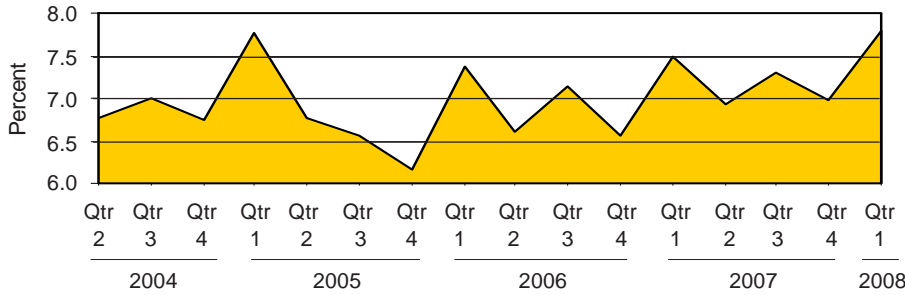




Michigan's Unemployment Rate  
Over the Past Four Years  
(not seasonally adjusted)



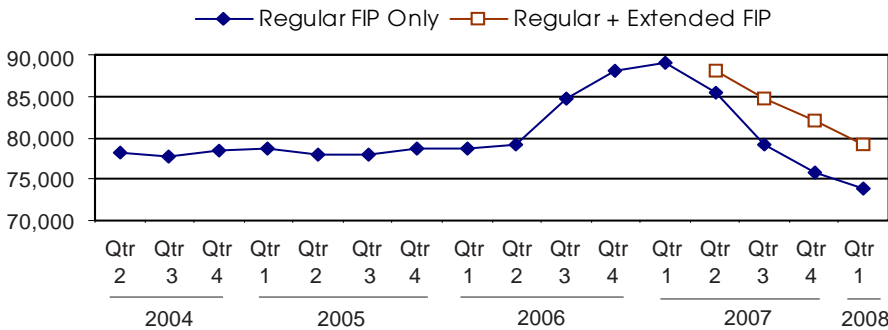
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Regular FIP Cases Fall to Their Lowest Level in Five Years

### Unemployment

The unemployment rate during Quarter 1 of 2008 was at its highest in three years (7.8), with 28 counties showing a rate of more than 10 percent. Motor vehicle parts manufacturing continued to be the hardest-hit industry, with a loss of approximately 16,500 jobs since the same time in 2007.

Family Independence Program Cases in Michigan  
Over the Past Four Years

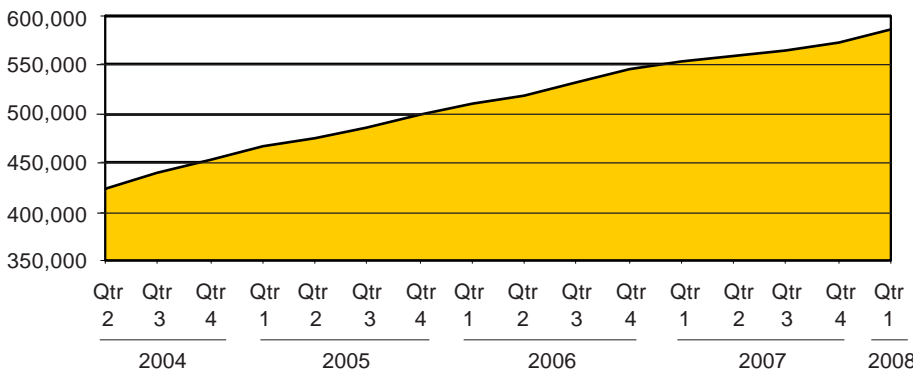


Source: Michigan Department of Human Services

### Public Assistance


The monthly average number of FIP cases in the first quarter of 2008 fell below 80,000 for the first time in almost two years. However, this total includes both Regular FIP and Extended FIP (the latter pays families ten dollars per month for up to six months after they leave the regular FIP program for reasons of employment). When counting only Regular FIP recipients, the average for Quarter 1 of 2008 was 73,739—its lowest level in five years and the largest drop from the previous year (17%) in at least eight years.

Food Assistance Households Over the Past Four Years



Source: Michigan Department of Human Services

Meanwhile, Food Assistance caseloads continued to rise, reaching 585,773 statewide. All counties experienced an increase in caseloads during the past year, and Isabella County increased by more than 23 percent. Medicaid eligibility saw only a slight increase over the first quarter last year, though Macomb County increased its Medicaid-eligibles by 10 percent. In Lake County, nearly 25 percent of the population is eligible for Medicaid.

 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 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	+/- points	Qtr 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	% change	Qtr 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	% change	Qtr 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	% change
<b>Michigan<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>374,809</b>	<b>387,630</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>146,442</b>	<b>165,296</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>553,185</b>	<b>585,773</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Alcona	12.8	13.1	0.3	533	547	2.8	107	133	24.3	586	594	1.5
Alger	9.4	10.6	1.2	415	464	11.8	83	94	13.3	350	392	12.0
Allegan	7.0	7.3	0.3	3,928	4,076	3.8	1,288	1,387	7.7	4,082	4,395	7.7
Alpena	9.5	9.8	0.2	1,437	1,433	-0.2	632	558	-11.7	2,255	2,399	6.4
Antrim	9.3	9.7	0.4	1,080	1,127	4.4	335	308	-8.1	989	1,059	7.0
Arenac	11.8	12.6	0.8	913	954	4.6	233	271	16.3	1,202	1,262	4.9
Baraga	12.6	13.6	1.0	551	605	9.8	149	138	-7.4	449	500	11.4
Barry	5.9	6.0	0.1	1,851	1,870	1.0	650	710	9.2	2,344	2,503	6.8
Bay	7.5	7.7	0.2	4,143	4,196	1.3	1,367	1,836	34.3	6,880	7,215	4.9
Benzie	10.2	10.4	0.2	918	931	1.4	280	297	6.1	724	775	7.0
Berrien	7.5	7.6	0.0	5,911	6,100	3.2	2,630	2,955	12.4	10,051	10,665	6.1
Branch	7.9	7.7	-0.2	1,785	1,690	-5.3	662	693	4.7	2,335	2,522	8.0
Calhoun	7.3	7.2	-0.1	5,096	4,943	-3.0	2,776	2,984	7.5	10,336	11,299	9.3
Cass	6.0	6.7	0.7	1,651	1,858	12.5	588	737	25.3	2,706	2,833	4.7
Charlevoix	10.6	10.8	0.3	1,456	1,469	0.9	235	288	22.6	857	937	9.3
Cheboygan	17.0	17.2	0.2	2,005	2,021	0.8	451	516	14.4	1,649	1,778	7.9
Chippewa	10.7	10.6	0.0	1,887	1,869	-1.0	495	560	13.1	1,828	1,888	3.3
Clare	11.7	12.7	1.0	1,555	1,650	6.1	528	649	22.9	2,846	2,992	5.1
Clinton	5.8	5.8	0.0	2,241	2,216	-1.1	517	557	7.7	1,825	1,970	8.0
Crawford	9.0	9.4	0.4	600	621	3.5	217	256	18.0	891	990	11.0
Delta	8.8	9.2	0.5	1,759	1,809	2.8	473	559	18.2	2,177	2,384	9.5
Dickinson	6.4	6.5	0.1	928	929	0.1	282	310	9.9	1,126	1,174	4.3
Eaton	5.6	5.7	0.0	3,352	3,370	0.5	1,193	1,393	16.8	3,848	3,927	2.0
Emmet	12.1	12.2	0.1	2,307	2,319	0.5	469	516	10.0	1,462	1,539	5.2
Genesee	8.9	9.8	0.9	18,738	20,177	7.7	9,830	11,461	16.6	35,912	37,902	5.5
Gladwin	11.4	11.2	-0.2	1,233	1,164	-5.6	351	402	14.5	1,795	1,891	5.3
Gogebic	7.6	8.0	0.4	597	618	3.5	259	259	0.0	1,135	1,177	3.7
Gr. Traverse	7.7	8.0	0.3	3,662	3,822	4.4	1,301	1,494	14.8	3,767	4,138	9.9
Gratiot	9.5	9.0	-0.5	1,919	1,769	-7.8	546	654	19.8	2,186	2,282	4.4
Hillsdale	8.7	9.4	0.6	1,942	2,053	5.7	566	608	7.4	2,230	2,445	9.6
Houghton	8.0	8.0	0.0	1,434	1,428	-0.4	355	380	7.0	1,782	1,879	5.4
Huron	9.4	9.8	0.4	1,575	1,587	0.7	240	345	43.8	1,705	1,776	4.2
Ingham	6.4	6.5	0.1	9,807	9,865	0.6	4,529	5,201	14.8	16,791	18,243	8.6
Ionia	8.0	7.7	-0.3	2,500	2,394	-4.2	875	882	0.8	2,961	3,194	7.9
Iosco	12.2	12.5	0.3	1,292	1,322	2.3	404	424	5.0	2,018	2,134	5.7
Iron	8.5	8.8	0.2	514	520	1.2	143	155	8.4	607	669	10.2
Isabella	5.4	5.6	0.2	2,076	2,171	4.6	1,196	1,453	21.5	3,691	4,560	23.6
Jackson	7.8	8.1	0.2	6,110	6,152	0.7	2,708	2,810	3.8	8,617	9,302	7.9
Kalamazoo	5.3	5.4	0.1	7,172	7,216	0.6	3,763	4,263	13.3	14,481	15,730	8.6
Kalkaska	8.9	9.2	0.3	762	785	3.0	326	309	-5.2	1,124	1,223	8.8
Kent	5.9	6.1	0.1	19,325	19,791	2.4	9,514	10,632	11.8	30,623	32,322	5.5
Keweenaw	13.0	12.3	-0.7	144	134	-7.4	15	24	60.0	89	94	6.0
Lake	11.8	11.7	-0.1	486	465	-4.2	210	261	24.3	1,152	1,203	4.5
Lapeer	9.8	10.4	0.6	4,455	4,681	5.1	897	906	1.0	2,859	3,162	10.6
Leelanau	6.7	6.8	0.1	757	764	1.0	96	148	54.2	357	414	16.0
Lenawee	8.3	9.3	1.0	4,168	4,670	12.1	1,194	1,387	16.2	4,012	4,477	11.6
Livingston	6.0	6.4	0.4	5,642	5,994	6.2	1,065	1,281	20.3	2,834	3,203	13.0
Luce	9.0	9.3	0.3	256	255	-0.4	78	103	32.1	427	440	3.2
Mackinac	21.1	22.3	1.2	1,134	1,208	6.5	116	160	37.9	390	416	6.7
Macomb	7.6	8.0	0.4	31,698	33,075	4.3	8,343	9,863	18.2	29,454	31,266	6.2

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Family Independence Program (Cash Assistance)									Medicaid						
Total Number of Applications			Average Number of Families Receiving Cash Assistance Per Month			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>	
<b>44,938</b>	<b>44,825</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>88,958</b>	<b>79,266</b>	<b>-10.9</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>166,055</b>	<b>178,041</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>1,090,285</b>	<b>1,109,195</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>15.3%</b>
28	26	-7.1	53	23	-57.2	53%	17%	221	247	11.8	1,417	1,347	-4.9	15.3%	14.2%
27	26	-3.7	33	23	-29.6	0%	0%	173	182	5.2	1,082	1,144	5.8	13.8%	14.4%
449	448	-0.2	456	399	-12.4	55%	53%	1,857	2,018	8.7	12,447	12,364	-0.7	13.3%	13.2%
154	109	-29.2	206	199	-3.2	57%	49%	705	603	-14.5	4,637	4,478	-3.4	20.1%	19.9%
103	87	-15.5	82	67	-17.9	24%	0%	437	491	12.4	3,218	3,219	0.0	15.7%	15.6%
68	63	-7.4	112	105	-6.3	50%	43%	344	397	15.4	2,641	2,515	-4.7	19.9%	19.8%
46	39	-15.2	54	51	-6.7	48%	37%	120	153	27.5	1,118	1,114	-0.3	16.4%	16.8%
200	218	9.0	260	225	-13.4	59%	41%	856	900	5.1	6,005	5,865	-2.3	12.2%	12.0%
497	498	0.2	860	757	-11.9	57%	47%	1,733	1,820	5.0	12,811	13,150	2.6	16.1%	16.4%
90	81	-10.0	68	49	-27.6	54%	74%	359	416	15.9	2,228	2,142	-3.8	15.2%	14.4%
836	938	12.2	1,537	1,443	-6.1	64%	58%	3,420	3,798	11.1	21,033	20,612	-2.0	18.3%	18.1%
293	294	0.3	350	306	-12.4	71%	54%	1,015	1,118	10.1	6,277	6,263	-0.2	17.3%	17.1%
1,001	966	-3.5	1,753	1,711	-2.4	69%	55%	2,761	3,250	17.7	18,571	18,039	-2.9	19.5%	19.5%
224	223	-0.4	348	296	-14.9	64%	46%	818	974	19.1	6,664	6,584	-1.2	16.6%	16.5%
75	91	21.3	60	62	3.3	*	*	362	391	8.0	2,923	2,829	-3.2	12.6%	12.4%
130	150	15.4	147	137	-6.6	71%	36%	615	679	10.4	4,269	4,289	0.5	19.0%	19.3%
176	133	-24.4	193	172	-10.9	74%	43%	826	864	4.6	4,659	4,478	-3.9	15.4%	14.7%
202	198	-2.0	350	300	-14.3	71%	61%	928	930	0.2	5,285	5,211	-1.4	23.3%	23.3%
160	148	-7.5	144	126	-12.7	57%	28%	725	688	-5.1	4,805	4,653	-3.2	8.3%	8.0%
80	86	7.5	99	82	-17.2	62%	39%	355	373	5.1	2,139	2,147	0.4	18.0%	18.3%
128	156	21.9	175	158	-9.9	59%	41%	721	749	3.9	5,208	5,000	-4.0	17.0%	16.7%
95	86	-9.5	70	50	-28.4	66%	60%	490	472	-3.7	3,632	3,562	-1.9	15.5%	15.4%
420	350	-16.7	432	356	-17.6	67%	41%	1,383	1,486	7.4	9,428	9,013	-4.4	11.0%	10.4%
127	98	-22.8	87	62	-28.6	41%	20%	688	612	-11.0	4,345	4,374	0.7	15.1%	15.0%
3,226	3,224	-0.1	7,337	6,403	-12.7	72%	65%	9,952	12,411	24.7	57,277	57,527	0.4	20.4%	20.3%
125	146	16.8	215	161	-25.2	65%	45%	567	566	-0.2	3,745	3,770	0.7	18.3%	18.3%
77	51	-33.8	184	161	-12.2	71%	68%	290	282	-2.8	2,184	2,213	1.3	18.1%	18.5%
343	345	0.6	206	175	-14.7	75%	33%	1,761	1,907	8.3	9,994	10,156	1.6	13.8%	13.8%
224	212	-5.4	297	256	-13.9	61%	40%	967	961	-0.6	5,828	5,697	-2.2	17.8%	17.3%
222	209	-5.9	231	227	-1.6	58%	55%	694	814	17.3	5,870	5,762	-1.8	15.9%	15.9%
60	72	20.0	105	85	-18.8	92%	53%	490	459	-6.3	4,796	4,692	-2.2	16.0%	15.7%
80	55	-31.3	144	131	-9.0	64%	54%	513	528	2.9	4,672	4,449	-4.8	16.6%	16.4%
1,297	1,359	4.8	2,049	1,506	-26.5	64%	42%	4,888	4,869	-0.4	30,725	30,657	-0.2	15.1%	14.6%
309	300	-2.9	292	254	-13.2	67%	47%	997	1,104	10.7	7,392	7,377	-0.2	14.2%	14.1%
132	111	-15.9	175	143	-18.1	52%	65%	699	773	10.6	4,151	4,184	0.8	19.4%	19.7%
66	54	-18.2	75	59	-21.0	56%	37%	292	327	12.0	1,915	1,938	1.2	19.3%	19.4%
237	216	-8.9	351	284	-19.1	61%	31%	1,106	1,032	-6.7	7,087	7,030	-0.8	13.9%	13.3%
834	779	-6.6	1,219	1,058	-13.2	70%	51%	2,839	3,133	10.4	18,464	18,462	0.0	15.4%	15.2%
1,249	1,121	-10.2	2,044	1,807	-11.6	64%	42%	4,042	4,327	7.1	25,525	25,918	1.5	15.0%	14.6%
104	93	-10.6	101	64	-36.3	38%	17%	433	435	0.5	3,002	3,018	0.5	21.3%	20.8%
2,766	2,716	-1.8	4,669	4,284	-8.3	65%	51%	9,490	10,548	11.1	68,414	68,966	0.8	15.5%	15.3%
1	5	400.0	5	5	14.3	0%	0%	25	24	-4.0	228	217	-4.8	12.9%	12.6%
61	72	18.0	123	96	-21.9	66%	40%	286	332	16.1	1,894	1,956	3.3	23.0%	24.5%
330	298	-9.7	324	271	-16.4	74%	60%	1,228	1,232	0.3	8,609	8,646	0.4	11.1%	11.2%
34	38	11.8	28	18	-37.6	*	*	150	180	20.0	1,252	1,274	1.8	6.5%	6.5%
436	413	-5.3	474	419	-11.5	74%	32%	1,627	1,791	10.1	10,682	10,836	1.4	13.2%	13.3%
369	364	-1.4	230	193	-16.1	69%	30%	1,497	1,575	5.2	8,934	9,114	2.0	5.6%	5.6%
37	29	-21.6	40	46	14.9	51%	59%	182	206	13.2	1,033	997	-3.5	20.2%	20.1%
51	35	-31.4	34	36	4.9	0%	0%	253	267	5.5	1,313	1,218	-7.3	14.0%	13.6%
2,425	2,512	3.6	3,563	3,137	-12.0	71%	60%	9,701	10,108	4.2	68,588	75,428	10.0	10.6%	11.3%

<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 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	+/- points	Qtr 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	% change	Qtr 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	% change	Qtr 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	% change
Manistee	10.1	9.5	-0.6	1,187	1,109	-6.6	337	381	13.1	1,523	1,566	2.8
Marquette	7.2	7.4	0.2	2,594	2,629	1.3	680	754	10.9	2,982	3,240	8.7
Mason	9.7	9.6	-0.1	1,407	1,374	-2.3	411	497	20.9	1,765	1,866	5.7
Mecosta	8.3	8.5	0.2	1,727	1,751	1.4	756	870	15.1	3,435	3,859	12.4
Menominee	6.2	6.1	-0.1	809	811	0.3	277	291	5.1	1,157	1,222	5.7
Midland	5.9	6.0	0.1	2,558	2,582	0.9	987	943	-4.5	3,706	3,973	7.2
Missaukee	9.9	10.9	1.0	659	715	8.6	186	226	21.5	728	764	4.9
Monroe	6.8	7.7	0.8	5,361	5,923	10.5	1,466	1,848	26.1	5,335	5,692	6.7
Montcalm	12.8	11.3	-1.5	3,531	3,053	-13.5	861	987	14.6	3,599	3,872	7.6
Montmorency	15.7	16.0	0.3	659	648	-1.7	152	158	3.9	734	823	12.1
Muskegon	7.3	7.7	0.4	6,487	6,822	5.2	3,741	4,074	8.9	14,898	16,594	11.4
Newaygo	8.4	8.7	0.3	1,997	2,052	2.8	655	796	21.5	2,829	3,107	9.8
Oakland	6.1	6.4	0.3	38,029	39,648	4.3	10,368	11,321	9.2	31,484	33,608	6.7
Oceana	10.6	12.1	1.5	1,470	1,654	12.6	388	494	27.3	1,778	1,885	6.1
Ogemaw	10.4	10.8	0.4	997	1,009	1.3	296	365	23.3	1,939	2,124	9.6
Ontonagon	9.1	8.8	-0.3	312	299	-4.3	78	61	-21.8	408	410	0.3
Osceola	8.4	8.9	0.5	866	890	2.8	289	338	17.0	1,484	1,577	6.3
Oscoda	11.9	12.5	0.7	477	509	6.6	157	154	-1.9	716	801	11.9
Otsego	10.1	10.6	0.5	1,243	1,299	4.5	369	436	18.2	1,411	1,608	13.9
Ottawa	5.9	6.2	0.4	8,029	8,462	5.4	1,972	2,288	16.0	5,813	6,303	8.4
Presque Isle	17.6	18.9	1.3	1,053	1,114	5.8	137	130	-5.1	623	672	7.8
Roscommon	11.4	12.2	0.7	1,206	1,241	2.9	376	464	23.4	2,049	2,240	9.3
Saginaw	7.6	8.3	0.7	7,504	7,908	5.4	3,897	4,162	6.8	15,708	16,595	5.6
Saint Clair	9.4	10.0	0.7	7,859	8,364	6.4	2,542	2,796	10.0	8,991	9,764	8.6
Saint Joseph	6.6	7.3	0.7	2,110	2,332	10.5	920	1,145	24.5	3,331	3,542	6.3
Sanilac	10.3	11.1	0.8	2,301	2,401	4.3	541	658	21.6	2,677	2,884	7.7
Schoolcraft	13.9	13.9	0.0	552	543	-1.6	86	110	27.9	567	579	2.1
Shiawassee	9.1	9.6	0.5	3,340	3,479	4.2	916	1,218	33.0	3,721	4,044	8.7
Tuscola	9.4	9.9	0.6	2,749	2,847	3.6	619	745	20.4	2,691	2,936	9.1
Van Buren	8.0	8.2	0.2	3,371	3,465	2.8	1,543	1,515	-1.8	4,816	4,981	3.4
Washtenaw	4.7	4.9	0.2	8,944	9,214	3.0	3,659	4,307	17.7	11,381	12,621	10.9
Wayne	8.5	8.9	0.4	74,384	76,921	3.4	40,597	45,543	12.2	169,653	173,789	2.4
Wexford	9.1	9.9	0.8	1,339	1,418	5.9	623	651	4.5	2,456	2,694	9.7

FACT

One way that struggling workers can increase their household earnings is by increasing their vocational skills. Unemployed and underemployed workers can apply for worker training funds through Michigan's No Worker Left Behind program.

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Family Independence Program (Cash Assistance)									Medicaid							
Total Number of Applications			Average Number of Families Receiving Cash Assistance Per Month			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 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	% change	Qtr 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	% change	Qtr 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008		Qtr 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	% change	Qtr 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008	% change	Qtr 1 2007	Qtr 1 2008
122	119	-2.5	163	141	-13.5	69%	55%		432	388	-10.2	3,143	3,074	-2.2	16.4%	16.1%
203	139	-31.5	273	198	-27.5	66%	73%		1,005	919	-8.6	6,960	6,660	-4.3	13.4%	12.5%
140	152	8.6	226	183	-19.1	54%	31%		578	602	4.2	4,151	4,063	-2.1	18.6%	17.8%
186	193	3.8	236	195	-17.6	59%	50%		852	842	-1.2	5,867	5,984	2.0	17.7%	17.8%
79	78	-1.3	94	78	-16.4	69%	35%		479	420	-12.3	3,030	2,906	-4.1	14.6%	14.3%
280	261	-6.8	397	362	-8.8	59%	47%		1,268	1,215	-4.2	8,623	8,811	2.2	13.0%	13.3%
55	70	27.3	61	61	-0.5	*	*		292	290	-0.7	2,009	1,934	-3.7	15.6%	15.2%
512	539	5.3	713	700	-1.8	66%	41%		2,037	2,043	0.3	12,857	12,523	-2.6	10.9%	10.7%
324	274	-15.4	376	311	-17.3	73%	60%		1,239	1,277	3.1	8,901	9,106	2.3	17.7%	18.1%
38	36	-5.3	52	52	-0.6	83%	19%		277	260	-6.1	1,609	1,624	1.0	19.3%	19.8%
1,397	1,290	-7.7	2,879	2,937	2.0	71%	64%		3,715	3,983	7.2	23,972	24,115	0.6	21.2%	21.5%
216	196	-9.3	315	292	-7.2	75%	37%		956	1,111	16.2	7,267	7,255	-0.2	18.6%	18.8%
3,120	3,045	-2.4	4,034	3,653	-9.5	70%	51%		11,165	12,112	8.5	72,613	75,631	4.2	8.1%	8.3%
163	168	3.1	321	276	-14.1	66%	62%		604	730	20.9	4,658	4,712	1.2	21.8%	22.1%
123	100	-18.7	202	189	-6.3	59%	41%		452	503	11.3	3,836	3,929	2.4	22.9%	23.9%
28	15	-46.4	30	28	-7.7	49%	80%		137	121	-11.7	950	928	-2.3	16.2%	16.7%
91	114	25.3	155	123	-20.7	*	*		499	461	-7.6	3,360	3,302	-1.7	18.5%	18.4%
67	47	-29.9	70	67	-3.8	74%	41%		283	283	0.0	1,491	1,473	-1.2	21.1%	21.4%
115	119	3.5	138	148	7.0	57%	27%		468	534	14.1	3,841	3,830	-0.3	18.6%	19.0%
491	633	28.9	529	469	-11.3	63%	38%		2,560	2,837	10.8	19,427	19,614	1.0	8.9%	8.8%
43	43	0.0	51	55	7.9	40%	44%		273	199	-27.1	1,628	1,577	-3.2	14.2%	14.1%
126	121	-4.0	179	153	-14.6	73%	30%		483	549	13.7	4,004	4,054	1.3	19.6%	20.1%
1,370	1,273	-7.1	2,956	2,587	-12.5	59%	52%		3,951	4,145	4.9	25,451	25,846	1.6	19.5%	19.8%
838	840	0.2	1,232	1,119	-9.2	67%	46%		3,147	3,254	3.4	18,825	18,984	0.8	14.5%	14.4%
366	404	10.4	452	391	-13.4	61%	55%		1,317	1,526	15.9	9,176	9,488	3.4	18.3%	18.5%
149	142	-4.7	232	189	-18.4	84%	54%		817	828	1.3	6,705	6,797	1.4	18.1%	18.4%
31	38	22.6	57	40	-29.8	92%	67%		198	196	-1.0	1,364	1,293	-5.2	20.0%	19.1%
314	341	8.6	403	366	-9.1	59%	39%		1,230	1,430	16.3	9,120	9,218	1.1	15.6%	15.9%
223	167	-25.1	313	270	-13.7	63%	31%		1,014	1,003	-1.1	7,567	7,557	-0.1	16.3%	16.4%
419	424	1.2	599	548	-8.6	74%	52%		1,732	1,954	12.8	11,833	11,543	-2.4	19.3%	19.0%
885	902	1.9	1,470	1,243	-15.5	63%	48%		3,905	4,012	2.7	21,616	22,609	4.6	8.5%	8.5%
11,492	12,000	4.4	37,025	33,147	-10.5	74%	63%		40,964	43,315	5.7	258,441	267,154	3.4	22.0%	21.8%
228	201	-11.8	284	255	-10.0	71%	46%		845	897	6.2	5,576	5,704	2.3	22.6%	22.7%

**FACT**

Persons who are eligible for the federal economic stimulus rebate must file a tax form before October 15 of this year. While most Michigan residents have already filed their tax forms, some who were not liable for tax or eligible for the earned income credit for Tax Year 2007 have not yet filed. It is important that they file for their stimulus rebate before the deadline, or they will forfeit the rebate.

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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.

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

Industry	Avg 2007 Qtr 1	Avg 2008 Qtr 1	% Change	Industry	Avg 2007 Qtr 1	Avg 2008 Qtr 1	% Change
<b>TOTAL NONFARM</b>	<b>4,211,100</b>	<b>4,154,800</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	23,100	22,700	-1.7
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>3,537,400</b>	<b>3,489,500</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>•Retail Trade</b>	<b>480,600</b>	<b>478,500</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>780,400</b>	<b>733,500</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	56,300	54,100	-3.9
<b>SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	<b>3,430,600</b>	<b>3,421,300</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	Building Material and Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	40,900	39,500	-3.4
<b>Natural Resources and Mining</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	Food and Beverage Stores	79,000	79,600	0.8
<b>Construction</b>	<b>148,500</b>	<b>137,900</b>	<b>-7.1</b>	Health and Personal Care	33,700	33,100	-1.8
Construction of Buildings	35,600	32,500	-8.7	Gasoline Stations	24,200	23,600	-2.5
Heavy and Civil Engineering	14,000	12,700	-9.3	Clothing and Clothing Accessories	40,800	41,200	1.0
Specialty Trade Contractors	99,000	92,600	-6.5	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	23,100	22,800	-1.3
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>624,800</b>	<b>588,900</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	General Merchandise Stores	110,400	110,800	0.4
<b>•Durable Goods</b>	<b>483,100</b>	<b>451,900</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	Miscellaneous Store Retail	26,000	24,900	-4.2
Nonmetallic Mineral Products	13,400	12,100	-9.7	<b>•Transportation &amp; Warehousing &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>126,100</b>	<b>127,500</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Primary Metal Manufacturing	25,000	24,000	-4.0	Air Transportation	14,400	14,800	2.8
Fabricated Metal Product	80,700	78,100	-3.2	Rail Transportation	4,600	4,600	0.0
Machinery Manufacturing	70,100	67,800	-3.3	Truck Transportation	39,200	40,100	2.3
Computer and Electronic Products	20,700	21,200	2.4	Warehousing and Storage	14,200	13,100	-7.7
Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	59,100	53,300	-9.8	<b>Information</b>	<b>23,100</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	136,200	119,700	-12.1	Publishing Industries	23,100	22,300	-3.5
Furniture and Related Products	25,100	24,900	-0.8	Telecommunications	22,800	23,800	4.4
<b>•Non-Durable Goods</b>	<b>141,700</b>	<b>137,100</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>211,000</b>	<b>207,200</b>	<b>-1.8</b>
Food Manufacturing	32,500	33,000	1.5	Finance and Insurance	158,800	155,700	-2.0
Printing and Related Support Activities	17,300	17,000	-1.7	Real Estate	36,200	35,300	-2.5
Chemical Manufacturing	28,000	27,200	-2.9	<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	<b>562,400</b>	<b>557,500</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
Plastics and Rubber Products	39,700	37,900	-4.5	Legal Services	28,700	29,000	1.0
<b>Trade Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>773,800</b>	<b>771,800</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	34,500	34,200	-0.9
<b>•Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>167,100</b>	<b>165,800</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	Architectural Engineering	66,200	63,900	-3.5
Merchant Wholesalers Durable Goods	96,100	95,800	-0.3				
Merchant Wholesalers Nondurable Goods	47,900	47,300	-1.3				

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Computer Systems Design	39,300	40,200	2.3	<b>Government</b>	<b>673,700</b>	<b>665,300</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Management, Scientific and Technical Consulting Services	18,700	19,500	4.3	• <b>Federal Government</b>	<b>53,500</b>	<b>53,100</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Scientific Research and Development Services	24,000	20,900	-12.9	U.S. Postal Service	26,900	26,400	-1.9
Advertising and Related	14,900	15,000	0.7	• <b>State Government</b>	<b>175,900</b>	<b>174,100</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
Management of Companies	58,300	55,600	-4.6	State Government Educational Services	104,500	107,200	2.6
Administrative & Support Services	255,800	256,700	0.4	State Government Hospital Services	15,500	16,300	5.2
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	<b>590,100</b>	<b>601,800</b>	<b>2.0</b>	• <b>Local Government</b>	<b>444,300</b>	<b>438,000</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
• <b>Educational Services</b> (see also <b>Government</b> )	<b>79,700</b>	<b>81,700</b>	<b>2.5</b>	Local Government Educational Services	265,500	255,000	-4.0
• <b>Health Care &amp; Social Assistance</b>	<b>510,400</b>	<b>520,100</b>	<b>1.9</b>	Local Government Hospitals	13,400	13,700	2.2
Ambulatory Health Care Services	173,200	176,400	1.8	Local Government Elementary and Secondary Schools	243,200	231,200	-4.9
Offices of Physicians	68,900	69,900	1.5	Local Government Junior Colleges	21,600	23,400	8.3
Outpatient Care Centers	14,300	14,500	1.4				
Home Health Care Service	27,700	29,300	5.8				
Hospitals	185,100	188,400	1.8				
Nursing and Residential Care	91,700	93,200	1.6				
—Nursing Care Facilities	42,200	42,400	0.5				
Social Assistance	60,400	62,000	2.6				
—Individual and Family Services	26,400	26,700	1.1				
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>380,100</b>	<b>378,900</b>	<b>-0.3</b>				
Performing Arts Spectator Activities	8,700	9,000	3.4				
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation	38,900	39,700	2.1				
Accommodation	32,300	32,600	0.9				
Food Services and Drinking	296,400	294,100	-0.8				
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>173,900</b>	<b>173,700</b>	<b>-0.1</b>				
Repair and Maintenance	38,400	38,200	-0.5				
Personal and Laundry Services	39,400	39,200	-0.5				
Religious Grantmaking Civic Professional	96,100	96,300	0.2				

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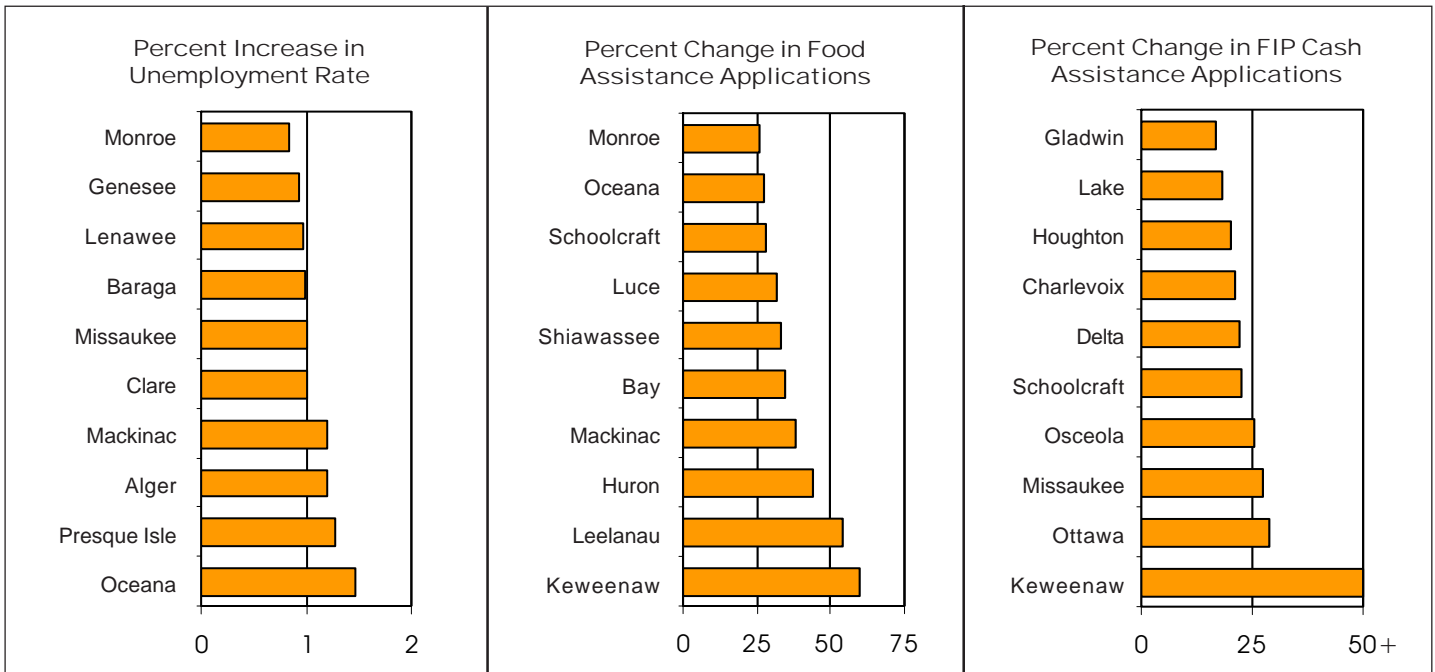
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