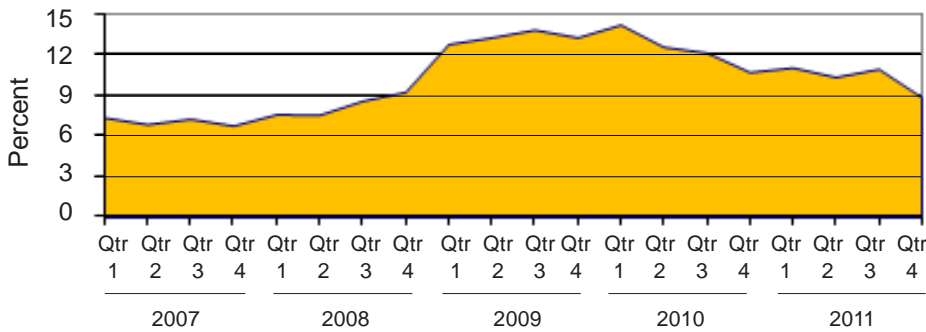


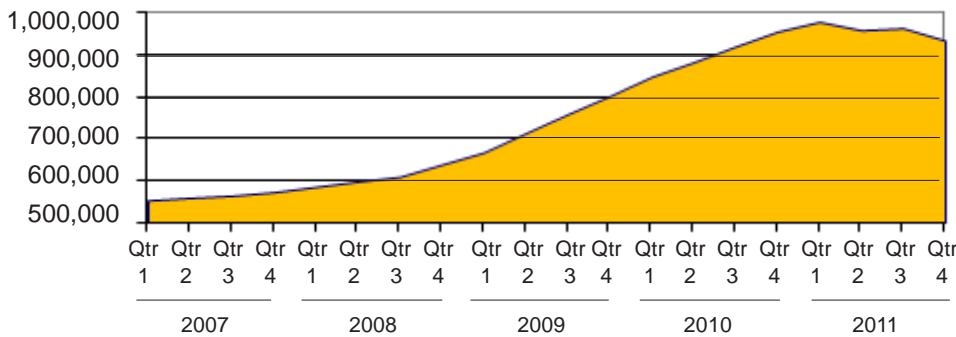


Michigan's Unemployment Rate Over the Past Five Years (not seasonally adjusted)



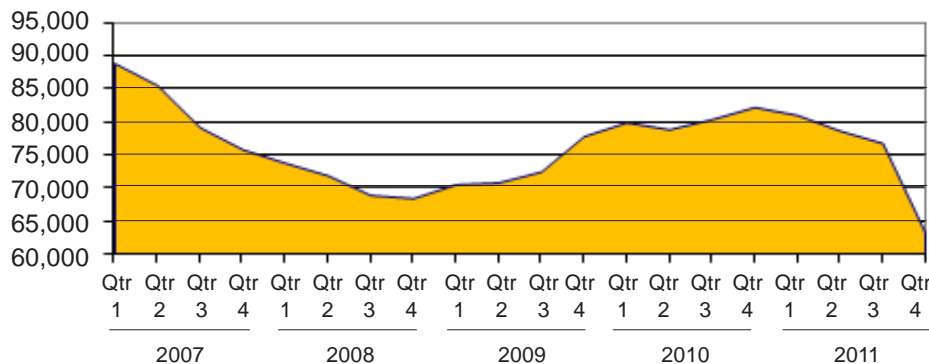
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Food Assistance Households During the Past Five Years



Source: Michigan Department of Human Services

Family Independence Program Cases During the Past Five Years (Regular FIP only)



Source: Michigan Department of Human Services

Recent Policies Cause Public Assistance Cases to Drop


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Unemployment

In the Fourth Quarter of 2011, all counties decreased their unemployment rate from the same time the previous year. Many industries added jobs, including most manufacturing industries (many of which had increases of more than 5%). The only industries to see a significant loss of jobs over the previous year were clothing retailers (17%) and accommodation (11%).

Public Assistance

The Fourth Quarter also saw 57 counties decrease their Food Assistance Program cases. Six of the 10 counties with decreases of over 10% are home to Michigan's largest universities (including Isabella County, which dropped by nearly half from 10,976 to 5,630), suggesting that the new restrictions on college students played a part. Nearly all counties had a decrease in Family Independence Program cash assistance, with 24 counties having a caseload decrease of more than 25%; this is likely due to the recent implementation of the lifetime time limit for all households. As Michigan and 32 counties had percentage decreases in FIP that exceeded (and in some cases greatly exceeded) the percentage decreases in the number of unemployed, it is likely that the FIP time limits had a greater influence than the economy on the drop in caseloads.

 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	
	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	+/- points	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	% change	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	% change	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 2011
Michigan²	10.8	8.9	-1.9	510,667	410,667	-19.6	958,850	937,214	-2.3	19.2%	18.8%
Alcona	16.0	12.2	-3.8	617	435	-29.5	910	861	-5.4	16.5%	15.3%
Alger	12.3	10.1	-2.2	489	387	-20.9	624	603	-3.4	13.5%	12.4%
Allegan	10.1	7.7	-2.4	5,321	3,877	-27.1	7,186	6,969	-3.0	14.7%	14.0%
Alpena	11.2	8.8	-2.4	1,564	1,165	-25.5	3,455	3,329	-3.6	22.4%	20.9%
Antrim	14.5	11.8	-2.7	1,456	1,108	-23.9	1,698	1,695	-0.2	16.1%	15.4%
Arenac	14.5	11.8	-2.7	1,046	812	-22.4	1,721	1,727	0.3	21.9%	21.7%
Baraga	20.4	16.4	-4.0	817	614	-24.8	692	719	4.0	16.2%	16.1%
Barry	8.2	6.2	-2.0	2,328	1,728	-25.8	3,925	3,717	-5.3	14.7%	13.5%
Bay	10.1	7.9	-2.2	5,339	4,165	-22.0	10,432	10,194	-2.3	19.1%	18.4%
Benzie	13.7	11.4	-2.4	1,151	916	-20.4	1,221	1,262	3.4	15.2%	14.9%
Berrien	10.7	8.6	-2.1	8,212	6,371	-22.4	15,822	15,962	0.9	20.1%	20.5%
Branch	10.8	8.5	-2.3	2,182	1,624	-25.5	3,949	3,822	-3.2	19.3%	18.2%
Calhoun	9.5	7.4	-2.1	6,321	4,710	-25.5	17,170	16,694	-2.8	24.7%	23.6%
Cass	10.2	8.3	-1.9	2,550	2,022	-20.7	4,631	4,465	-3.6	20.7%	18.6%
Charlevoix	13.3	11.0	-2.3	1,715	1,384	-19.3	1,710	1,649	-3.6	14.9%	13.7%
Cheboygan	12.0	10.0	-2.0	1,290	1,030	-20.2	2,409	2,525	4.8	19.7%	20.1%
Chippewa	11.7	9.8	-1.9	1,965	1,621	-17.5	3,110	2,851	-8.3	16.2%	15.2%
Clare	13.7	11.3	-2.4	1,687	1,331	-21.1	4,163	4,197	0.8	28.1%	27.1%
Clinton	7.1	5.8	-1.4	2,621	2,101	-19.8	3,654	3,054	-16.4	10.3%	8.6%
Crawford	12.5	10.5	-2.0	737	587	-20.4	1,388	1,431	3.1	20.3%	20.3%
Delta	10.6	8.6	-2.0	1,995	1,572	-21.2	3,435	3,281	-4.5	17.9%	16.7%
Dickinson	9.5	7.3	-2.1	1,309	991	-24.3	1,869	1,921	2.8	13.9%	14.4%
Eaton	7.4	6.0	-1.4	4,200	3,378	-19.6	6,885	6,672	-3.1	13.4%	12.9%
Emmet	14.0	11.7	-2.2	2,636	2,148	-18.5	2,405	2,293	-4.6	14.6%	14.3%
Genesee	11.9	9.2	-2.7	22,430	16,816	-25.0	56,441	55,724	-1.3	26.6%	25.6%
Gladwin	14.0	12.2	-1.8	1,387	1,150	-17.1	2,668	2,625	-1.6	21.5%	20.2%
Gogebic	11.6	9.8	-1.8	836	680	-18.7	1,766	1,720	-2.6	20.3%	18.9%
Gr. Traverse	10.5	8.1	-2.4	4,797	3,575	-25.5	6,726	6,304	-6.3	15.2%	13.8%
Gratiot	10.6	8.6	-2.0	2,062	1,635	-20.7	3,470	3,373	-2.8	18.4%	17.3%
Hillsdale	12.0	9.2	-2.9	2,413	1,761	-27.0	3,760	3,752	-0.2	19.0%	17.9%
Houghton	9.4	7.7	-1.7	1,647	1,311	-20.4	3,291	2,678	-18.6	16.4%	13.9%
Huron	10.8	8.3	-2.5	1,727	1,246	-27.9	2,401	2,370	-1.3	15.6%	14.6%
Ingham	9.0	7.2	-1.8	13,466	10,548	-21.7	33,859	28,601	-15.5	21.3%	19.1%
Ionia	10.7	8.6	-2.2	3,043	2,405	-21.0	4,928	4,920	-0.2	17.2%	16.5%
Iosco	14.3	12.1	-2.2	1,406	1,115	-20.7	3,117	3,213	3.1	23.8%	23.9%
Iron	10.4	8.7	-1.7	560	455	-18.8	995	991	-0.5	17.5%	16.2%
Isabella	7.5	6.1	-1.4	2,799	2,226	-20.5	10,976	5,630	-48.7	23.9%	14.7%
Jackson	10.9	8.3	-2.6	7,910	5,912	-25.3	14,965	15,089	0.8	19.6%	19.3%
Kalamazoo	8.7	6.8	-1.9	11,292	8,608	-23.8	28,282	23,873	-15.6	20.1%	18.0%
Kalkaska	11.7	9.7	-2.0	924	740	-19.9	1,771	1,783	0.7	23.7%	22.2%
Kent	8.7	6.7	-2.1	27,101	20,387	-24.8	55,244	53,892	-2.4	18.2%	17.9%
Keweenaw	14.0	12.5	-1.5	160	140	-12.1	143	146	1.6	12.8%	13.8%
Lake	14.4	12.0	-2.4	570	459	-19.4	1,695	1,711	0.9	30.1%	28.0%
Lapeer	12.9	11.0	-1.9	5,344	4,498	-15.8	5,659	5,569	-1.6	14.5%	14.2%
Leelanau	9.8	7.6	-2.2	1,028	774	-24.7	849	760	-10.6	8.4%	7.3%
Lenawee	12.0	9.0	-3.0	5,503	3,918	-28.8	7,836	7,864	0.4	17.1%	16.6%
Livingston	9.5	8.0	-1.5	8,501	7,119	-16.3	6,908	6,835	-1.1	8.0%	7.8%
Luce	13.4	11.0	-2.4	348	273	-21.6	547	531	-2.8	16.7%	16.0%
Mackinac	14.5	12.0	-2.5	776	622	-19.8	745	788	5.8	14.2%	13.8%
Macomb	11.8	10.0	-1.8	47,230	39,378	-16.6	61,395	62,798	2.3	15.5%	15.3%

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Family Independence Program (Cash Assistance)			Child Day Care						Medicaid					
Average Number of Families Receiving Cash Assistance Per Month ³			Percent of Population Receiving Assistance ¹		Average Number of Children Receiving Care Per Month		Average Payment Per Child		Average Number of Persons Eligible for Medicaid ONLY (Excludes FIP & SSI Recipients)			Percent of Population Eligible for Medicaid (Includes FIP & SSI Recipients) ¹		
Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	% change	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	% change	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	
86,075	65,296	-24.1	2.4%	1.7%	54,094	52,703	\$286	\$276	1,448,459	1,500,665	3.6	19.5%	19.4%	
28	31	9.5	0.7%	0.7%	30	24	\$205	\$248	1,501	1,424	-5.1	16.7%	16.0%	
26	21	-21.5	0.6%	0.5%	22	23	\$199	\$187	1,308	1,284	-1.8	16.2%	15.8%	
428	329	-23.1	0.9%	0.8%	402	404	\$285	\$258	16,966	16,655	-1.8	17.6%	17.2%	
222	175	-21.1	2.0%	1.5%	191	164	\$211	\$213	4,922	4,809	-2.3	22.3%	21.6%	
51	51	-0.7	0.5%	0.5%	79	61	\$229	\$254	4,028	3,815	-5.3	19.5%	18.6%	
96	72	-24.9	1.5%	1.0%	68	91	\$216	\$211	2,901	2,964	2.2	23.1%	23.1%	
56	53	-4.8	1.7%	1.6%	24	32	\$293	\$225	1,324	1,329	0.4	18.7%	18.6%	
192	151	-21.4	0.9%	0.6%	187	193	\$249	\$227	8,009	7,927	-1.0	15.7%	15.3%	
685	511	-25.4	1.6%	1.1%	831	817	\$228	\$230	16,245	16,145	-0.6	19.4%	18.9%	
38	35	-8.7	0.5%	0.4%	37	34	\$277	\$233	2,719	2,681	-1.4	17.8%	17.5%	
1,474	1,094	-25.8	2.4%	1.7%	1,177	1,121	\$277	\$257	25,842	26,844	3.9	22.1%	22.0%	
343	265	-22.8	2.1%	1.6%	229	210	\$272	\$279	8,021	8,105	1.0	21.7%	21.4%	
1,630	1,175	-27.9	3.2%	2.2%	974	998	\$281	\$259	23,989	24,817	3.5	24.1%	23.9%	
360	195	-45.8	1.9%	0.9%	270	256	\$284	\$270	8,724	9,053	3.8	20.4%	20.2%	
38	31	-18.4	0.3%	0.3%	71	63	\$239	\$254	3,988	3,903	-2.1	17.2%	16.9%	
103	78	-24.5	1.0%	0.7%	95	101	\$229	\$279	4,858	4,979	2.5	22.1%	22.2%	
203	196	-3.6	1.3%	1.3%	139	131	\$281	\$264	5,347	5,224	-2.3	17.5%	17.2%	
279	245	-12.2	2.5%	2.1%	124	145	\$264	\$249	6,200	6,379	2.9	26.6%	26.9%	
107	104	-2.8	0.4%	0.3%	175	184	\$261	\$270	6,478	6,565	1.3	9.8%	9.9%	
66	71	6.5	1.1%	1.3%	64	50	\$200	\$198	2,620	2,573	-1.8	22.2%	21.8%	
166	101	-39.4	1.2%	0.7%	172	178	\$207	\$208	5,892	5,960	1.2	19.8%	19.6%	
59	37	-37.5	0.5%	0.3%	121	124	\$170	\$176	4,123	4,099	-0.6	18.3%	18.2%	
293	249	-15.0	0.6%	0.5%	504	441	\$255	\$273	12,673	12,644	-0.2	13.7%	13.5%	
47	38	-18.6	0.3%	0.2%	107	137	\$231	\$237	5,190	4,933	-4.9	17.8%	17.0%	
7,970	6,264	-21.4	5.3%	3.8%	4,921	4,782	\$285	\$272	69,629	72,868	4.7	25.0%	24.5%	
183	140	-23.6	1.9%	1.3%	103	108	\$184	\$228	4,514	4,452	-1.4	22.6%	21.9%	
203	127	-37.6	3.5%	2.1%	49	43	\$218	\$315	2,457	2,588	5.3	20.9%	20.4%	
183	163	-10.9	0.5%	0.4%	324	320	\$245	\$235	12,856	12,538	-2.5	16.9%	16.6%	
165	111	-32.4	1.0%	0.6%	194	179	\$238	\$222	7,088	7,159	1.0	19.9%	19.8%	
329	303	-8.0	2.0%	1.8%	182	180	\$224	\$252	7,634	7,762	1.7	20.7%	20.9%	
83	79	-5.2	0.6%	0.6%	78	77	\$215	\$239	5,368	5,267	-1.9	17.0%	16.8%	
109	96	-11.9	0.8%	0.7%	142	153	\$238	\$201	5,289	5,112	-3.4	19.0%	18.4%	
1,705	1,427	-16.3	1.7%	1.4%	1,489	1,462	\$300	\$286	39,083	39,551	1.2	18.0%	18.0%	
267	192	-28.1	1.1%	0.7%	246	264	\$228	\$235	9,571	9,703	1.4	17.8%	17.8%	
167	155	-7.0	1.6%	1.4%	103	138	\$225	\$229	4,796	4,889	1.9	23.0%	23.3%	
68	82	21.2	1.6%	1.8%	30	15	\$181	\$208	2,091	1,925	-7.9	21.9%	20.7%	
182	166	-9.0	0.7%	0.6%	272	266	\$244	\$238	9,021	8,503	-5.7	15.3%	14.6%	
1,436	1,200	-16.5	2.4%	2.0%	789	929	\$280	\$259	24,001	25,204	5.0	19.9%	20.3%	
2,407	1,977	-17.9	2.7%	2.1%	1,643	1,726	\$289	\$273	32,239	33,461	3.8	17.8%	17.8%	
62	51	-18.7	0.9%	0.8%	78	73	\$237	\$207	3,702	3,666	-1.0	24.8%	24.4%	
5,074	3,727	-26.5	2.2%	1.5%	4,068	3,956	\$283	\$267	92,316	96,317	4.3	19.8%	19.9%	
6	5	-17.6	0.4%	0.3%	1	1	\$396	\$214	294	252	-14.5	16.0%	14.0%	
99	73	-26.0	2.3%	1.5%	59	60	\$208	\$188	2,351	2,435	3.6	27.4%	27.7%	
361	208	-42.3	1.1%	0.6%	335	341	\$244	\$264	12,491	12,715	1.8	16.4%	16.3%	
20	14	-29.5	0.2%	0.2%	23	32	\$303	\$283	1,937	1,878	-3.0	9.8%	9.4%	
510	464	-9.1	1.3%	1.2%	467	482	\$261	\$260	14,605	14,724	0.8	17.8%	17.8%	
286	229	-20.0	0.4%	0.3%	272	266	\$277	\$321	14,477	14,516	0.3	8.9%	8.9%	
47	40	-14.8	2.3%	1.7%	19	13	\$292	\$259	1,022	1,013	-0.8	21.2%	20.2%	
38	45	17.4	0.9%	1.1%	12	21	\$214	\$247	1,466	1,481	1.0	15.9%	16.3%	
4,276	3,804	-11.0	1.4%	1.2%	2,883	3,026	\$303	\$282	106,336	108,250	1.8	15.8%	16.0%	

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	Unemployment Rate			Number Unemployed			Average Number of Households Per Month			Percent of Population Receiving Assistance ¹	
	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	+/- points	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	% change	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	% change	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 2011
Manistee	11.7	10.3	-1.4	1,286	1,088	-15.4	2,208	2,167	-1.8	18.3%	17.5%
Marquette	8.5	6.9	-1.5	3,022	2,442	-19.2	6,044	4,875	-19.3	15.8%	13.3%
Mason	11.3	9.3	-2.0	1,635	1,308	-20.0	2,725	2,821	3.5	20.1%	20.1%
Mecosta	10.2	8.8	-1.4	2,085	1,769	-15.1	5,962	4,132	-30.7	24.9%	19.3%
Menominee	7.9	6.4	-1.5	983	774	-21.2	1,861	1,760	-5.4	15.5%	14.0%
Midland	8.1	6.6	-1.4	3,353	2,697	-19.6	5,900	5,701	-3.4	14.2%	13.8%
Missaukee	12.7	10.7	-2.0	758	605	-20.3	1,202	1,192	-0.8	18.5%	17.8%
Monroe	10.4	8.0	-2.4	7,333	5,477	-25.3	9,730	10,063	3.4	13.6%	13.8%
Montcalm	13.1	10.6	-2.4	3,408	2,665	-21.8	6,051	5,974	-1.3	21.4%	20.5%
Montmorency	18.7	15.7	-3.0	708	562	-20.5	1,112	1,073	-3.4	21.6%	20.9%
Muskegon	11.5	8.8	-2.7	9,513	7,138	-25.0	24,072	23,384	-2.9	26.9%	26.3%
Newaygo	11.5	8.7	-2.8	2,513	1,868	-25.7	5,033	5,103	1.4	23.1%	23.1%
Oakland	10.2	8.6	-1.7	60,877	50,206	-17.5	67,902	70,390	3.7	11.1%	11.3%
Oceana	13.3	11.3	-2.0	1,835	1,491	-18.7	2,738	2,734	-0.2	23.1%	23.7%
Ogemaw	11.7	9.7	-2.1	1,108	883	-20.3	2,740	2,870	4.7	26.0%	26.0%
Ontonagon	16.8	13.0	-3.8	505	360	-28.7	586	587	0.2	16.2%	15.6%
Osceola	12.6	9.9	-2.6	1,162	875	-24.7	2,323	2,279	-1.9	22.7%	21.2%
Oscoda	17.7	14.6	-3.1	645	505	-21.7	1,086	1,056	-2.8	23.7%	22.4%
Otsego	13.7	11.2	-2.5	1,528	1,195	-21.8	2,478	2,440	-1.6	21.7%	20.4%
Ottawa	9.3	6.9	-2.4	11,963	8,728	-27.0	14,388	11,543	-19.8	11.3%	9.6%
Presque Isle	16.1	13.8	-2.3	915	752	-17.7	994	1,025	3.1	14.1%	14.5%
Roscommon	13.2	11.3	-1.9	1,283	1,059	-17.5	3,108	3,074	-1.1	24.8%	24.0%
Saginaw	10.3	8.1	-2.2	9,395	7,350	-21.8	24,653	23,892	-3.1	24.2%	23.4%
Saint Clair	12.6	11.2	-1.5	9,879	8,619	-12.8	14,998	14,836	-1.1	18.4%	18.2%
Saint Joseph	11.1	8.8	-2.3	3,156	2,432	-23.0	5,869	5,912	0.7	21.4%	21.1%
Sanilac	12.6	9.9	-2.6	2,504	1,865	-25.5	4,117	3,840	-6.7	21.4%	19.2%
Schoolcraft	12.7	11.1	-1.6	488	416	-14.9	708	728	2.8	17.6%	17.1%
Shiawassee	11.2	9.2	-2.0	3,759	2,980	-20.7	6,190	5,946	-3.9	18.9%	17.9%
Tuscola	12.2	9.6	-2.6	3,207	2,419	-24.6	4,538	4,522	-0.3	18.7%	17.9%
Van Buren	11.2	9.2	-2.0	4,366	3,489	-20.1	7,737	7,690	-0.6	21.6%	21.8%
Washtenaw	6.9	5.4	-1.4	12,557	9,821	-21.8	23,823	21,264	-10.7	11.9%	11.1%
Wayne	12.6	11.2	-1.5	106,136	91,558	-13.7	266,882	272,862	2.2	27.7%	29.2%
Wexford	14.0	11.5	-2.5	1,891	1,472	-22.2	3,874	3,761	-2.9	26.0%	23.9%

FACT

It is tax filing season. Those who serve low-income populations should remind their clients that free tax assistance is available for those who need help, and I-CAN E-File is available free for those who wish to file their taxes electronically. See www.MichiganEIC.org for details.

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Family Independence Program (Cash Assistance)			Child Day Care				Medicaid						
Average Number of Families Receiving Cash Assistance Per Month ³			Percent of Population Receiving Assistance ¹		Average Number of Children Receiving Care Per Month		Average Payment Per Child		Average Number of Persons Eligible for Medicaid ONLY (Excludes FIP & SSI Recipients)			Percent of Population Eligible for Medicaid (Includes FIP & SSI Recipients) ¹	
Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	% change	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011	% change	Qtr 4 2010	Qtr 4 2011
136	88	-35.3	1.4%	0.9%	57	58	\$206	\$224	3,784	3,896	3.0	19.3%	19.2%
239	216	-9.8	0.9%	0.8%	229	243	\$211	\$221	8,331	8,219	-1.3	15.0%	14.7%
175	141	-19.3	1.5%	1.2%	276	267	\$246	\$255	5,175	5,237	1.2	22.1%	22.1%
174	178	1.9	1.1%	1.0%	157	162	\$228	\$252	7,208	7,156	-0.7	20.4%	20.3%
68	47	-30.4	0.7%	0.4%	85	58	\$250	\$210	3,713	3,659	-1.5	17.9%	17.5%
259	188	-27.5	0.8%	0.5%	300	309	\$254	\$246	10,556	10,627	0.7	15.2%	15.1%
59	63	7.3	1.1%	1.0%	79	65	\$219	\$266	2,733	2,769	1.3	21.2%	21.5%
903	623	-31.1	1.5%	1.0%	518	460	\$252	\$269	17,534	18,950	8.1	14.7%	15.1%
173	109	-37.0	0.7%	0.4%	167	199	\$257	\$247	11,748	11,779	0.3	21.8%	21.7%
53	32	-39.6	1.4%	0.8%	33	23	\$200	\$191	1,818	1,795	-1.2	23.4%	22.4%
3,435	2,581	-24.8	5.4%	3.8%	1,863	1,993	\$257	\$257	29,834	31,900	6.9	26.2%	25.8%
349	285	-18.3	1.8%	1.4%	215	210	\$282	\$276	9,782	9,910	1.3	24.7%	24.5%
4,817	4,073	-15.5	1.1%	0.9%	2,849	2,969	\$318	\$308	111,371	116,342	4.5	11.9%	12.2%
290	213	-26.6	3.1%	2.3%	159	173	\$242	\$252	6,061	6,371	5.1	28.5%	29.1%
178	174	-2.2	2.1%	2.1%	140	136	\$235	\$242	4,462	4,344	-2.6	26.2%	25.9%
25	21	-14.9	1.2%	0.9%	4	5	\$232	\$261	984	945	-4.0	17.9%	17.1%
113	101	-10.4	1.3%	1.1%	115	81	\$234	\$288	4,474	4,573	2.2	23.4%	23.9%
40	47	18.3	1.2%	1.4%	23	31	\$189	\$233	1,698	1,667	-1.8	23.9%	23.8%
118	106	-9.9	1.3%	1.1%	225	201	\$249	\$216	4,837	4,803	-0.7	23.2%	23.0%
487	407	-16.4	0.5%	0.4%	764	800	\$279	\$275	28,772	29,006	0.8	12.3%	12.3%
36	35	-1.9	0.6%	0.6%	22	26	\$208	\$249	1,764	1,831	3.8	16.3%	17.0%
184	152	-17.2	1.8%	1.6%	101	103	\$193	\$206	4,621	4,638	0.4	24.0%	24.0%
2,585	2,029	-21.5	3.5%	2.5%	2,398	2,138	\$266	\$267	32,712	33,578	2.6	23.8%	23.4%
1,103	808	-26.7	1.8%	1.3%	660	757	\$233	\$243	25,961	26,504	2.1	19.5%	19.5%
385	260	-32.5	1.6%	1.0%	352	356	\$292	\$283	13,033	13,557	4.0	24.9%	25.1%
237	221	-6.6	1.4%	1.3%	185	200	\$239	\$238	8,322	7,866	-5.5	22.7%	21.6%
37	44	17.0	1.2%	1.2%	24	26	\$160	\$143	1,368	1,363	-0.4	20.1%	20.1%
511	453	-11.5	1.9%	1.6%	291	316	\$247	\$239	10,907	10,938	0.3	19.4%	19.4%
355	289	-18.5	1.6%	1.3%	259	243	\$240	\$242	9,657	9,639	-0.2	21.0%	20.8%
544	389	-28.5	1.7%	1.2%	318	353	\$264	\$267	15,793	16,075	1.8	25.1%	25.0%
1,215	1,011	-16.8	0.9%	0.7%	1,216	1,237	\$309	\$296	31,177	31,994	2.6	11.3%	11.5%
33,319	23,269	-30.2	4.9%	3.2%	14,908	13,347	\$314	\$302	340,116	367,358	8.0	27.9%	27.7%
232	183	-21.2	1.8%	1.4%	203	190	\$262	\$251	6,768	6,860	1.4	25.6%	25.6%

FACT

The Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit is still 20 percent of the federal credit for Tax Year 2011 income taxes, so qualifying filers should be sure to claim the credit. The cut in this tax credit does not go into effect until Tax Year 2012.

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³ 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 2010 Qtr 4	Avg 2011 Qtr 4	% Change	Industry	Avg 2010 Qtr 4	Avg 2011 Qtr 4	% Change
TOTAL NONFARM	3,935,400	3,994,567	1.5	•Retail Trade	458,167	454,633	-0.8
Natural Resources and Mining	7,267	7,500	3.2	Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	51,600	53,767	4.2
Construction	128,100	127,100	-0.8	Building Material and Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	38,833	39,267	1.1
Construction of Buildings	27,700	26,267	-5.2	Food and Beverage Stores	75,033	72,267	-3.7
Heavy and Civil Engineering	15,467	14,200	-8.2	Health and Personal Care	31,267	30,667	-1.9
Specialty Trade Contractors	84,933	86,633	2.0	Gasoline Stations	24,267	23,933	-1.4
Manufacturing	490,600	517,133	5.4	Clothing and Clothing Accessories	38,267	31,633	-17.3
•Durable Goods	363,967	383,800	5.4	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	21,433	21,567	0.6
Nonmetallic Mineral Products	11,067	10,700	-3.3	General Merchandise Stores	116,533	114,833	-1.5
Primary Metal Manufacturing	19,000	20,467	7.7	Miscellaneous Store Retail	23,267	23,200	-0.3
Fabricated Metal Product	67,900	71,467	5.3	•Transportation & Warehousing & Utilities	116,933	119,767	2.4
Metalworking Machinery Manuf.	30,067	33,300	10.8	Air Transportation	14,300	14,533	1.6
Computer and Electronic Products	17,100	17,933	4.9	Rail Transportation	4,000	3,900	-2.5
Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	35,367	38,200	8.0	Truck Transportation	36,000	36,967	2.7
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	89,800	96,800	7.8	Warehousing and Storage	12,533	12,900	2.9
Furniture and Related Products	19,200	19,433	1.2	Information	54,067	53,833	-0.4
•Non-Durable Goods	126,633	133,333	5.3	Publishing Industries	16,167	15,900	-1.6
Food Manufacturing	34,633	34,833	0.6	Telecommunications	20,267	18,967	-6.4
Printing and Related Support Activities	14,267	14,200	-0.5	Financial Activities	189,867	194,600	2.5
Chemical Manufacturing	25,933	26,933	3.9	Finance and Insurance	141,600	144,900	2.3
Plastics and Rubber Products	30,567	32,500	6.3	Real Estate	34,700	36,000	3.7
Trade Transportation & Utilities	727,400	733,367	0.8	Professional & Business Services	537,167	563,033	4.8
•Wholesale Trade	152,300	158,967	4.4	Legal Services	27,500	28,133	2.3
Merchant Wholesalers Durable Goods	82,667	87,467	5.8	Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	24,867	27,267	9.7
Merchant Wholesalers Nondurable Goods	44,967	47,367	5.3	Architectural Engineering	59,833	62,433	4.3
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	24,667	24,133	-2.2				

Note: Industry details and subtotals may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: DLEG/Office of Labor Market Information, Current Employment Statistics Section - (800) 225-3732

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Industry	Avg 2010 Qtr 4	Avg 2011 Qtr 4	% Change	Industry	Avg 2010 Qtr 4	Avg 2011 Qtr 4	% Change
Computer Systems Design	38,567	40,300	4.5	Government	644,733	631,533	-2.0
Management, Scientific and Technical Consulting Services	22,200	23,700	6.8	• Federal Government	53,800	52,733	-2.0
Scientific Research and Development Services	19,067	19,400	1.7	U.S. Postal Service	22,467	21,500	-4.3
Advertising and Related Management of Companies	12,767	13,000	1.8	• State Government	187,100	181,633	-2.9
Administrative & Support Services	51,867	53,700	3.5	State Government Educational Services	118,133	116,700	-1.2
Employment Services	259,100	273,300	5.5	• Local Government	403,833	397,167	-1.7
Educational and Health Services	620,500	632,767	2.0	Local Government Educational Services	226,900	222,200	-2.1
• Educational Services (see also Government)	79,200	83,067	4.9	Local Government Elementary and Secondary Schools	198,100	191,933	-3.1
• Health Care & Social Assistance	541,300	549,700	1.6	Local Government Junior Colleges	28,800	30,267	5.1
Ambulatory Health Care Services	187,900	191,400	1.9				
Offices of Physicians	71,067	70,733	-0.5				
Outpatient Care Centers	16,767	17,133	2.2				
Home Health Care Service	35,600	36,233	1.8				
Hospitals	221,133	223,333	1.0				
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	99,067	100,633	1.6				
Social Assistance	63,233	64,900	2.6				
Individual and Family Services	27,900	28,300	1.4				
Leisure and Hospitality	369,667	365,267	-1.2				
Performing Arts Spectator Activities	8,433	8,167	-3.2				
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation	32,367	33,633	3.9				
Accommodations	37,733	33,567	-11.0				
Food Services and Drinking	287,533	288,467	0.3				
Other Services	166,033	168,433	1.4				
Repair and Maintenance	34,800	36,167	3.9				
Personal and Laundry Services	36,767	37,267	1.4				
Religious Grantmaking Civic Professional	94,467	95,000	0.6				

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**Percentage Change in Michigan Counties With Largest Changes
 Fourth Quarter 2010 — Fourth Quarter 2011**

Percentage Point Change in Unemployment Rate		Percent Change in Food Assistance Households		Percent Change in FIP Cash Assistance Families	
Baraga	-4.0	Isabella	-48.7	Cass	-45.8
Ontonagon	-3.8	Mecosta	-30.7	Lapeer	-42.3
Alcona	-3.8	Ottawa	-19.8	Montmorency	-39.6
Oscoda	-3.1	Marquette	-19.3	Delta	-39.4
Montmorency	-3.0	Houghton	-18.6	Gogebic	-37.6
Lenawee	-3.0	Clinton	-16.4	Dickinson	-37.5
Hillsdale	-2.9	Kalamazoo	-15.6	Montcalm	-37.0
Newaygo	-2.8	Ingham	-15.5	Manistee	-35.3
Antrim	-2.7	Washtenaw	-10.7	St. Joseph	-32.5
Muskegon	-2.7	Leelanau	-10.6	Gratiot	-32.4

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

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