

## Economic Security Bulletin

# Food assistance responds to need while cash assistance caseloads fall

### The Story Behind the Story

Although the increase in Food Assistance over the past 10 years seems high, when looked at in the context of Michigan's economy it is clear that this is a safety net program that responds effectively to need. Congress needs to preserve this safety net rather than making unnecessary cuts that reduce its effectiveness.

### In the Second Quarter of 2013:

The caseload for the **Family Independence Program** dropped below 45,000 for the first time, with a monthly average of 43,584 (not including E-FIP). This is only 58% of what it was at the same time 10 years ago in 2003, and only 19% of what it was in 1993 before state and federal welfare reform.

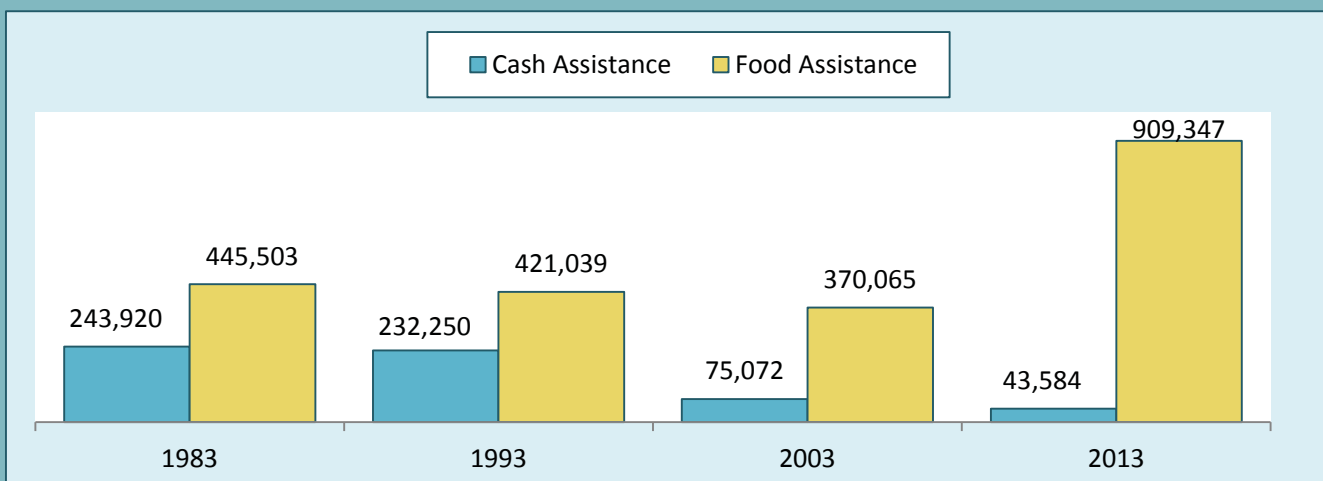
Cash assistance cases reached their post-welfare reform peak (more than 88,000) in late 2006 and early 2007, as the most recent recession began to cause more Michigan workers to become jobless. Although the economy continues to sputter, the number of FIP households in Michigan is now at an all-time low (based on available records going back to 1971).

**Food Assistance**, on the other hand, has leveled off at 909,000 households after reaching an all-time peak for Michigan in early 2011 (984,000 households). Food Assistance has helped families weather both unemployment and underemployment. Examples of underemployment include having one's hours cut, taking a job with lower pay or fewer benefits than the job one lost, or working in temporary employment without job security.

While the number of unemployed workers is not significantly higher than 10 years ago, the numbers do not include the underemployed or the "lost" workers who have left the labor force and stopped looking for work. While most underemployed workers do not qualify for cash assistance due to the tight restrictions, Michigan's long-term economic problems have made more families eligible for Food Assistance, which helps free up more of their earnings to pay other expenses such as rent.

As Michigan's economy improves, we can expect Food Assistance caseloads to decrease. In responding effectively to the economy, the Food Assistance program is working exactly the way it is supposed to.

### Households Receiving Public Assistance in Michigan – Second Quarter of Year




Source: Michigan Office of Labor Market Information and Department of Human Services  
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 Prepared by: Michigan League for Public Policy	Unemployment (data not seasonally adjusted)						Food Assistance Program				
	Unemployment Rate			Number Unemployed			Average Number of Households Per Month			Percent of Population Receiving Assistance <sup>1</sup>	
	County	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	+/- points	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	% change	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	% change	Qtr 2 2012
<b>Michigan<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>419,667</b>	<b>408,333</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>918,417</b>	<b>908,816</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>
Alcona	11.5	15.3	3.8	440	611	39.0	855	870	1.8	15.4%	15.6%
Alger	10.7	10.8	0.1	414	422	1.9	600	615	2.5	12.3%	12.3%
Allegan	7.4	6.9	-0.4	3,939	3,791	-3.8	6,696	6,690	-0.1	13.4%	13.2%
Alpena	9.1	9.5	0.4	1,230	1,285	4.4	3,219	3,162	-1.8	20.6%	20.1%
Antrim	10.1	10.4	0.3	1,058	1,107	4.7	1,649	1,654	0.3	15.1%	15.0%
Arenac	11.3	12.2	0.8	795	852	7.1	1,720	1,749	1.7	22.0%	21.6%
Baraga	16.3	17.8	1.4	610	667	9.3	707	734	3.9	16.1%	15.9%
Barry	6.2	5.7	-0.5	1,808	1,713	-5.3	3,527	3,548	0.6	12.9%	12.8%
Bay	8.5	8.9	0.4	4,443	4,660	4.9	9,988	9,857	-1.3	18.1%	17.7%
Benzie	9.7	9.7	0.0	804	826	2.7	1,249	1,192	-4.6	15.0%	14.0%
Berrien	9.0	8.8	-0.2	6,573	6,468	-1.6	15,563	15,297	-1.7	20.0%	19.4%
Branch	8.3	8.4	0.1	1,613	1,627	0.9	3,666	3,457	-5.7	18.1%	16.7%
Calhoun	7.5	7.3	-0.2	4,814	4,725	-1.9	16,084	15,380	-4.4	22.8%	21.8%
Cass	7.4	6.7	-0.6	1,845	1,709	-7.4	4,286	4,142	-3.4	17.8%	16.8%
Charlevoix	10.3	10.9	0.6	1,331	1,417	6.5	1,657	1,602	-3.4	13.6%	13.0%
Cheboygan	9.7	9.2	-0.5	1,016	952	-6.3	2,484	2,475	-0.4	19.7%	19.1%
Chippewa	10.5	11.1	0.6	1,702	1,833	7.7	2,804	2,805	0.0	14.7%	14.4%
Clare	11.5	11.9	0.4	1,403	1,458	3.9	4,127	4,067	-1.4	26.7%	25.9%
Clinton	6.0	6.3	0.3	2,268	2,391	5.4	2,945	2,871	-2.5	8.1%	7.9%
Crawford	9.8	9.8	0.0	581	589	1.4	1,428	1,452	1.7	20.2%	20.1%
Delta	8.9	9.5	0.7	1,633	1,768	8.2	3,240	3,272	1.0	16.6%	16.7%
Dickinson	7.8	7.9	0.1	1,050	1,070	1.9	1,884	1,896	0.7	13.9%	13.7%
Eaton	6.5	6.6	0.1	3,573	3,613	1.1	6,375	6,329	-0.7	12.1%	12.0%
Emmet	11.3	11.8	0.5	2,091	2,208	5.6	2,192	2,113	-3.6	13.4%	12.7%
Genesee	9.4	9.4	0.0	17,337	17,840	2.9	54,582	53,758	-1.5	25.4%	24.8%
Gladwin	12.2	12.6	0.5	1,175	1,210	3.0	2,586	2,656	2.7	19.7%	19.9%
Gogebic	11.1	11.2	0.1	770	773	0.3	1,716	1,646	-4.1	19.4%	18.4%
Gr. Traverse	7.9	7.6	-0.4	3,707	3,652	-1.5	6,157	5,870	-4.7	13.3%	12.6%
Gratiot	9.2	9.4	0.2	1,730	1,777	2.7	3,367	3,425	1.7	17.3%	17.2%
Hillsdale	9.4	9.6	0.2	1,814	1,876	3.4	3,725	3,654	-1.9	17.5%	16.8%
Houghton	9.5	9.9	0.4	1,531	1,599	4.5	2,542	2,469	-2.9	13.5%	13.1%
Huron	8.0	8.8	0.8	1,264	1,377	9.0	2,291	2,230	-2.6	14.1%	13.4%
Ingham	7.9	8.2	0.3	11,297	11,759	4.1	27,775	27,507	-1.0	18.6%	18.3%
Ionia	8.3	7.7	-0.5	2,431	2,338	-3.8	4,900	4,885	-0.3	16.3%	15.9%
Iosco	11.3	11.1	-0.2	1,135	1,115	-1.7	3,210	3,179	-1.0	24.6%	23.9%
Iron	9.0	9.8	0.8	489	532	8.7	995	1,040	4.6	16.5%	17.5%
Isabella	7.0	7.2	0.2	2,596	2,701	4.1	5,280	4,976	-5.8	14.0%	13.1%
Jackson	8.5	8.7	0.1	6,089	6,209	2.0	14,750	14,485	-1.8	18.8%	18.2%
Kalamazoo	7.1	7.0	-0.1	8,966	8,937	-0.3	22,910	22,234	-3.0	17.1%	16.4%
Kalkaska	9.4	9.5	0.1	758	788	4.0	1,775	1,779	0.3	21.6%	21.5%
Kent	6.6	6.3	-0.3	20,802	20,484	-1.5	51,657	49,328	-4.5	16.8%	16.1%
Keweenaw	11.9	13.6	1.6	112	128	14.3	138	142	2.9	11.4%	12.1%
Lake	11.9	12.7	0.8	458	491	7.2	1,694	1,683	-0.6	27.9%	27.2%
Lapeer	10.7	9.9	-0.9	4,244	3,921	-7.6	5,369	5,421	1.0	13.7%	13.5%
Leelanau	7.2	6.9	-0.3	740	730	-1.4	756	765	1.2	7.2%	7.3%

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	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	+/- points	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	% change	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	% change	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013
Lenawee	8.9	8.8	-0.1	3,928	3,887	-1.1	7,610	7,629	0.3	16.2%	15.9%
Livingston	8.4	7.6	-0.8	7,343	6,761	-7.9	6,381	6,031	-5.5	7.1%	6.6%
Luce	10.1	10.8	0.7	253	272	7.5	527	535	1.5	16.0%	15.7%
Mackinac	8.7	9.4	0.7	467	502	7.6	802	784	-2.3	13.9%	13.2%
Macomb	10.1	9.1	-1.0	40,300	36,689	-9.0	62,322	62,210	-0.2	15.0%	14.8%
Manistee	9.9	10.2	0.3	1,079	1,125	4.3	2,148	2,169	1.0	17.1%	17.1%
Marquette	8.0	8.6	0.6	2,740	3,027	10.5	4,665	4,441	-4.8	12.7%	12.0%
Mason	8.7	8.6	-0.1	1,271	1,277	0.5	2,744	2,621	-4.5	19.6%	18.8%
Mecosta	9.5	9.7	0.2	1,864	1,904	2.1	3,887	3,733	-4.0	17.9%	17.2%
Menominee	7.3	6.6	-0.7	894	828	-7.3	1,693	1,676	-1.0	13.5%	13.1%
Midland	7.2	7.4	0.2	3,040	3,163	4.1	5,606	5,760	2.7	13.4%	13.4%
Missaukee	10.5	10.5	0.0	610	604	-1.1	1,205	1,242	3.0	17.8%	18.0%
Monroe	8.1	8.1	0.0	5,630	5,689	1.0	9,773	9,591	-1.9	13.4%	12.9%
Montcalm	11.0	10.7	-0.2	2,780	2,712	-2.5	5,756	5,640	-2.0	19.5%	19.1%
Montmorency	14.8	15.0	0.2	521	528	1.3	1,050	990	-5.7	20.9%	19.3%
Muskegon	8.8	8.6	-0.2	7,336	7,497	2.2	22,852	22,464	-1.7	25.9%	25.1%
Newaygo	8.4	8.1	-0.2	1,812	1,817	0.3	5,007	5,102	1.9	22.5%	22.6%
Oakland	8.8	8.1	-0.7	51,768	48,031	-7.2	68,573	65,686	-4.2	10.8%	10.1%
Oceana	10.6	10.9	0.3	1,459	1,509	3.4	2,701	2,557	-5.3	23.5%	21.9%
Ogemaw	9.9	10.7	0.8	901	980	8.8	2,845	2,794	-1.8	25.8%	25.1%
Ontonagon	13.9	14.8	1.0	358	371	3.4	595	576	-3.3	16.3%	16.0%
Osceola	9.9	10.3	0.4	902	946	4.9	2,192	2,215	1.0	20.8%	20.1%
Oscoda	14.1	15.1	0.9	476	503	5.5	1,059	1,059	0.0	23.1%	23.0%
Otsego	11.0	10.7	-0.3	1,194	1,180	-1.1	2,471	2,386	-3.4	20.5%	19.8%
Ottawa	6.9	6.6	-0.3	8,983	8,827	-1.7	10,989	10,555	-3.9	9.0%	8.5%
Presque Isle	13.1	13.2	0.1	750	769	2.5	983	987	0.4	14.6%	14.1%
Roscommon	11.3	12.2	0.9	1,063	1,163	9.4	3,067	3,040	-0.9	24.3%	23.6%
Saginaw	8.6	8.9	0.3	7,824	8,059	3.0	23,460	23,062	-1.7	23.2%	22.5%
St. Clair	11.6	10.4	-1.2	8,627	7,779	-9.8	14,633	14,690	0.4	18.2%	17.9%
St. Joseph	8.4	7.7	-0.8	2,345	2,143	-8.6	5,668	5,367	-5.3	20.3%	18.8%
Sanilac	9.8	10.3	0.5	1,917	1,998	4.2	3,723	3,635	-2.4	18.9%	18.1%
Schoolcraft	11.8	13.1	1.2	431	470	9.1	726	707	-2.7	17.2%	16.8%
Shiawassee	9.1	9.3	0.2	3,021	3,096	2.5	5,791	5,890	1.7	17.8%	17.7%
Tuscola	9.8	10.3	0.5	2,548	2,693	5.7	4,489	4,558	1.5	18.1%	18.1%
Van Buren	9.4	8.6	-0.8	3,359	3,085	-8.2	7,393	7,417	0.3	21.3%	21.0%
Washtenaw	5.9	5.9	0.0	10,814	11,054	2.2	19,985	19,222	-3.8	10.3%	9.9%
Wayne	11.2	10.6	-0.7	91,228	85,911	-5.8	271,847	275,170	1.2	29.3%	29.0%
Wexford	11.3	12.2	0.9	1,528	1,649	8.0	3,767	3,830	1.7	23.9%	23.7%

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County	Family Independence Program (Cash Assistance)					Child Day Care		Medicaid				
	Average Number of Families Receiving Cash Assistance Per Month <sup>1</sup>			Percent of Population Receiving Assistance <sup>2</sup>		Average Number of Children Receiving Care Per Month		Average Number of Persons Eligible for Medicaid ONLY (Excludes FIP & SSI Recipients)			Percent of Population Eligible for Medicaid (Includes FIP & SSI Recipients) <sup>2</sup>	
	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	% change	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	% change	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013
<b>Michigan<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>55,573</b>	<b>44,785</b>	<b>-19.4</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>49,789</b>	<b>42,073</b>	<b>1,521,059</b>	<b>1,537,262</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>
Alcona	30	27	-10.0	0.7%	0.6%	16	24	1,501	1,527	1.7	17.2%	17.7%
Alger	15	18	22.2	0.3%	0.4%	17	11	1,256	1,246	-0.8	15.5%	15.5%
Allegan	294	253	-14.0	0.7%	0.6%	406	334	16,725	16,699	-0.2	17.1%	17.0%
Alpena	162	128	-20.9	1.3%	1.0%	175	142	4,932	5,008	1.6	22.2%	22.2%
Antrim	40	25	-36.1	0.4%	0.2%	57	70	3,766	3,924	4.2	18.5%	19.1%
Arenac	61	43	-29.0	0.9%	0.6%	70	65	2,963	2,996	1.1	23.7%	23.5%
Baraga	44	32	-28.6	1.3%	0.8%	21	25	1,326	1,313	-1.0	18.6%	18.1%
Barry	131	98	-25.3	0.5%	0.4%	177	155	7,804	7,821	0.2	15.0%	15.0%
Bay	441	400	-9.4	1.0%	0.9%	763	713	16,231	16,209	-0.1	19.0%	19.0%
Benzie	31	26	-18.1	0.4%	0.3%	32	39	2,744	2,776	1.2	17.9%	18.0%
Berrien	872	768	-12.0	1.3%	1.2%	1,003	882	27,402	27,442	0.1	22.1%	21.9%
Branch	221	143	-35.1	1.3%	0.7%	218	151	8,069	8,158	1.1	21.8%	21.4%
Calhoun	933	667	-28.5	1.7%	1.2%	847	720	25,489	25,445	-0.2	24.2%	23.7%
Cass	166	149	-9.9	0.8%	0.7%	220	204	9,040	8,816	-2.5	20.0%	19.6%
Charlevoix	29	18	-37.2	0.2%	0.1%	68	88	4,025	4,010	-0.4	17.4%	17.3%
Cheboygan	70	66	-6.6	0.6%	0.6%	100	68	4,896	4,739	-3.2	22.1%	21.6%
Chippewa	161	113	-29.6	1.1%	0.7%	110	91	5,342	5,476	2.5	17.1%	17.1%
Clare	194	175	-9.5	1.6%	1.5%	117	101	6,577	6,417	-2.4	27.2%	26.6%
Clinton	87	87	-0.8	0.2%	0.2%	164	141	6,681	6,762	1.2	9.9%	10.1%
Crawford	58	66	13.8	1.0%	1.2%	62	45	2,581	2,528	-2.1	21.8%	21.8%
Delta	95	59	-38.2	0.6%	0.4%	157	138	5,940	6,004	1.1	19.5%	19.5%
Dickinson	30	34	13.2	0.2%	0.2%	118	84	4,148	4,064	-2.0	18.3%	17.9%
Eaton	209	139	-33.3	0.4%	0.3%	449	373	12,875	13,154	2.2	13.5%	13.8%
Emmet	32	26	-19.8	0.2%	0.2%	109	108	4,921	4,879	-0.9	16.9%	16.7%
Genesee	5,466	4,507	-17.5	3.3%	2.7%	4,388	3,825	74,389	75,855	2.0	24.9%	24.7%
Gladwin	118	98	-16.4	1.1%	1.0%	93	92	4,451	4,516	1.5	22.0%	22.2%
Gogebic	115	73	-36.4	1.9%	1.1%	37	38	2,671	2,710	1.5	21.2%	20.7%
Gr. Traverse	160	120	-25.2	0.4%	0.3%	324	275	12,720	12,659	-0.5	16.4%	16.2%
Gratiot	93	86	-7.5	0.5%	0.5%	168	141	7,346	7,276	-1.0	20.4%	20.2%
Hillsdale	259	220	-15.1	1.5%	1.2%	173	144	7,807	7,921	1.5	20.9%	20.9%
Houghton	62	42	-32.8	0.4%	0.3%	78	46	5,397	5,382	-0.3	17.0%	16.8%
Huron	86	56	-34.6	0.6%	0.4%	151	153	5,001	4,854	-2.9	18.4%	17.7%
Ingham	1,264	979	-22.5	1.2%	0.9%	1,519	1,286	40,594	41,946	3.3	18.3%	18.5%
Ionia	128	115	-10.6	0.4%	0.4%	250	250	9,849	9,830	-0.2	17.9%	17.8%
Iosco	137	111	-19.2	1.3%	1.0%	120	105	4,986	5,132	2.9	24.2%	24.5%
Iron	74	55	-24.9	1.6%	1.2%	13	15	1,990	2,106	5.8	21.4%	22.0%
Isabella	126	120	-5.0	0.4%	0.4%	249	219	8,562	8,384	-2.1	14.4%	14.2%
Jackson	1,021	864	-15.4	1.7%	1.4%	904	761	26,109	25,955	-0.6	20.6%	20.3%
Kalamazoo	1,509	1,173	-22.3	1.5%	1.2%	1,663	1,381	35,097	35,639	1.5	17.7%	17.6%
Kalkaska	47	27	-41.8	0.6%	0.4%	81	64	3,732	3,835	2.8	24.6%	25.2%
Kent	3,117	2,455	-21.2	1.2%	0.9%	3,708	2,764	97,154	97,207	0.1	19.4%	19.2%
Keweenaw	4	2	-50.0	0.3%	0.1%	2	0	248	275	11.2	13.6%	14.5%
Lake	62	66	5.9	1.3%	1.4%	59	43	2,400	2,404	0.2	27.1%	27.2%
Lapeer	184	153	-16.9	0.5%	0.4%	354	268	12,599	12,866	2.1	16.1%	16.4%
Leelanau	13	11	-17.9	0.1%	0.1%	34	26	1,859	1,918	3.2	9.4%	9.7%

<sup>1</sup> Includes both regular and extended FIP.

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County	Family Independence Program (Cash Assistance)					Child Day Care		Medicaid				
	Average Number of Families Receiving Cash Assistance Per Month <sup>1</sup>			Percent of Population Receiving Assistance <sup>2</sup>		Average Number of Children Receiving Care Per Month		Average Number of Persons Eligible for Medicaid ONLY (Excludes FIP & SSI Recipients)			Percent of Population Eligible for Medicaid (Includes FIP & SSI Recipients) <sup>2</sup>	
	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	% change	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013	% change	Qtr 2 2012	Qtr 2 2013
Lenawee	434	390	-10.1	1.1%	1.1%	470	448	14,752	14,732	-0.1	18.0%	17.9%
Livingston	205	161	-21.6	0.2%	0.2%	272	245	14,457	14,228	-1.6	8.8%	8.7%
Luce	41	35	-13.9	1.8%	1.5%	12	6	1,033	1,010	-2.2	20.9%	20.3%
Mackinac	27	18	-32.9	0.6%	0.4%	15	18	1,467	1,456	-0.8	15.8%	15.5%
Macomb	3,441	2,780	-19.2	1.1%	0.9%	2,900	2,419	110,599	113,851	2.9	16.1%	16.5%
Manistee	76	56	-26.0	0.8%	0.5%	59	48	3,909	3,860	-1.3	19.2%	18.9%
Marquette	192	120	-37.8	0.7%	0.4%	198	188	8,391	8,550	1.9	14.7%	14.7%
Mason	124	119	-4.0	1.0%	1.0%	245	175	5,341	5,134	-3.9	22.3%	21.5%
Mecosta	155	113	-27.2	0.9%	0.6%	150	145	7,125	7,101	-0.3	19.8%	19.7%
Menominee	38	39	1.7	0.3%	0.3%	63	45	3,592	3,493	-2.7	17.3%	17.0%
Midland	163	136	-16.4	0.4%	0.4%	313	258	10,702	10,798	0.9	15.0%	15.2%
Missaukee	58	45	-22.5	0.9%	0.6%	62	48	2,835	2,897	2.2	21.7%	22.0%
Monroe	510	375	-26.4	0.8%	0.6%	478	422	19,324	19,203	-0.6	15.3%	15.0%
Montcalm	85	88	3.9	0.3%	0.3%	194	182	11,726	11,546	-1.5	21.6%	21.4%
Montmorency	33	19	-42.0	0.8%	0.3%	22	10	1,804	1,736	-3.8	23.3%	22.2%
Muskegon	2,199	1,538	-30.1	3.2%	2.2%	1,845	1,590	32,862	34,237	4.2	26.1%	26.0%
Newaygo	245	209	-14.9	1.2%	1.1%	215	203	9,750	9,959	2.1	24.3%	24.8%
Oakland	3,511	2,509	-28.5	0.7%	0.5%	2,934	2,499	116,873	116,770	-0.1	12.0%	11.8%
Oceana	185	138	-25.2	2.0%	1.5%	138	93	6,262	5,945	-5.1	28.6%	26.9%
Ogemaw	157	128	-18.9	2.0%	1.4%	143	105	4,316	4,386	1.6	25.9%	25.7%
Ontonagon	20	12	-41.0	0.8%	0.5%	5	5	957	979	2.3	18.1%	18.1%
Osceola	89	75	-15.0	0.9%	0.7%	97	80	4,630	4,573	-1.2	24.2%	23.9%
Oscoda	42	45	7.1	1.3%	1.4%	26	22	1,710	1,619	-5.3	24.4%	23.6%
Otsego	103	81	-21.0	1.1%	0.8%	181	161	4,825	4,879	1.1	23.3%	23.3%
Ottawa	393	271	-31.1	0.3%	0.2%	733	609	28,961	28,996	0.1	12.1%	12.0%
Presque Isle	25	26	1.3	0.4%	0.4%	27	24	1,857	1,877	1.0	17.4%	17.4%
Roscommon	139	105	-24.6	1.5%	1.0%	92	81	4,647	4,704	1.2	24.3%	24.3%
Saginaw	1,834	1,476	-19.5	2.3%	1.8%	2,122	1,747	33,845	33,886	0.1	23.6%	23.2%
St. Clair	627	590	-6.0	1.0%	0.9%	674	618	26,846	26,703	-0.5	19.7%	21.4%
St. Joseph	213	160	-24.6	0.9%	0.6%	319	265	13,401	13,037	-2.7	25.0%	20.6%
Sanilac	180	123	-32.0	1.0%	0.6%	196	153	7,894	7,839	-0.7	21.8%	20.0%
Schoolcraft	43	23	-45.7	1.3%	0.6%	19	23	1,365	1,398	2.4	20.6%	19.6%
Shiawassee	411	396	-3.7	1.5%	1.5%	312	250	11,091	11,152	0.5	19.9%	24.3%
Tuscola	260	168	-35.6	1.2%	0.7%	225	229	9,700	9,929	2.4	21.2%	21.3%
Van Buren	320	281	-12.3	1.0%	0.8%	311	266	16,017	15,924	-0.6	25.1%	24.8%
Washtenaw	845	660	-21.8	0.6%	0.4%	1,171	959	32,367	32,168	-0.6	11.3%	11.1%
Wayne	19,524	16,219	-16.9	2.7%	2.3%	12,469	10,530	373,242	382,066	2.4	28.0%	28.1%
Wexford	160	150	-6.5	1.2%	1.1%	218	194	6,980	7,132	2.2	26.0%	26.4%

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

<sup>2</sup> In some cases the Michigan number is slightly different from the county total.

<sup>3</sup> Includes both regular and extended FIP.

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

Industry	Avg 2012 Qtr 2	Avg 2013 Qtr 2	% Change	Industry	Avg 2012 Qtr 2	Avg 2013 Qtr 2	% Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>4,044,567</b>	<b>4,093,400</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>•Retail Trade</b>	<b>447,300</b>	<b>453,100</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Natural Resources and Mining</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>7,967</b>	<b>0.8</b>	Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	54,900	56,567	3.0
<b>Construction</b>	<b>128,967</b>	<b>127,133</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	Building Material and Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	43,200	44,033	1.9
Construction of Buildings	27,100	26,667	-1.6	Food and Beverage Stores	74,533	75,167	0.8
Heavy and Civil Engineering	14,700	15,233	3.6	Health and Personal Care	30,667	30,433	-0.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	87,167	85,233	-2.2	Gasoline Stations	23,767	23,833	0.3
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>535,367</b>	<b>553,333</b>	<b>3.4</b>	Clothing and Clothing Accessories	33,433	31,667	-5.3
<b>•Durable Goods</b>	<b>403,567</b>	<b>418,167</b>	<b>3.6</b>	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	19,200	19,167	-0.2
Nonmetallic Mineral Products	10,700	9,900	-7.5	General Merchandise Stores	110,000	109,200	-0.7
Primary Metal Manufacturing	21,467	21,733	1.2	Miscellaneous Store Retail	23,133	25,000	8.1
Fabricated Metal Products	75,967	78,200	2.9	<b>•Transportation Warehousing &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>120,600</b>	<b>122,633</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Metalworking Machinery Manuf.	35,367	37,167	5.1	Air Transportation	14,267	13,733	-3.7
Computer & Electronic Products	18,267	17,933	-1.8	Rail Transportation	3,100	2,900	-6.5
Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	39,700	40,667	2.4	Truck Transportation	38,500	39,367	2.3
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	102,333	107,067	4.6	Warehousing and Storage	13,967	14,700	5.3
Furniture and Related Products	19,567	20,267	3.6	<b>Information</b>	<b>53,167</b>	<b>51,933</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
<b>•Non-Durable Goods</b>	<b>131,800</b>	<b>135,167</b>	<b>2.6</b>	Publishing Industries	15,900	15,467	-2.7
Food Manufacturing	32,333	33,467	3.5	Telecommunications	20,133	19,800	-1.7
Printing and Related Support Activities	14,167	13,767	-2.8	<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>196,367</b>	<b>198,167</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Chemical Manufacturing	28,467	29,300	2.9	Finance and Insurance	147,900	149,433	1.0
Plastics and Rubber Products	34,233	36,567	6.8	Real Estate	34,500	35,200	2.0
<b>Trade Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>727,700</b>	<b>736,567</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>583,667</b>	<b>590,133</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>•Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>159,800</b>	<b>160,833</b>	<b>0.6</b>	Legal Services	27,800	28,200	1.4
Merchant Wholesalers Durable Goods	89,067	90,467	1.6	Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	27,567	30,267	9.8
Merchant Wholesalers Nondurable Goods	46,833	46,633	-0.4	Architectural Engineering	67,333	69,600	3.4
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	23,900	23,733	-0.7				

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Computer Systems Design	42,333	43,167	2.0	<b>Government</b>	<b>614,667</b>	<b>610,233</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Management, Scientific and Technical Consulting Services	25,500	26,567	4.2	• <b>Federal Government</b>	<b>52,833</b>	<b>51,033</b>	<b>-3.4</b>
Scientific Research and Development Services	20,133	20,667	2.6	U.S. Postal Service	21,267	19,833	-6.7
Advertising and Related	13,033	13,033	0.0	• <b>State Government</b>	<b>176,667</b>	<b>176,267</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Management of Companies	55,133	54,500	-1.1	State Government Educational Services	107,733	107,233	-0.5
Administrative & Support Services	283,267	280,233	-1.1	• <b>Local Government</b>	<b>385,167</b>	<b>382,933</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
Employment Services	159,233	154,200	-3.2	Local Government Educational Services	210,667	208,733	-0.9
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	<b>632,400</b>	<b>641,100</b>	<b>1.4</b>	Local Government Elementary and Secondary Schools	185,033	183,667	-0.7
• <b>Educational Services</b> (see also <b>Government</b> )	<b>75,433</b>	<b>73,767</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	Local Government Jr. Colleges	25,067	25,067	0.0
• <b>Health Care &amp; Social Assistance</b>	<b>556,967</b>	<b>567,333</b>	<b>1.9</b>				
Ambulatory Health Care Services	190,167	193,333	1.7				
Offices of Physicians	69,867	71,333	2.1				
Outpatient Care Centers	17,033	17,500	2.7				
Home Health Care Service	36,567	37,500	2.6				
Hospitals	76,589	77,289	0.9				
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	101,500	105,367	3.8				
Social Assistance	67,433	69,200	2.6				
Individual and Family Services	29,667	31,200	5.2				
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>395,867</b>	<b>406,833</b>	<b>2.8</b>				
Performing Arts Spectator Activities	9,233	8,167	-11.6				
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation	38,133	38,567	1.1				
Accommodations	39,600	38,500	-2.8				
Food Services and Drinking	305,033	316,467	3.7				
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>168,500</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>0.9</b>				
Repair and Maintenance	36,400	37,067	1.8				
Personal and Laundry Services	36,767	37,467	1.9				
Religious Grantmaking Civic Professional	95,333	95,467	0.1				

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## Michigan Counties With Largest Changes Second Quarter 2012 — Second Quarter 2013

Percentage Point Change in Unemployment Rate		Percent Change in Food Assistance Households		Percent Change in FIP Cash Assistance Families	
Alcona	3.8	Isabella	-5.8	Keweenaw	-50.0
Keweenaw	1.6	Montmorency	-5.7	Schoolcraft	-45.7
Baraga	1.4	Branch	-5.7	Montmorency	-42.0
Schoolcraft	1.2	<b>Livingston</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	Kalkaska	-41.8
Ontonagon	1.0	Oceana	-5.3	Ontonagon	-41.0
Oscoda	0.9	St. Joseph	-5.3	Delta	-38.2
Wexford	0.9	Marquette	-4.8	Marquette	-37.8
Roscommon	0.9	Grand Traverse	-4.7	Charlevoix	-37.2
Lake	0.8	Benzie	-4.6	Gogebic	-36.4
Arenac	0.8	<b>Kent</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	Antrim	-36.1

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

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