

## Michigan Unemployment Improving, but Slowly

### THIRD QUARTER - 2012

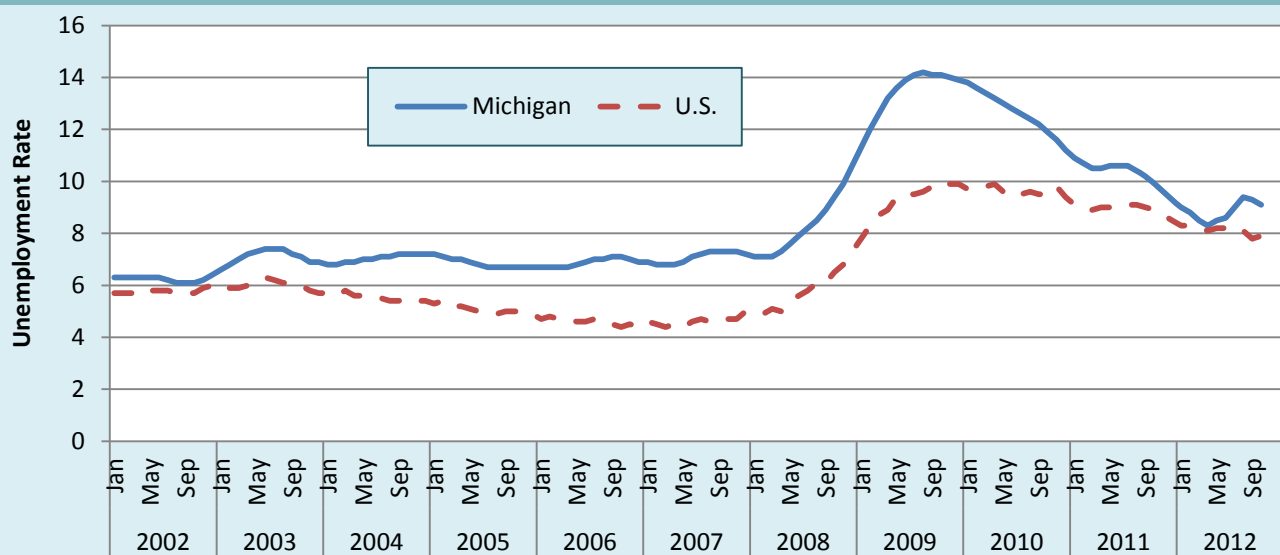
In the United States and Michigan, the unemployment rate is decreasing. In the third quarter (July through September) of 2012, Michigan had 50,900 more jobs than it did during the same time in 2011, including 18,300 more jobs in the manufacturing sector (nearly all in durable goods). The other large gain came in professional and business services, particularly in administrative and support services which gained 16,733 jobs.

In April of the past year, Michigan's unemployment rate dropped to 8.3%, only .2 points above the national rate—the closest the two measures have been in more than 10 years. This was the lowest the state unemployment rate had been since July 2008, when it first surpassed 8%. During the several years prior to 2008, the jobless rate hovered around 7% but was still considerably higher than the national rate (and in fact was the highest jobless rate in the country from April 2006 to April 2010).

Unlike the U.S., however, Michigan had a spike in its unemployment rate during this past summer and remains above 9%. The labor force itself has shrunk due to workers retiring, leaving the state or giving up looking for work. Michigan's unemployment rate is certainly improving, but the state is not "out of the woods" yet.

We can expect considerable time to pass before Michigan's jobless rate is brought down to the 2002-2007 levels, and a much longer wait for 1990s levels. During that time, however, policy-makers ought to make an effort to create an environment that will attract skilled workers and thriving industries, maintain a safety net for unemployed workers and their families as they continue to look for work, and strengthen workforce development to prepare workers for future prosperity. The past year's decisions to cut higher education funding, weaken the Unemployment Insurance system and undermine Michigan's labor unions are moving the state in the wrong direction.

Unemployment Rate in MI and U.S., 2002-2012 (Seasonally Adjusted)



Source: Michigan Office of Labor Market Information  
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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 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012	+/- points	Qtr 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012	% change	Qtr 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012	% change	Qtr 3 2011
<b>Michigan<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>495,000</b>	<b>436,000</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>966,975</b>	<b>916,658</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>18.3%</b>
Alcona	12.2	11.3	-0.9	473	446	-5.6	922	848	-8.0	16.5%	15.0%
Alger	10.0	9.1	-0.9	406	372	-8.5	641	602	-6.1	13.5%	12.3%
Allegan	8.4	6.8	-1.5	4,520	3,807	-15.8	7,380	6,718	-9.0	14.7%	13.6%
Alpena	10.1	8.9	-1.2	1,335	1,169	-12.4	3,475	3,217	-7.4	22.4%	20.5%
Antrim	10.7	9.1	-1.7	1,166	978	-16.1	1,772	1,619	-8.7	16.1%	14.8%
Arenac	12.0	10.6	-1.4	874	773	-11.6	1,772	1,720	-3.0	21.9%	21.6%
Baraga	17.2	14.7	-2.5	664	553	-16.8	746	713	-4.4	16.2%	16.1%
Barry	7.2	6.4	-0.8	2,051	1,857	-9.5	3,942	3,518	-10.8	14.7%	12.9%
Bay	9.6	8.3	-1.3	4,972	4,365	-12.2	10,601	9,939	-6.2	19.1%	17.9%
Benzie	10.4	7.8	-2.6	895	666	-25.6	1,331	1,207	-9.4	15.2%	14.4%
Berrien	10.0	9.0	-1.0	7,442	6,588	-11.5	16,408	15,656	-4.6	20.1%	20.0%
Branch	10.2	8.4	-1.8	2,015	1,628	-19.2	3,978	3,596	-9.6	19.3%	17.1%
Calhoun	9.2	7.5	-1.7	5,894	4,850	-17.7	17,388	16,154	-7.1	24.7%	22.9%
Cass	8.8	7.2	-1.6	2,227	1,856	-16.7	4,598	4,289	-6.7	20.7%	17.8%
Charlevoix	10.4	9.4	-1.0	1,402	1,271	-9.3	1,774	1,612	-9.1	14.9%	13.2%
Cheboygan	6.8	6.3	-0.5	793	722	-9.0	2,535	2,362	-6.8	19.7%	18.5%
Chippewa	10.7	9.7	-1.0	1,757	1,601	-8.9	3,024	2,777	-8.2	16.2%	14.5%
Clare	12.7	11.1	-1.5	1,544	1,353	-12.3	4,331	4,082	-5.7	28.1%	26.2%
Clinton	7.1	6.0	-1.1	2,619	2,238	-14.5	3,305	2,868	-13.2	10.3%	8.0%
Crawford	10.8	9.3	-1.5	654	563	-13.9	1,485	1,430	-3.7	20.3%	20.0%
Delta	9.4	8.4	-1.0	1,756	1,578	-10.1	3,427	3,246	-5.3	17.9%	16.6%
Dickinson	8.5	7.5	-1.0	1,147	1,012	-11.8	1,977	1,855	-6.2	13.9%	13.5%
Eaton	7.5	6.3	-1.2	4,058	3,425	-15.6	7,029	6,365	-9.5	13.4%	12.0%
Emmet	10.2	9.1	-1.2	2,005	1,767	-11.9	2,462	2,095	-14.9	14.6%	12.7%
Genesee	11.2	9.6	-1.6	20,547	17,919	-12.8	57,449	54,422	-5.3	26.6%	25.1%
Gladwin	13.3	12.1	-1.2	1,283	1,160	-9.6	2,784	2,596	-6.8	21.5%	19.4%
Gogebic	11.4	9.9	-1.4	819	713	-12.9	1,750	1,687	-3.6	20.3%	18.6%
Gr. Traverse	8.8	7.3	-1.5	4,197	3,534	-15.8	6,756	6,036	-10.7	15.2%	13.1%
Gratiot	10.6	9.3	-1.3	1,979	1,733	-12.4	3,499	3,367	-3.8	18.4%	17.3%
Hillsdale	11.1	9.6	-1.6	2,143	1,845	-13.9	3,910	3,660	-6.4	19.0%	17.1%
Houghton	9.3	8.5	-0.9	1,543	1,401	-9.2	2,784	2,500	-10.2	16.4%	13.2%
Huron	9.5	7.7	-1.7	1,472	1,215	-17.5	2,471	2,238	-9.4	15.6%	13.5%
Ingham	9.2	8.0	-1.2	13,072	11,450	-12.4	29,810	28,052	-5.9	21.3%	18.8%
Ionia	10.0	8.3	-1.7	2,882	2,404	-16.6	5,077	4,911	-3.3	17.2%	16.4%
Iosco	12.0	10.4	-1.6	1,231	1,071	-13.0	3,171	3,158	-0.4	23.8%	23.9%
Iron	9.0	7.9	-1.1	485	437	-9.9	1,019	993	-2.6	17.5%	16.2%
Isabella	7.6	6.8	-0.8	2,807	2,542	-9.4	6,213	5,159	-17.0	23.9%	13.7%
Jackson	10.1	8.4	-1.7	7,201	6,142	-14.7	15,544	14,679	-5.6	19.6%	18.8%
Kalamazoo	8.6	7.1	-1.5	10,693	9,000	-15.8	25,305	22,855	-9.7	20.1%	17.2%
Kalkaska	10.6	9.2	-1.4	889	770	-13.3	1,841	1,751	-4.9	23.7%	21.1%
Kent	8.3	6.8	-1.5	25,226	20,884	-17.2	55,915	50,677	-9.4	18.2%	16.7%
Keweenaw	9.9	8.3	-1.6	91	76	-16.4	156	141	-9.6	12.8%	11.5%
Lake	12.0	11.1	-0.9	495	450	-9.2	1,727	1,675	-3.0	30.1%	27.5%
Lapeer	12.0	11.0	-1.1	4,865	4,432	-8.9	5,730	5,338	-6.8	14.5%	13.5%
Leelanau	7.0	6.2	-0.8	754	676	-10.4	827	755	-8.7	8.4%	7.3%

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Lenawee	11.0	9.0	-2.0	4,839	3,947	-18.4	8,151	7,611	-6.6	17.1%	16.0%
Livingston	9.5	8.4	-1.1	8,488	7,439	-12.4	7,127	6,180	-13.3	8.0%	6.9%
Luce	11.7	10.4	-1.2	291	258	-11.6	551	522	-5.3	16.7%	15.5%
Mackinac	4.6	3.9	-0.7	321	277	-13.7	826	770	-6.7	14.2%	13.2%
Macomb	12.1	10.7	-1.4	49,491	43,363	-12.4	64,524	62,504	-3.1	15.5%	15.2%
Manistee	10.2	9.0	-1.2	1,149	1,020	-11.3	2,252	2,148	-4.6	18.3%	17.0%
Marquette	8.3	7.8	-0.6	2,828	2,632	-6.9	5,224	4,544	-13.0	15.8%	12.4%
Mason	9.3	8.3	-1.0	1,379	1,246	-9.6	2,868	2,668	-7.0	20.1%	19.0%
Mecosta	10.8	9.2	-1.6	2,084	1,784	-14.4	4,301	3,806	-11.5	24.9%	17.5%
Menominee	7.9	7.1	-0.8	965	890	-7.8	1,851	1,659	-10.4	15.5%	12.9%
Midland	7.8	7.1	-0.8	3,255	2,997	-7.9	5,870	5,635	-4.0	14.2%	13.3%
Missaukee	11.9	9.8	-2.1	693	568	-18.1	1,259	1,203	-4.4	18.5%	18.0%
Monroe	10.0	8.2	-1.7	6,829	5,708	-16.4	10,364	9,656	-6.8	13.6%	13.2%
Montcalm	12.2	10.9	-1.3	3,104	2,777	-10.5	6,153	5,663	-8.0	21.4%	19.3%
Montmorency	15.5	13.7	-1.8	557	488	-12.3	1,131	1,012	-10.5	21.6%	19.5%
Muskegon	10.3	9.1	-1.2	8,524	7,452	-12.6	24,178	22,738	-6.0	26.9%	25.5%
Newaygo	9.6	7.9	-1.7	2,032	1,688	-16.9	5,254	5,047	-3.9	23.1%	22.3%
Oakland	10.5	9.5	-1.1	62,820	56,301	-10.4	72,071	68,191	-5.4	11.1%	10.8%
Oceana	10.6	9.5	-1.1	1,511	1,378	-8.8	2,912	2,726	-6.4	23.1%	23.8%
Ogemaw	10.7	9.2	-1.5	993	851	-14.3	2,921	2,808	-3.8	26.0%	25.1%
Ontonagon	15.0	12.0	-2.9	420	322	-23.3	622	575	-7.6	16.2%	15.2%
Osceola	11.7	10.2	-1.6	1,060	920	-13.2	2,347	2,174	-7.4	22.7%	20.1%
Oscoda	15.9	13.5	-2.5	571	474	-17.0	1,076	1,034	-3.9	23.7%	22.4%
Otsego	11.4	9.9	-1.5	1,280	1,109	-13.4	2,524	2,412	-4.4	21.7%	20.0%
Ottawa	8.3	6.8	-1.5	10,673	8,964	-16.0	12,378	10,848	-12.4	11.3%	9.0%
Presque Isle	13.4	11.8	-1.5	762	664	-12.9	1,086	961	-11.6	14.1%	14.0%
Roscommon	12.5	10.4	-2.1	1,211	1,010	-16.6	3,151	3,023	-4.1	24.8%	23.4%
Saginaw	9.7	8.6	-1.1	8,797	7,857	-10.7	24,655	23,373	-5.2	24.2%	22.9%
St. Clair	12.9	11.8	-1.1	9,862	8,978	-9.0	15,343	14,593	-4.9	18.4%	17.9%
St. Joseph	10.8	8.3	-2.5	3,034	2,345	-22.7	6,091	5,549	-8.9	21.4%	19.8%
Sanilac	11.3	9.7	-1.6	2,162	1,866	-13.7	3,999	3,626	-9.3	21.4%	18.1%
Schoolcraft	11.7	10.0	-1.7	454	391	-13.7	751	700	-6.7	17.6%	16.1%
Shiawassee	10.6	9.2	-1.4	3,471	3,021	-12.9	6,213	5,797	-6.7	18.9%	17.6%
Tuscola	11.1	9.7	-1.4	2,859	2,503	-12.5	4,667	4,494	-3.7	18.7%	17.9%
Van Buren	10.3	8.7	-1.6	3,662	3,161	-13.7	8,009	7,511	-6.2	21.6%	21.4%
Washtenaw	7.0	5.9	-1.1	12,398	10,728	-13.5	22,605	19,987	-11.6	11.9%	10.4%
Wayne	13.4	12.3	-1.1	111,376	101,422	-8.9	277,294	273,607	-1.3	27.7%	29.2%
Wexford	12.2	11.6	-0.6	1,651	1,587	-3.9	3,932	3,811	-3.1	26.0%	24.0%

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 Prepared by: Michigan League for Public Policy	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 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012	% change	Qtr 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012	% change	Qtr 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012
<b>Michigan<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>80,782</b>	<b>60,998</b>	<b>-24.5</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>54,726</b>	<b>48,356</b>	<b>1,459,607</b>	<b>1,504,929</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>
Alcona	35	36	3.8	0.7%	0.8%	18	17	1,459	1,474	1.0	16.6%	16.9%
Alger	21	16	-21.0	0.6%	0.4%	24	16	1,294	1,228	-5.1	16.0%	15.3%
Allegan	347	301	-13.2	0.9%	0.7%	441	398	17,017	16,988	-0.2	17.5%	17.5%
Alpena	195	163	-16.3	2.0%	1.3%	175	173	4,812	4,915	2.1	21.7%	22.0%
Antrim	50	30	-40.4	0.5%	0.3%	76	65	3,842	3,840	-0.1	18.7%	19.0%
Arenac	78	63	-19.3	1.5%	0.8%	96	64	2,955	2,950	-0.2	23.3%	23.4%
Baraga	53	38	-28.9	1.7%	1.2%	32	38	1,352	1,344	-0.5	18.9%	18.5%
Barry	148	131	-11.7	0.9%	0.5%	183	165	7,954	7,801	-1.9	15.3%	15.1%
Bay	574	459	-20.1	1.6%	1.0%	831	777	16,204	16,112	-0.6	19.2%	19.0%
Benzie	37	27	-25.5	0.5%	0.4%	36	36	2,717	2,782	2.4	17.8%	18.2%
Berrien	1,323	956	-27.7	2.4%	1.6%	1,179	1,072	26,514	27,388	3.3	22.3%	22.1%
Branch	309	185	-40.2	2.1%	1.0%	213	191	7,965	8,062	1.2	21.5%	20.9%
Calhoun	1,368	980	-28.4	3.2%	1.9%	1,068	805	24,355	25,367	4.2	23.9%	24.1%
Cass	268	182	-32.0	1.9%	0.9%	289	213	8,861	8,952	1.0	20.2%	20.0%
Charlevoix	32	26	-18.8	0.3%	0.2%	78	77	3,937	4,088	3.8	17.1%	17.6%
Cheboygan	88	67	-23.5	1.0%	0.6%	97	98	4,912	4,828	-1.7	22.1%	21.7%
Chippewa	193	159	-17.6	1.3%	1.1%	122	107	5,282	5,363	1.5	17.2%	17.2%
Clare	270	196	-27.3	2.5%	1.7%	132	114	6,365	6,513	2.3	27.0%	26.9%
Clinton	103	87	-15.5	0.4%	0.2%	185	169	6,546	6,671	1.9	9.9%	10.0%
Crawford	68	61	-9.8	1.1%	1.0%	45	51	2,588	2,532	-2.2	21.9%	21.6%
Delta	115	72	-37.3	1.2%	0.5%	180	144	5,937	5,930	-0.1	19.6%	19.3%
Dickinson	45	37	-18.4	0.5%	0.2%	125	105	4,091	4,135	1.1	18.2%	18.1%
Eaton	268	216	-19.6	0.6%	0.5%	496	452	12,722	12,846	1.0	13.7%	13.6%
Emmet	38	25	-33.9	0.3%	0.2%	157	121	5,058	4,822	-4.7	17.4%	16.5%
Genesee	8,042	6,257	-22.2	5.3%	4.0%	5,088	4,202	68,137	72,265	6.1	24.8%	24.6%
Gladwin	157	122	-22.1	1.9%	1.0%	114	84	4,528	4,439	-2.0	22.3%	21.6%
Gogebic	172	118	-31.4	3.5%	1.9%	34	33	2,478	2,639	6.5	20.6%	20.7%
Gr. Traverse	169	146	-13.4	0.5%	0.4%	338	319	12,593	12,630	0.3	16.7%	16.4%
Graiot	113	104	-8.3	1.0%	0.6%	177	166	7,173	7,246	1.0	19.9%	20.2%
Hillsdale	342	267	-21.9	2.0%	1.6%	197	161	7,718	7,747	0.4	21.0%	20.8%
Houghton	87	54	-37.3	0.6%	0.3%	74	79	5,230	5,390	3.1	16.7%	16.8%
Huron	110	83	-24.2	0.8%	0.6%	159	140	5,161	4,943	-4.2	18.6%	18.0%
Ingham	1,616	1,304	-19.3	1.7%	1.3%	1,545	1,519	38,979	40,707	4.4	18.0%	18.5%
Ionia	215	135	-37.2	1.1%	0.5%	252	242	9,727	9,921	2.0	18.0%	18.0%
Iosco	164	128	-22.1	1.6%	1.2%	143	124	4,783	4,968	3.9	22.8%	23.9%
Iron	74	70	-4.5	1.6%	1.6%	24	14	2,042	2,000	-2.1	21.6%	21.1%
Isabella	170	139	-18.3	0.7%	0.5%	278	234	8,617	8,430	-2.2	14.8%	14.3%
Jackson	1,294	1,074	-17.0	2.4%	1.8%	936	812	24,939	25,910	3.9	20.3%	20.6%
Kalamazoo	2,305	1,664	-27.8	2.7%	1.8%	1,761	1,594	32,601	34,722	6.5	17.9%	17.9%
Kalkaska	51	39	-23.7	0.9%	0.5%	74	72	3,625	3,764	3.8	24.1%	24.6%
Kent	4,340	3,245	-25.2	2.2%	1.3%	3,954	3,534	94,619	96,439	1.9	19.9%	19.6%
Keweenaw	4	5	25.0	0.4%	0.5%	1	2	278	240	-13.9	15.2%	13.7%
Lake	78	73	-7.2	2.3%	1.6%	58	69	2,428	2,416	-0.5	27.7%	27.4%
Lapeer	273	192	-29.8	1.1%	0.5%	344	343	12,614	12,623	0.1	16.3%	16.2%
Leelanau	17	10	-42.3	0.2%	0.1%	37	37	1,908	1,869	-2.0	9.6%	9.5%

<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 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012	% change	Qtr 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012	% change	Qtr 3 2011	Qtr 3 2012
Lenawee	468	460	-1.6	1.3%	1.2%	501	478	14,774	14,685	-0.6	17.9%	17.9%
Livingston	240	178	-26.0	0.4%	0.2%	257	282	14,505	14,487	-0.1	8.9%	8.8%
Luce	50	33	-32.9	2.3%	1.5%	13	17	999	1,034	3.4	20.5%	20.5%
Mackinac	42	23	-45.7	0.9%	0.5%	18	14	1,494	1,463	-2.1	16.3%	15.7%
Macomb	4,264	3,650	-14.4	1.4%	1.2%	3,119	2,698	107,254	110,159	2.7	16.0%	16.3%
Manistee	99	70	-29.5	1.4%	0.7%	52	51	3,887	3,948	1.6	19.3%	19.4%
Marquette	222	177	-20.2	0.9%	0.6%	236	165	8,281	8,394	1.4	14.9%	14.8%
Mason	160	127	-20.3	1.5%	1.0%	284	234	5,186	5,262	1.5	22.1%	21.8%
Mecosta	179	135	-24.4	1.1%	0.7%	140	159	7,099	7,061	-0.5	20.2%	19.5%
Menominee	57	36	-36.8	0.7%	0.3%	67	58	3,616	3,564	-1.4	17.4%	17.0%
Midland	209	158	-24.4	0.8%	0.4%	274	300	10,607	10,686	0.7	15.1%	14.9%
Missaukee	62	51	-17.6	1.1%	0.8%	72	58	2,784	2,819	1.2	21.6%	21.8%
Monroe	723	482	-33.3	1.5%	0.8%	481	459	18,508	18,952	2.4	15.0%	14.9%
Montcalm	124	79	-36.0	0.7%	0.3%	188	188	11,671	11,707	0.3	21.5%	21.6%
Montmorency	34	31	-10.7	1.4%	0.7%	35	14	1,808	1,763	-2.5	22.7%	22.2%
Muskegon	3,282	2,457	-25.1	5.4%	3.7%	2,068	1,834	29,698	32,247	8.6	25.9%	25.9%
Newaygo	327	257	-21.5	1.8%	1.3%	217	236	9,987	9,761	-2.3	24.9%	24.4%
Oakland	4,675	3,489	-25.4	1.1%	0.8%	3,002	2,822	113,642	115,767	1.9	12.1%	12.0%
Oceana	263	174	-33.9	3.1%	1.9%	175	138	6,365	6,394	0.5	29.5%	28.7%
Ogemaw	178	129	-27.5	2.1%	1.5%	128	120	4,380	4,390	0.2	26.0%	25.6%
Ontonagon	26	18	-28.6	1.2%	0.7%	3	4	944	922	-2.3	17.3%	17.1%
Osceola	102	86	-15.7	1.3%	0.9%	91	109	4,497	4,589	2.0	23.5%	23.8%
Oscoda	48	48	-1.4	1.2%	1.5%	29	24	1,674	1,676	0.2	23.9%	24.0%
Otsego	103	87	-15.8	1.3%	0.9%	201	183	4,840	4,856	0.3	23.1%	23.2%
Ottawa	479	371	-22.7	0.5%	0.3%	820	696	29,165	28,958	-0.7	12.5%	12.2%
Presque Isle	32	33	3.1	0.6%	0.6%	23	39	1,812	1,829	0.9	16.7%	17.3%
Roscommon	144	134	-7.0	1.8%	1.4%	102	106	4,636	4,659	0.5	23.7%	24.1%
Saginaw	2,539	2,013	-20.7	3.5%	2.7%	2,302	2,078	32,522	33,010	1.5	23.7%	23.2%
St. Clair	937	647	-31.0	1.8%	1.0%	758	647	26,304	26,688	1.5	19.6%	19.6%
St. Joseph	304	221	-27.3	1.6%	0.9%	378	316	13,398	13,180	-1.6	25.1%	24.4%
Sanilac	240	167	-30.3	1.4%	0.9%	202	182	7,836	7,815	-0.3	21.7%	21.3%
Schoolcraft	42	33	-20.6	1.2%	0.9%	28	26	1,386	1,362	-1.8	20.4%	19.9%
Shiawassee	487	406	-16.6	1.9%	1.5%	311	309	10,997	11,118	1.1	19.6%	19.8%
Tuscola	328	226	-31.2	1.6%	1.1%	265	229	9,807	9,832	0.3	21.3%	21.1%
Van Buren	458	299	-34.8	1.7%	0.9%	339	306	16,557	16,633	0.5	25.9%	25.7%
Washtenaw	1,147	871	-24.1	0.9%	0.6%	1,255	1,091	31,657	32,186	1.7	11.5%	11.3%
Wayne	31,672	23,215	-26.7	4.9%	3.5%	14,183	12,183	342,001	364,567	6.6	27.8%	27.8%
Wexford	186	168	-9.8	1.8%	1.3%	201	215	6,853	6,951	1.4	25.6%	25.9%

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

Industry	Avg 2011 Qtr 3	Avg 2012 Qtr 3	% Change	Industry	Avg 2011 Qtr 3	Avg 2012 Qtr 3	% Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>3,938,300</b>	<b>3,989,200</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>•Retail Trade</b>	<b>447,000</b>	<b>441,500</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>Natural Resources and Mining</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>7,800</b>	<b>0.0</b>	Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	52,867	53,867	1.9
<b>Construction</b>	<b>138,367</b>	<b>131,933</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	Building Material and Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	41,767	42,400	1.5
Construction of Buildings	28,767	25,933	-9.8	Food and Beverage Stores	74,833	74,233	-0.8
Heavy and Civil Engineering	16,100	16,767	4.1	Health and Personal Care	30,267	30,567	1.0
Specialty Trade Contractors	93,500	89,233	-4.6	Gasoline Stations	24,333	24,400	0.3
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>509,233</b>	<b>527,533</b>	<b>3.6</b>	Clothing and Clothing Accessories	30,267	27,033	-10.7
<b>•Durable Goods</b>	<b>376,167</b>	<b>393,433</b>	<b>4.6</b>	Gasoline Stations	24,333	24,400	0.3
Nonmetallic Mineral Products	11,233	10,433	-7.1	Clothing and Clothing Accessories	30,267	27,033	-10.7
Primary Metal Manufacturing	20,100	20,900	4.0	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	19,933	19,700	-1.2
Fabricated Metal Products	71,200	73,100	2.7	General Merchandise Stores	10,133	107,400	-2.5
Metalworking Machinery Manuf.	32,467	34,567	6.5	Miscellaneous Store Retail	22,967	22,133	-3.6
Computer and Electronic Products	17,733	17,867	0.8	<b>•Transportation Warehousing &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>118,900</b>	<b>121,500</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	37,333	39,767	6.5	Air Transportation	14,433	14,733	2.1
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	90,000	96,767	7.5	Rail Transportation	3,900	3,800	-2.6
Furniture and Related Products	19,533	19,733	1.0	Truck Transportation	37,200	37,767	1.5
<b>•Non-Durable Goods</b>	<b>133,067</b>	<b>134,100</b>	<b>0.8</b>	Warehousing and Storage	12,600	12,967	2.9
Food Manufacturing	35,600	35,400	-0.6	<b>Information</b>	<b>53,200</b>	<b>54,333</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Printing and Related Support Activities	14,367	14,033	-2.3	Publishing Industries	15,967	15,500	-2.9
Chemical Manufacturing	6,800	26,900	0.4	Telecommunications	19,100	18,300	-4.2
Plastics and Rubber Products	31,633	33,267	5.2	<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>194,700</b>	<b>201,467</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Trade Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>724,067</b>	<b>723,167</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	Finance and Insurance	144,300	148,967	3.2
<b>•Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>158,167</b>	<b>160,167</b>	<b>1.3</b>	Real Estate	35,833	37,667	5.1
Merchant Wholesalers Durable Goods	87,200	87,833	0.7	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>545,567</b>	<b>570,767</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Merchant Wholesalers Nondurable Goods	46,533	48,267	3.7	Legal Services	28,100	27,167	-3.3
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	24,433	24,067	-1.5	Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	25,800	29,800	15.5
				Architectural Engineering	63,000	63,967	1.5

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Computer Systems Design	40,000	40,933	2.3	<b>Government</b>	<b>583,900</b>	<b>578,500</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
Management, Scientific and Technical Consulting Services	23,500	23,800	1.3	• <b>Federal Government</b>	<b>53,367</b>	<b>52,433</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
Scientific Research and Development Services	19,233	19,400	0.9	U.S. Postal Service	21,567	21,100	-2.2
Advertising and Related	13,067	12,900	-1.3	• <b>State Government</b>	<b>167,933</b>	<b>170,833</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Management of Companies	53,733	53,967	0.4	State Government Educational Services	99,367	101,567	2.2
Administrative & Support Services	257,633	274,367	6.5	• <b>Local Government</b>	<b>362,600</b>	<b>355,233</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
Employment Services	136,933	148,567	8.5	Local Government Educational Services	82,800	178,100	-2.6
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	<b>616,567</b>	<b>621,767</b>	<b>0.8</b>	Local Government Elementary and Secondary Schools	159,900	155,167	-3.0
• <b>Educational Services</b> (see also <b>Government</b> )	<b>72,167</b>	<b>69,667</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	Local Government Jr. Colleges	22,900	22,933	0.1
• <b>Health Care &amp; Social Assistance</b>	<b>544,400</b>	<b>552,100</b>	<b>1.4</b>				
Ambulatory Health Care Services	188,567	192,333	2.0				
Offices of Physicians	70,400	70,600	0.3				
Outpatient Care Centers	17,133	17,100	-0.2				
Home Health Care Service	35,900	36,800	2.5				
Hospitals	74,056	76,156	2.8				
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	100,667	100,200	-0.5				
Social Assistance	63,367	62,967	-0.6				
Individual and Family Services	26,667	26,200	-1.8				
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>396,267</b>	<b>403,067</b>	<b>1.7</b>				
Performing Arts Spectator Activities	9,133	8,100	-11.3				
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation	45,000	48,033	6.7				
Accommodations	41,467	39,933	-3.7				
Food Services and Drinking	297,800	305,667	2.6				
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>168,633</b>	<b>168,867</b>	<b>0.1</b>				
Repair and Maintenance	36,133	35,800	-0.9				
Personal and Laundry Services	37,100	38,500	3.8				
Religious Grantmaking Civic Professional	95,400	94,567	-0.9				

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Percentage Point Change in Unemployment Rate		Percent Change in Food Assistance Households		Percent Change in FIP Cash Assistance Families	
Ontonagon	-2.9	Isabella	-17.0	Mackinac	-45.7
Benzie	-2.6	Emmet	-14.9	Leelanau	-42.3
Baraga	-2.5	<b>Livingston</b>	<b>-13.3</b>	Antrim	-40.4
Oscoda	-2.5	Clinton	-13.2	Branch	-40.2
St. Joseph	-2.5	Marquette	-13.0	Houghton	-37.3
Missaukee	-2.1	<b>Ottawa</b>	<b>-12.4</b>	Delta	-37.3
Roscommon	-2.1	<b>Washtenaw</b>	<b>-11.6</b>	Ionia	-37.2
Lenawee	-2.0	Presque Isle	-11.6	Menominee	-36.8
Branch	-1.8	Mecosta	-11.5	Montcalm	-36.0
Montmorency	-1.8	Barry	-10.8	Van Buren	-34.8

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

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