical Manufacturing	26,933	27,133	0.7	Finance and Insurance	143,533	148,333	3.3
Plastics and Rubber Products	31,900	33,033	3.6	Real Estate	35,000	36,433	4.1
Trade Transportation & Utilities	720,633	722,067	0.2	Professional & Business Services	554,933	581,900	4.9
•Wholesale Trade	156,333	159,767	2.2	Legal Services	27,333	27,167	-0.6
Merchant Wholesalers Durable Goods	85,500	87,533	2.4	Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	27,300	30,900	13.2
Merchant Wholesalers Nondurable Goods	45,867	48,067	4.8	Architectural Engineering	62,667	63,067	0.6
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	24,967	24,167	-3.2				

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Industry	Avg 2011 Qtr 2	Avg 2012 Qtr 2	% Change	Industry	Avg 2011 Qtr 2	Avg 2012 Qtr 2	% Change
Computer Systems Design	39,633	41,500	4.7	Government	625,333	615,333	-1.6
Management, Scientific and Technical Consulting Services	22,000	23,400	6.4	• Federal Government	53,267	52,467	-1.5
Scientific Research and Development Services	19,100	19,200	0.5	U.S. Postal Service	21,833	21,333	-2.3
Advertising and Related Management of Companies	13,133	12,967	-1.3	• State Government	173,733	173,800	0.0
Administrative & Support Services	53,367	54,000	1.2	State Government Educational Services	106,000	106,033	0.0
Employment Services	267,967	285,167	6.4	• Local Government	398,333	389,067	-2.3
Educational and Health Services	617,867	630,000	2.0	Local Government Educational Services	220,833	213,400	-3.4
• Educational Services (see also Government)	75,267	79,733	5.9	Local Government Elementary and Secondary Schools	195,233	187,233	-4.1
• Health Care & Social Assistance	542,600	550,267	1.4	Local Government Junior Colleges	25,600	26,167	2.2
Ambulatory Health Care Services	187,100	191,567	2.4				
Offices of Physicians	70,233	70,600	0.5				
Outpatient Care Centers	16,933	17,133	1.2				
Home Health Care Service	35,567	36,467	2.5				
Hospitals	73,689	75,444	2.4				
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	99,667	100,533	0.9				
Social Assistance	64,800	63,367	-2.2				
Individual and Family Services	27,600	26,867	-2.7				
Leisure and Hospitality	386,900	389,000	0.5				
Performing Arts Spectator Activities	9,033	8,333	-7.7				
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation	39,800	41,600	4.5				
Accommodations	39,267	36,267	-7.6				
Food Services and Drinking	294,900	301,333	2.2				
Other Services	167,400	169,300	1.1				
Repair and Maintenance	35,367	36,367	2.8				
Personal and Laundry Services	36,833	37,800	2.6				
Religious Grantmaking Civic Professional	95,200	95,133	-0.1				

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**Michigan Counties With Largest Changes
 Second Quarter 2011 — Second Quarter 2012**

Percentage Point Change in Unemployment Rate		Percent Change in Food Assistance Households		Percent Change in FIP Cash Assistance Families	
Ontonagon	-3.4	Isabella	-22.5	Ionia	-48.1
Baraga	-3.2	Mecosta	-15.1	Cass	-45.2
Lapeer	-3.0	Marquette	-13.0	Menominee	-45.0
Oscoda	-2.8	Clinton	-12.8	Dickinson	-44.2
Montmorency	-2.7	Washtenaw	-12.5	Lapeer	-43.6
Antrim	-2.4	Emmet	-12.4	Cheboygan	-40.6
Kalkaska	-2.4	Leelanau	-11.8	Gogebic	-40.0
Lenawee	-2.3	Houghton	-11.8	Berrien	-39.5
Alcona	-2.3	Keweenaw	-11.7	Wayne	-38.8
Luce	-2.2	Grand Traverse	-11.4	Oceana	-38.5

Note: Counties in bold have population of 100,000 or more.

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