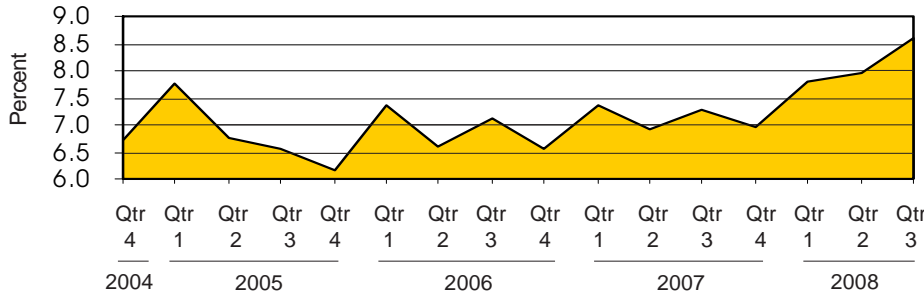




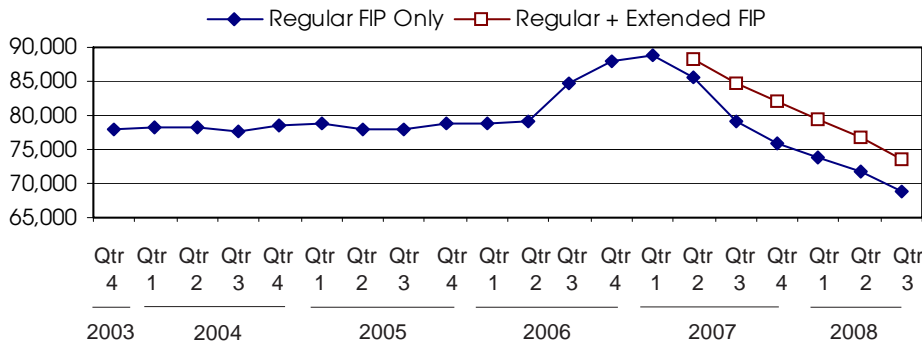
Michigan's Unemployment Rate  
Over the Past Four Years  
(not seasonally adjusted)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



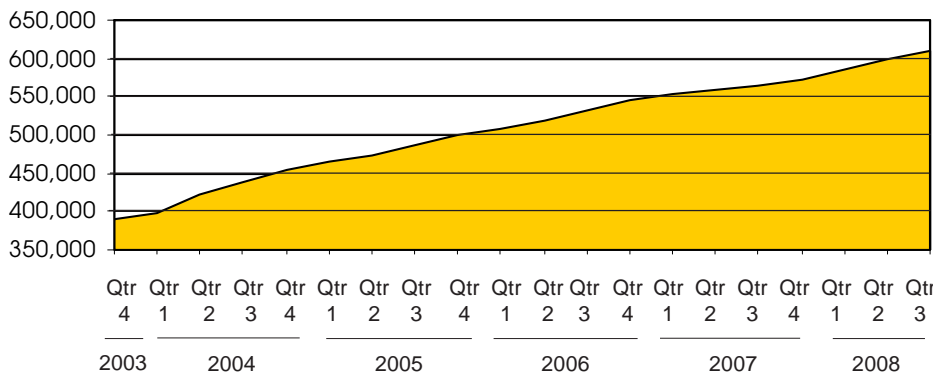
Family Independence Program Cases in Michigan  
Over the Past Five Years



Source: Michigan Department of Human Services



Food Assistance Households Over the Past Five Years



Source: Michigan Department of Human Services


Cash assistance caseload continues to fall despite record high unemployment.

### Unemployment

Unemployment stayed high in Michigan in the third quarter of 2008, with 9.1 in July (the highest since July 1992) followed by 8.4 and 8.3 the following two months, respectively. The largest occupational decreases were in the building construction, motor vehicle and vehicle parts industries, while many occupations in the educational and health services sector saw an increase in the number of jobs.

### Public Assistance

In September 2008, Food Assistance cases reached nearly 615,000 cases, an all-time high. However, Family Independence Program (FIP) cash assistance cases fell below 70,000 for the first time in several years, despite Michigan's record high unemployment. While Food Assistance is helping many families, the continuing decline of the FIP caseload suggests that a high number of households are experiencing serious hardship and not getting the help they need. Currently, a family cannot receive FIP unless their income is more than 40 percent below the poverty level. Michigan recently held a statewide summit aimed at addressing poverty; a good first step would be to assess the effectiveness of its cash assistance program and to modify its policies accordingly.

 Prepared by: Michigan League for Human Services	Unemployment (data not seasonally adjusted)						Food Assistance Program					
	Unemployment Rate			Number Unemployed			Total Number of Applications			Average Number of Households Receiving Food Assistance Per Month		
	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	+/- points	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change
<b>Michigan<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>367,812</b>	<b>429,712</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>166,020</b>	<b>180,172</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>564,320</b>	<b>609,824</b>	<b>8.1</b>
Alcona	8.7	10.7	2.0	392	482	22.9	110	147	33.6	558	608	9.0
Alger	7.1	8.4	1.3	328	381	16.2	72	91	26.4	361	395	9.6
Allegan	6.0	7.7	1.7	3,432	4,329	26.1	1,500	1,442	-3.9	4,334	4,668	7.7
Alpena	8.0	9.7	1.7	1,186	1,417	19.5	539	574	6.5	2,268	2,437	7.4
Antrim	6.8	8.6	1.7	859	1,076	25.3	310	308	-0.6	991	1,077	8.6
Arenac	8.7	10.1	1.4	699	778	11.4	281	211	-24.9	1,159	1,316	13.5
Baraga	11.9	12.6	0.7	523	554	5.9	166	119	-28.3	475	486	2.3
Barry	5.2	6.8	1.6	1,634	2,091	28.0	729	758	4.0	2,373	2,608	9.9
Bay	6.6	8.0	1.4	3,664	4,366	19.1	1,502	1,847	23.0	7,027	7,418	5.6
Benzie	6.2	7.7	1.5	594	721	21.5	209	262	25.4	697	790	13.3
Berrien	6.6	8.6	2.0	5,403	6,982	29.2	3,100	3,505	13.1	10,390	11,221	8.0
Branch	7.2	9.4	2.3	1,607	2,104	30.9	745	820	10.1	2,366	2,589	9.4
Calhoun	7.0	8.3	1.4	4,907	5,717	16.5	3,023	3,322	9.9	10,807	11,771	8.9
Cass	5.4	6.7	1.3	1,500	1,813	20.9	772	939	21.6	2,731	3,030	10.9
Charlevoix	7.2	9.0	1.8	1,087	1,347	23.9	264	288	9.1	856	967	13.0
Cheboygan	5.4	6.8	1.4	750	932	24.3	417	504	20.9	1,622	1,742	7.4
Chippewa	7.3	8.9	1.6	1,314	1,566	19.2	507	617	21.7	1,822	1,927	5.8
Clare	10.1	12.0	1.8	1,340	1,531	14.2	599	665	11.0	2,879	3,065	6.5
Clinton	5.5	6.3	0.8	2,083	2,302	10.5	555	718	29.4	1,849	2,081	12.5
Crawford	7.1	9.3	2.2	493	634	28.6	311	316	1.6	887	1,005	13.3
Delta	6.9	7.9	1.0	1,397	1,606	15.0	546	587	7.5	2,205	2,388	8.3
Dickinson	5.6	7.2	1.6	829	1,054	27.2	325	338	4.0	1,149	1,235	7.5
Eaton	5.4	6.6	1.3	3,148	3,794	20.5	1,374	1,442	4.9	3,934	3,940	0.2
Emmet	6.5	7.9	1.4	1,359	1,656	21.9	392	494	26.0	1,372	1,544	12.5
Genesee	8.5	11.2	2.7	17,689	22,332	26.3	11,245	11,651	3.6	36,955	39,248	6.2
Gladwin	9.6	11.6	2.0	1,034	1,207	16.8	393	388	-1.3	1,813	1,938	6.9
Gogebic	7.4	8.9	1.5	570	682	19.6	235	265	12.8	1,135	1,188	4.7
Gr. Traverse	5.7	7.1	1.4	2,940	3,606	22.6	1,300	1,486	14.3	3,810	4,346	14.1
Gratiot	8.5	10.3	1.8	1,698	1,981	16.6	597	643	7.7	2,219	2,380	7.3
Hillsdale	9.0	11.3	2.3	1,973	2,463	24.8	622	675	8.5	2,304	2,535	10.0
Houghton	6.5	7.5	1.0	1,157	1,319	14.0	405	417	3.0	1,793	1,908	6.4
Huron	7.6	9.6	2.1	1,275	1,583	24.2	294	299	1.7	1,734	1,857	7.1
Ingham	6.6	7.8	1.2	10,063	11,618	15.5	5,214	5,946	14.0	17,334	19,060	10.0
Ionia	7.6	9.0	1.4	2,407	2,804	16.5	891	977	9.7	3,063	3,297	7.6
Iosco	8.6	9.7	1.1	991	1,104	11.4	475	456	-4.0	2,023	2,108	4.2
Iron	6.2	8.1	1.9	377	485	28.6	153	168	9.8	631	701	11.1
Isabella	5.2	6.4	1.2	2,071	2,501	20.8	1,889	3,046	61.2	3,830	4,817	25.8
Jackson	7.7	9.4	1.7	5,977	7,093	18.7	2,837	3,005	5.9	9,092	9,522	4.7
Kalamazoo	5.5	7.2	1.6	7,490	9,571	27.8	4,378	4,931	12.6	15,055	16,464	9.4
Kalkaska	7.3	8.3	1.0	676	753	11.4	310	335	8.1	1,111	1,197	7.7
Kent	6.0	7.4	1.4	19,635	24,039	22.4	10,785	11,404	5.7	31,961	33,897	6.1
Keweenaw	8.5	9.1	0.6	90	95	5.6	14	14	0.0	84	95	13.5
Lake	10.3	12.3	2.0	430	500	16.4	276	265	-4.0	1,145	1,248	8.9
Lapeer	7.8	8.9	1.1	3,482	3,989	14.6	842	998	18.5	2,882	3,374	17.1
Leelanau	4.5	5.6	1.1	549	667	21.5	129	132	2.3	386	422	9.5
Lenawee	7.9	10.6	2.8	3,982	5,267	32.3	1,378	1,470	6.7	4,136	4,835	16.9
Livingston	5.7	6.5	0.8	5,403	6,111	13.1	1,136	1,388	22.2	2,908	3,513	20.8
Luce	8.9	8.9	0.0	252	249	-1.1	92	112	21.7	436	448	2.8
Mackinac	3.6	4.7	1.1	283	361	27.7	89	155	74.2	347	421	21.5
Macomb	7.8	8.8	1.0	32,744	37,094	13.3	9,180	10,613	15.6	30,353	33,059	8.9

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Family Independence Program (Cash Assistance)									Medicaid							
Total Number of Applications			Average Number of Families Receiving Cash Assistance Per Month (Excluding E-FIP)			Percent of Cases Without Earned Income, Out of Total Cases Expected to Work			Total Number of Applications			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 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008		Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008
<b>49,533</b>	<b>50,518</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>84,635</b>	<b>68,876</b>	<b>-18.6</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>58%</b>		<b>170,799</b>	<b>191,483</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>1,086,641</b>	<b>1,152,491</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
27	30	11.1	33	17	-48.5	41%	38%		223	257	15.2	1,333	1,290	-3.2	14.3%	13.7%
31	33	6.5	33	18	-43.9	30%	80%		175	182	4.0	1,104	1,122	1.6	14.2%	14.0%
470	440	-6.4	443	335	-24.2	30%	39%		2,110	2,160	2.4	12,648	13,301	5.2	13.6%	13.9%
163	137	-16.0	196	175	-10.7	36%	26%		618	722	16.8	4,535	4,482	-1.2	20.0%	20.0%
82	82	0.0	65	44	-32.5	0%	0%		410	437	6.6	3,227	3,216	-0.4	15.6%	15.4%
80	64	-20.0	86	81	-5.8	24%	34%		325	362	11.4	2,532	2,536	0.1	19.4%	19.9%
42	49	16.7	50	41	-18.0	66%	76%		140	143	2.1	1,102	1,161	5.4	16.3%	17.0%
227	252	11.0	254	192	-24.4	34%	36%		879	942	7.2	5,913	5,925	0.2	12.3%	12.1%
483	536	11.0	792	630	-20.4	40%	42%		1,719	1,876	9.1	12,940	13,525	4.5	16.2%	16.5%
79	71	-10.1	59	29	-50.6	24%	28%		336	360	7.1	2,164	2,196	1.5	14.6%	14.6%
1,110	1,068	-3.8	1,413	1,193	-15.6	41%	62%		3,744	4,085	9.1	21,021	21,609	2.8	18.4%	18.5%
261	305	16.9	332	224	-32.5	31%	41%		997	1,056	5.9	6,027	6,334	5.1	16.7%	17.0%
1,020	1,246	22.2	1,860	1,445	-22.3	55%	*		3,186	3,509	10.1	17,767	19,052	7.2	19.4%	19.9%
238	303	27.3	327	267	-18.4	46%	50%		878	1,143	30.2	6,626	6,998	5.6	16.7%	17.2%
99	92	-7.1	48	49	0.7	*	*		342	342	0.0	2,860	2,904	1.5	12.4%	12.6%
136	136	0.0	145	78	-46.3	20%	11%		611	652	6.7	4,194	4,435	5.7	18.9%	19.5%
153	153	0.0	194	150	-22.6	33%	44%		809	902	11.5	4,402	4,449	1.1	14.8%	14.6%
216	235	8.8	333	238	-28.5	66%	55%		936	903	-3.5	5,334	5,348	0.3	23.6%	23.3%
156	168	7.7	136	98	-28.2	30%	26%		657	774	17.8	4,597	4,962	7.9	8.0%	8.4%
93	89	-4.3	90	63	-30.4	15%	27%		350	367	4.9	2,086	2,136	2.4	18.0%	18.1%
145	174	20.0	168	131	-21.8	31%	34%		699	825	18.0	5,013	5,080	1.3	16.7%	16.9%
97	110	13.4	60	40	-33.0	26%	21%		508	486	-4.3	3,601	3,566	-1.0	15.6%	15.3%
418	357	-14.6	443	228	-48.5	41%	39%		1,430	1,688	18.0	9,242	9,167	-0.8	10.9%	10.3%
93	112	20.4	66	49	-25.3	15%	25%		564	621	10.1	4,308	4,504	4.6	14.8%	15.4%
3,687	3,677	-0.3	6,745	5,618	-16.7	61%	65%		10,999	12,520	13.8	56,450	60,355	6.9	20.1%	20.6%
164	151	-7.9	174	152	-12.3	34%	43%		521	560	7.5	3,708	3,866	4.3	18.0%	18.8%
65	70	7.7	165	148	-9.9	76%	71%		334	339	1.5	2,215	2,222	0.3	18.5%	18.4%
351	361	2.8	188	138	-26.5	23%	35%		1,695	1,843	8.7	9,908	10,625	7.2	13.7%	14.3%
229	227	-0.9	271	181	-33.1	31%	35%		906	988	9.1	5,701	6,047	6.1	17.4%	17.7%
243	254	4.5	249	203	-18.6	28%	41%		832	935	12.4	5,672	6,013	6.0	15.7%	16.4%
78	65	-16.7	111	75	-32.7	44%	79%		481	499	3.7	4,677	4,726	1.0	15.8%	15.7%
79	55	-30.4	133	105	-21.1	33%	45%		481	551	14.6	4,619	4,638	0.4	16.8%	16.8%
1,429	1,491	4.3	1,855	1,234	-33.5	42%	43%		4,998	5,088	1.8	29,885	31,830	6.5	14.6%	14.8%
314	328	4.5	263	205	-22.2	39%	47%		1,006	1,114	10.7	7,157	7,616	6.4	13.8%	14.4%
140	151	7.9	157	130	-17.0	22%	42%		780	738	-5.4	4,010	4,177	4.2	19.0%	19.8%
52	50	-3.8	69	35	-48.5	38%	30%		307	333	8.5	1,876	1,975	5.2	19.1%	19.3%
283	244	-13.8	329	205	-37.8	38%	36%		1,042	1,171	12.4	6,920	7,230	4.5	13.4%	13.4%
853	860	0.8	1,133	882	-22.2	54%	56%		2,987	3,405	14.0	18,304	18,986	3.7	15.2%	15.3%
1,320	1,374	4.1	2,031	1,567	-22.9	47%	47%		4,286	4,449	3.8	25,108	26,635	6.1	14.6%	14.8%
116	107	-7.8	85	48	-43.1	27%	17%		372	448	20.4	2,904	3,043	4.8	20.4%	20.8%
3,023	3,113	3.0	4,559	3,715	-18.5	51%	51%		10,115	11,630	15.0	68,684	72,296	5.3	15.4%	15.7%
3	1	-66.7	4	4	0.0	100%	0%		30	24	-20.0	224	224	0.3	12.6%	12.8%
79	78	-1.3	110	78	-29.6	42%	47%		306	324	5.9	1,838	1,972	7.3	23.7%	24.4%
330	313	-5.2	324	239	-26.4	45%	57%		1,157	1,389	20.1	8,334	9,236	10.8	11.0%	11.8%
34	24	-29.4	17	11	-32.0	*	*		195	229	17.4	1,358	1,359	0.1	6.9%	6.8%
446	409	-8.3	481	327	-32.1	17%	30%		1,564	1,855	18.6	10,483	11,579	10.5	13.1%	13.9%
327	411	25.7	228	198	-12.9	18%	40%		1,362	1,634	20.0	8,971	9,751	8.7	5.6%	6.0%
41	31	-24.4	39	30	-23.7	60%	55%		194	197	1.5	1,021	1,030	0.8	20.3%	20.3%
32	45	40.6	29	26	-10.2	6%	11%		196	234	19.4	1,238	1,227	-0.9	13.5%	13.6%
<b>2,607</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>2,869</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>60%</b>		<b>9,208</b>	<b>11,375</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>71,376</b>	<b>78,560</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>

<sup>1</sup>In some cases the Michigan number is slightly different from the county total.

<sup>2</sup>Population figures based on U.S. Census Bureau county estimates from July of the previous year

\*Data is unavailable or cannot be calculated.

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	Unemployment Rate			Number Unemployed			Total Number of Applications			Average Number of Households Receiving Food Assistance Per Month		
	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	+/- points	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change
Manistee	7.2	8.4	1.2	903	1,019	12.9	419	408	-2.6	1,517	1,624	7.0
Marquette	5.6	6.8	1.2	2,030	2,433	19.9	682	860	26.1	3,011	3,301	9.6
Mason	6.5	7.8	1.3	1,013	1,197	18.2	421	504	19.7	1,783	1,873	5.0
Mecosta	7.2	9.0	1.8	1,432	1,771	23.6	1,117	1,396	25.0	3,334	3,753	12.6
Menominee	5.6	6.7	1.1	755	910	20.5	281	292	3.9	1,182	1,283	8.5
Midland	5.5	6.7	1.2	2,374	2,850	20.1	961	1,102	14.7	3,778	4,031	6.7
Missaukee	7.7	10.5	2.8	510	684	34.1	187	235	25.7	739	777	5.1
Monroe	7.0	10.1	3.1	5,377	7,696	43.1	1,609	1,926	19.7	5,427	6,161	13.5
Montcalm	11.2	12.3	1.1	3,038	3,326	9.5	903	1,072	18.7	3,660	4,055	10.8
Montmorency	11.0	11.9	0.9	469	494	5.3	113	149	31.9	754	803	6.6
Muskegon	7.4	9.4	2.0	6,774	8,524	25.8	4,073	4,252	4.4	15,689	17,188	9.6
Newaygo	7.7	9.3	1.6	1,823	2,184	19.8	795	837	5.3	2,870	3,139	9.4
Oakland	6.5	7.0	0.4	41,005	43,599	6.3	11,154	11,651	4.5	32,528	35,397	8.8
Oceana	6.8	9.4	2.6	1,053	1,428	35.6	536	503	-6.2	1,891	2,069	9.4
Ogemaw	7.2	8.6	1.3	718	826	15.1	340	337	-0.9	2,035	2,129	4.7
Ontonagon	7.3	8.0	0.7	255	279	9.3	69	82	18.8	406	420	3.5
Osceola	7.8	9.7	1.9	787	951	20.7	292	308	5.5	1,489	1,572	5.6
Oscoda	9.0	12.2	3.2	384	531	38.3	176	181	2.8	731	797	9.1
Otsego	8.1	9.2	1.1	1,046	1,174	12.2	389	412	5.9	1,476	1,635	10.8
Ottawa	5.7	7.4	1.7	7,756	9,925	28.0	2,221	2,587	16.5	6,004	6,802	13.3
Presque Isle	9.6	11.1	1.4	613	685	11.7	120	151	25.8	615	689	12.1
Roscommon	8.3	11.0	2.7	897	1,139	27.0	411	424	3.2	2,111	2,326	10.2
Saginaw	7.2	9.0	1.7	6,995	8,404	20.1	4,260	4,476	5.1	16,227	17,160	5.7
Saint Clair	9.1	9.9	0.8	7,670	8,401	9.5	2,699	2,982	10.5	9,275	10,184	9.8
Saint Joseph	6.5	10.0	3.5	2,091	3,250	55.4	1,095	1,270	16.0	3,374	3,838	13.7
Sanilac	8.6	11.8	3.2	1,880	2,538	35.0	586	628	7.2	2,735	3,031	10.8
Schoolcraft	8.6	9.8	1.2	352	397	12.8	90	117	30.0	542	563	3.9
Shiawassee	8.2	10.5	2.3	2,964	3,677	24.1	1,043	1,215	16.5	3,785	4,275	13.0
Tuscola	8.1	10.9	2.8	2,329	3,033	30.2	654	765	17.0	2,764	3,050	10.3
Van Buren	6.1	8.1	1.9	2,530	3,283	29.8	1,828	1,780	-2.6	5,056	5,414	7.1
Washtenaw	5.1	6.6	1.5	9,672	12,168	25.8	4,243	5,219	23.0	12,138	13,215	8.9
Wayne	9.5	10.3	0.9	83,298	90,391	8.5	48,091	49,710	3.4	169,188	180,322	6.6
Wexford	8.5	12.5	4.0	1,254	1,838	46.6	655	788	20.3	2,554	2,756	7.9

**FACT**

Low- and middle-income taxpayers should remember to file for the earned income and child tax credits when they do their taxes. In the 2006 tax year, 677,276 Michigan residents got a refund through the federal earned income credit.

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Family Independence Program (Cash Assistance)									Medicaid							
Total Number of Applications			Average Number of Families Receiving Cash Assistance Per Month (Excluding E-FIP)			Percent of Cases Without Earned Income, Out of Total Cases Expected to Work			Total Number of Applications			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 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008		Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008	% change	Qtr 3 2007	Qtr 3 2008
143	134	-6.3	127	116	-8.6	40%	35%		457	489	7.0	3,149	3,089	-1.9	16.1%	16.2%
127	131	3.1	218	174	-20.3	51%	53%		874	1,081	23.7	6,770	6,812	0.6	12.8%	12.7%
158	159	0.6	209	134	-35.9	27%	21%		572	608	6.3	3,980	4,185	5.1	17.8%	18.1%
194	193	-0.5	208	191	-8.3	44%	59%		855	872	2.0	5,822	6,123	5.2	17.4%	18.2%
85	81	-4.7	74	63	-15.3	31%	50%		441	466	5.7	2,940	3,002	2.1	14.4%	14.5%
307	316	2.9	384	240	-37.6	34%	44%		1,114	1,373	23.2	8,635	8,910	3.2	13.2%	13.1%
74	63	-14.9	60	38	-36.7	*	*		274	307	12.0	1,932	1,965	1.7	15.2%	15.0%
562	563	0.2	708	608	-14.0	39%	33%		1,877	2,305	22.8	12,458	13,223	6.1	10.7%	11.1%
334	355	6.3	325	198	-39.2	52%	47%		1,272	1,367	7.5	8,786	9,601	9.3	17.5%	18.5%
38	44	15.8	46	34	-25.4	6%	8%		227	241	6.2	1,618	1,709	5.6	19.4%	20.2%
1,395	1,451	4.0	3,022	2,579	-14.7	60%	63%		3,888	4,222	8.6	23,334	24,980	7.1	21.2%	21.7%
235	258	9.8	301	211	-29.8	36%	42%		1,059	1,129	6.6	7,038	7,395	5.1	18.3%	18.6%
3,204	3,286	2.6	4,105	3,045	-25.8	47%	50%		11,422	12,495	9.4	72,326	79,012	9.2	8.1%	8.5%
135	152	12.6	319	214	-32.7	40%	48%		728	744	2.2	5,276	5,468	3.7	24.4%	24.5%
119	97	-18.5	203	123	-39.3	32%	20%		529	505	-4.5	3,779	4,023	6.5	23.2%	23.7%
27	20	-25.9	24	21	-11.3	13%	61%		130	121	-6.9	977	924	-5.4	16.9%	16.4%
110	98	-10.9	124	96	-22.6	*	*		424	489	15.3	3,242	3,345	3.2	18.0%	18.2%
63	52	-17.5	60	48	-20.0	9%	18%		278	272	-2.2	1,448	1,502	3.7	20.8%	21.3%
122	113	-7.4	123	111	-9.7	40%	22%		465	522	12.3	3,865	3,865	0.0	18.7%	18.8%
527	648	23.0	498	454	-8.8	34%	51%		2,647	2,927	10.6	19,311	20,476	6.0	8.8%	9.1%
50	40	-20.0	37	30	-20.5	31%	15%		190	207	8.9	1,588	1,578	-0.6	14.0%	13.9%
150	126	-16.0	153	127	-17.0	27%	33%		566	517	-8.7	3,998	4,117	3.0	19.8%	20.2%
1,538	1,500	-2.5	2,665	2,372	-11.0	48%	57%		4,401	4,819	9.5	25,574	27,105	6.0	19.5%	20.3%
852	869	2.0	1,227	865	-29.5	48%	45%		3,229	3,579	10.8	18,657	20,060	7.5	14.4%	14.8%
376	457	21.5	392	373	-4.7	42%	46%		1,376	1,571	14.2	9,148	9,994	9.3	18.1%	19.4%
195	144	-26.2	175	157	-10.3	55%	54%		854	1,014	18.7	6,773	6,809	0.5	18.2%	18.3%
34	38	11.8	47	30	-35.5	37%	29%		147	202	37.4	1,303	1,312	0.7	19.1%	19.3%
367	392	6.8	377	312	-17.2	44%	34%		1,228	1,496	21.8	8,874	9,428	6.2	15.3%	16.2%
155	158	1.9	303	246	-18.8	39%	37%		973	1,185	21.8	7,541	7,951	5.4	16.5%	17.0%
453	467	3.1	616	403	-34.6	38%	51%		2,292	2,386	4.1	12,304	12,986	5.5	20.2%	20.5%
1,032	1,121	8.6	1,408	1,046	-25.7	50%	44%		3,822	4,270	11.7	21,601	22,921	6.1	8.4%	8.6%
13,888	13,851	-0.3	35,244	29,787	-15.5	68%	63%		42,354	47,935	13.2	259,895	276,140	6.3	21.5%	22.0%
240	251	4.6	276	190	-31.4	43%	36%		834	1,101	32.0	5,480	5,962	8.8	22.2%	23.2%

**FACT**

Low-income tax filers should avoid using paid tax services and taking out rapid anticipation loans for a quick refund on their taxes. Instead, they can file online for free using the ICAN! EIC program at [www.michiganeic.org](http://www.michiganeic.org), or they can call 2-1-1 (or 1-800-552-1183) to find out about free tax preparation services in their communities.

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<sup>2</sup>Population figures based on U.S. Census Bureau county estimates from July of the previous year

\*Data is unavailable or cannot be calculated.

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 2007 Qtr 3	Avg 2008 Qtr 3	% Change	Industry	Avg 2007 Qtr 3	Avg 2008 Qtr 3	% Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>4,249,400</b>	<b>4,180,900</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	23,500	22,600	-3.8
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>3,637,500</b>	<b>3,577,200</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>•Retail Trade</b>	<b>490,900</b>	<b>482,200</b>	<b>-1.8</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>797,300</b>	<b>747,900</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	57,000	55,600	-2.5
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>3,452,200</b>	<b>3,433,000</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	Building Material and Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	45,200	43,100	-4.6
<b>Natural Resources and Mining</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	Food and Beverage Stores	83,800	81,600	-2.6
<b>Construction</b>	<b>179,700</b>	<b>164,200</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	Health and Personal Care	33,500	33,500	0.0
Construction of Buildings	40,400	35,700	-11.6	Gasoline Stations	24,900	24,200	-2.8
Heavy and Civil Engineering	20,200	18,700	-7.4	Clothing and Clothing Accessories	40,600	40,500	-0.2
Specialty Trade Contractors	119,100	109,800	-7.8	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	22,800	22,000	-3.5
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>609,600</b>	<b>576,100</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	General Merchandise Stores	110,100	110,800	0.6
<b>•Durable Goods</b>	<b>466,400</b>	<b>437,800</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	Miscellaneous Store Retail	27,200	25,900	-4.8
Nonmetallic Mineral Products	14,200	13,000	-8.5	<b>•Transportation &amp; Warehousing &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>129,600</b>	<b>130,200</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Primary Metal Manufacturing	24,400	23,600	-3.3	Air Transportation	14,300	14,800	3.5
Fabricated Metal Product	79,600	77,900	-2.1	Rail Transportation	4,600	4,600	0.0
Machinery Manufacturing	69,900	67,400	-3.6	Truck Transportation	41,300	40,900	-1.0
Computer and Electronic Products	21,500	21,500	0.0	Warehousing and Storage	13,600	12,700	-6.6
Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	56,700	47,500	-16.2	<b>Information</b>	<b>65,800</b>	<b>63,600</b>	<b>-3.3</b>
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	126,400	105,500	-16.5	Publishing Industries	22,700	21,900	-3.5
Furniture and Related Products	25,300	24,900	-1.6	Telecommunications	23,000	23,200	0.9
<b>•Non-Durable Goods</b>	<b>143,200</b>	<b>138,300</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>212,500</b>	<b>207,900</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
Food Manufacturing	35,200	35,800	1.7	Finance and Insurance	157,500	154,000	-2.2
Printing and Related Support Activities	17,500	17,000	-2.9	Real Estate	38,000	36,700	-3.4
Chemical Manufacturing	27,900	26,900	-3.6	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>576,100</b>	<b>575,900</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Plastics and Rubber Products	38,300	36,300	-5.2	Legal Services	29,200	29,300	0.3
<b>Trade Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>790,900</b>	<b>780,200</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	26,600	26,600	0.0
<b>•Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>170,400</b>	<b>167,800</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	Architectural Engineering	66,100	63,900	-3.3
Merchant Wholesalers Durable Goods	97,800	97,300	-0.5				
Merchant Wholesalers Nondurable Goods	49,000	47,900	-2.2				

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Industry	Avg 2007 Qtr 3	Avg 2008 Qtr 3	% Change	Industry	Avg 2007 Qtr 3	Avg 2008 Qtr 3	% Change
Computer Systems Design	39,900	40,400	1.3	<b>Government</b>	<b>612,000</b>	<b>603,700</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
Management, Scientific and Technical Consulting Services	19,400	19,700	1.5	•Federal Government	<b>53,800</b>	<b>53,900</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Scientific Research and Development Services	21,600	20,700	-4.2	U.S. Postal Service	26,600	26,000	-2.3
Advertising and Related	15,100	15,200	0.7	•State Government	<b>161,700</b>	<b>165,200</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Management of Companies	57,100	55,100	-3.5	State Government Educational Services	91,700	94,900	3.5
Administrative & Support Services	278,000	281,400	1.2	State Government Hospital Services	16,100	16,800	4.3
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	<b>590,400</b>	<b>600,800</b>	<b>1.8</b>	•Local Government	<b>396,500</b>	<b>384,600</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
•Educational Services (see also Government)	<b>71,500</b>	<b>73,400</b>	<b>2.7</b>	Local Government Educational Services	206,500	197,300	-4.5
•Health Care & Social Assistance	<b>518,900</b>	<b>527,300</b>	<b>1.6</b>	Local Government Hospitals	13,600	13,800	1.5
Ambulatory Health Care Services	176,000	179,100	1.8	Local Government Elementary and Secondary Schools	186,500	179,200	-3.9
Offices of Physicians	70,100	71,200	1.6	Local Government Junior Colleges	19,400	18,300	-5.7
Outpatient Care Centers	14,600	14,700	0.7				
Home Health Care Service	28,900	30,300	4.8				
Hospitals	188,900	191,800	1.5				
Nursing and Residential Care	93,500	94,400	1.0				
—Nursing Care Facilities	42,600	42,700	0.2				
Social Assistance	60,500	62,100	2.6				
—Individual and Family Services	25,900	26,200	1.2				
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>425,900</b>	<b>424,100</b>	<b>-0.4</b>				
Performing Arts Spectator Activities	10,500	10,400	-1.0				
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation	57,800	57,600	-0.3				
Accommodation	38,700	38,900	0.5				
Food Services and Drinking	314,500	311,900	-0.8				
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>178,600</b>	<b>176,900</b>	<b>-1.0</b>				
Repair and Maintenance	39,000	38,400	-1.5				
Personal and Laundry Services	40,300	39,700	-1.5				
Religious Grantmaking Civic Professional	99,300	98,700	-0.6				

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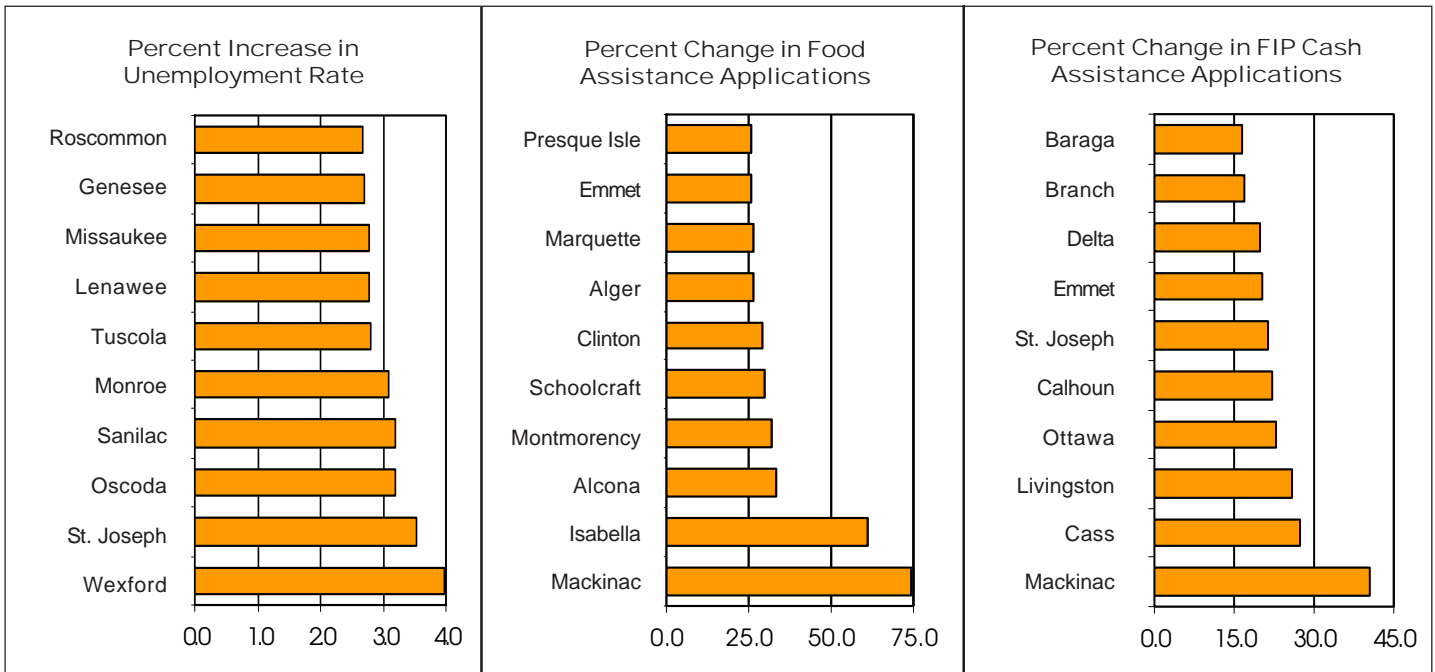
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