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## Michigan Employment Update



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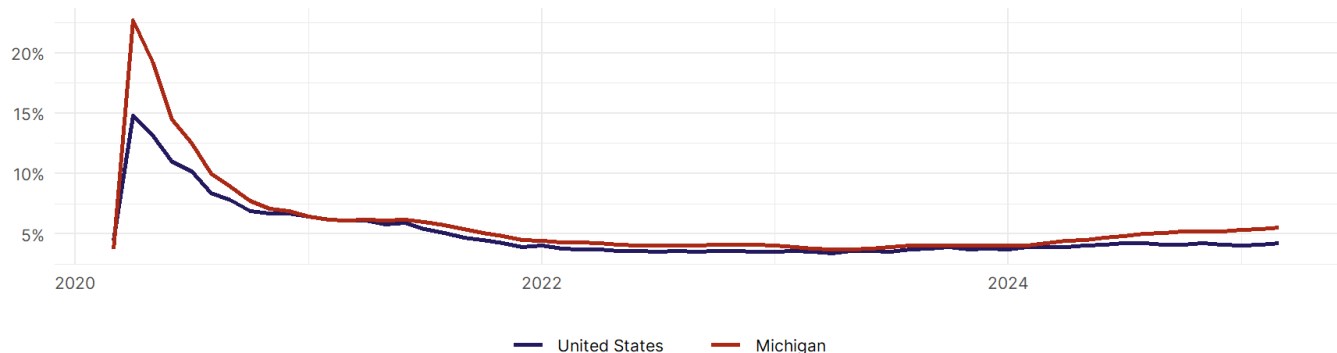
### United States Employment Snapshot

- In March, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 15, rose in 17, and remained unchanged in 19.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in **Nevada**, and the lowest was 1.8 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.2 percent.
- In March, **payroll jobs rose in 38 states and fell in 12.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Missouri**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.3 percent in **Connecticut**.

### Michigan Employment Snapshot

- In March, **Michigan lost 4,700 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 5.5 percent.** In the prior month, Michigan added 1,200 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Michigan added 24,000 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 1.3 percentage points from 4.2 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent.** Michigan **is tied for 34th** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In March, **Michigan's private sector lost 6,300 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 19,000 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Michigan added 700 net private payroll jobs.
- In March, employment in Michigan **fell by 2,587**, and over the past 12 months it fell by 8,369.
- **Michigan's labor force participation rate remained steady at 62 percent** in March and **ranks 33rd** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.3 percentage points.

Michigan  
Unemployment Rate

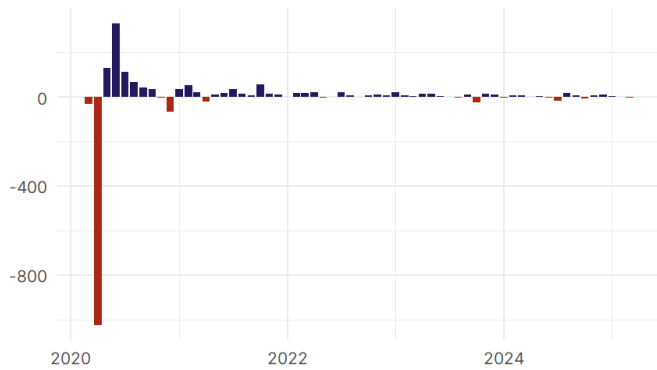


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## Michigan Payroll Employment

### Michigan Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

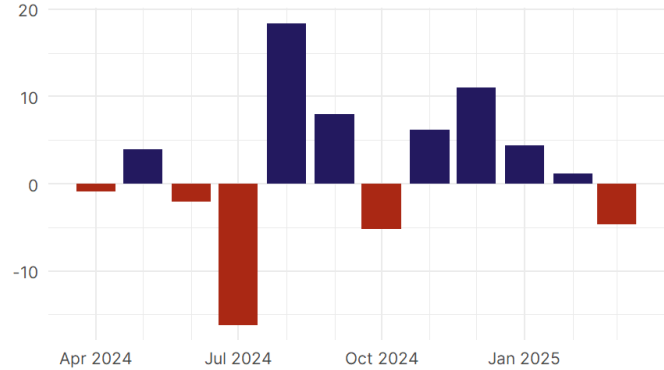
Monthly change, past five years (thousands)



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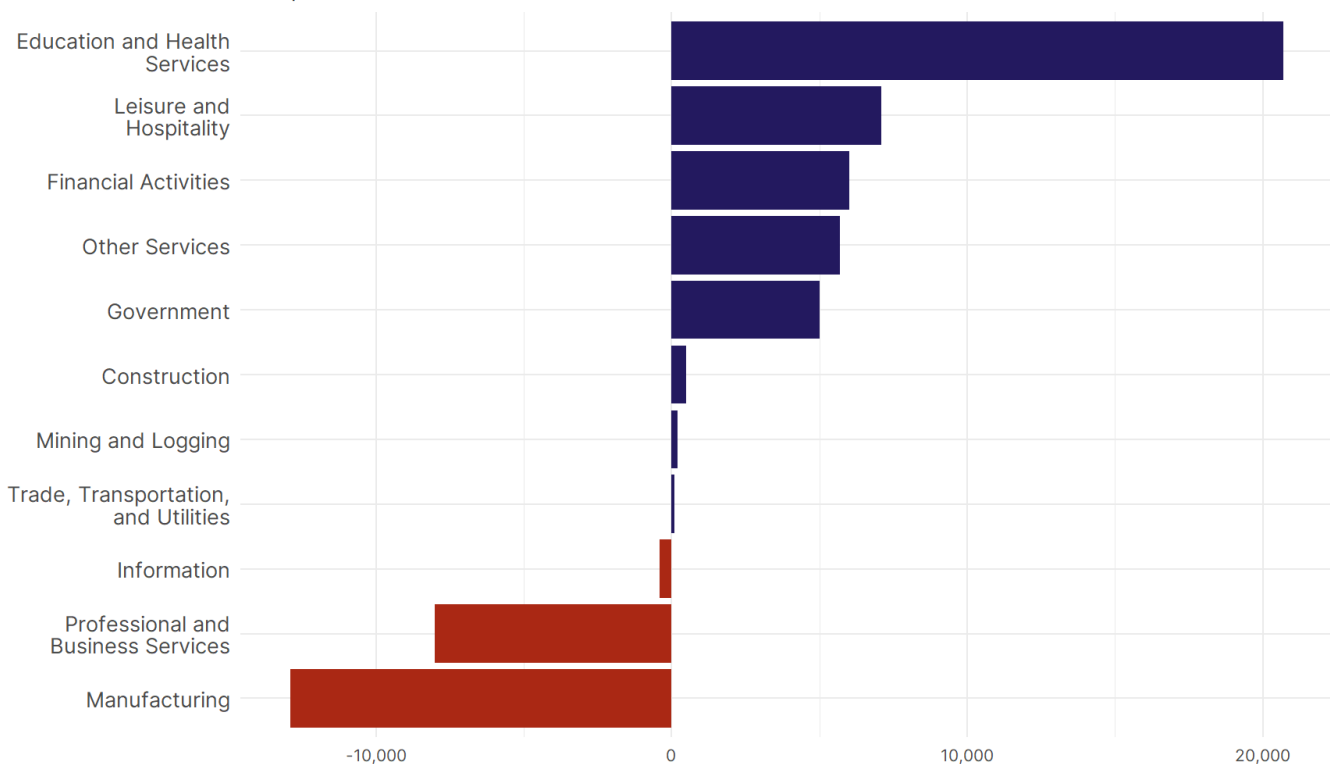
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- **Michigan lost 4,700 net payroll jobs, or -0.1 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, Michigan added 1,200 jobs. Michigan nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **7 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 228,000 in March, or 0.1 percent**. Michigan is tied for 34th in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Michigan lost 6,300 private sector jobs, or -0.2 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during March. In the prior month, Michigan added 700 jobs. Michigan private sector payroll employment has increased in **8 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 209,000 jobs in March, or 0.2 percent**. Michigan is tied for 33rd in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

### Change in Michigan Payroll Employment by Sector over past 12 months



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

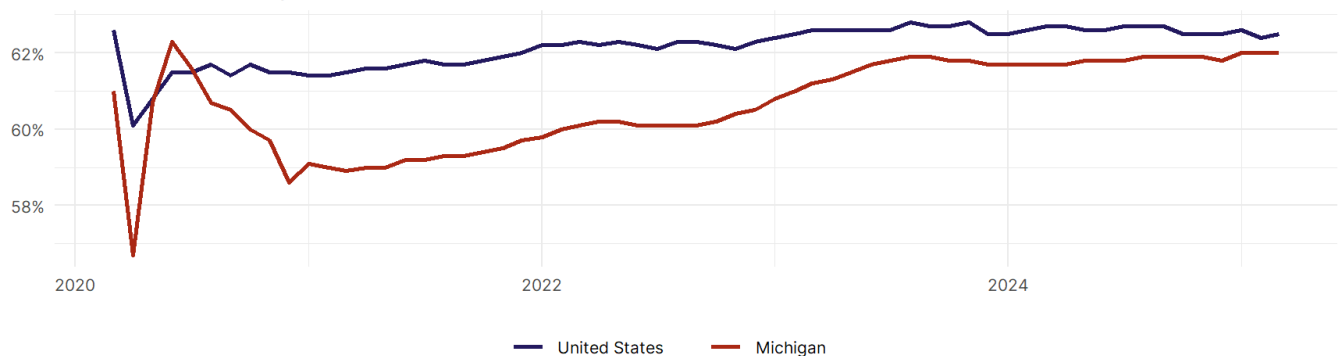
- The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during March were **Government (1,600)** and **Other Services (1,200)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the month were **Professional and Business Services (-4,000)** and **Manufacturing (-4,500)**.
- The best performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Education and Health Services (20,700)** and **Leisure and Hospitality (7,100)**.
- The poorest performing sectors during the last 12 months were **Professional and Business Services (-8,000)** and **Manufacturing (-12,900)**.

### Michigan Labor Force

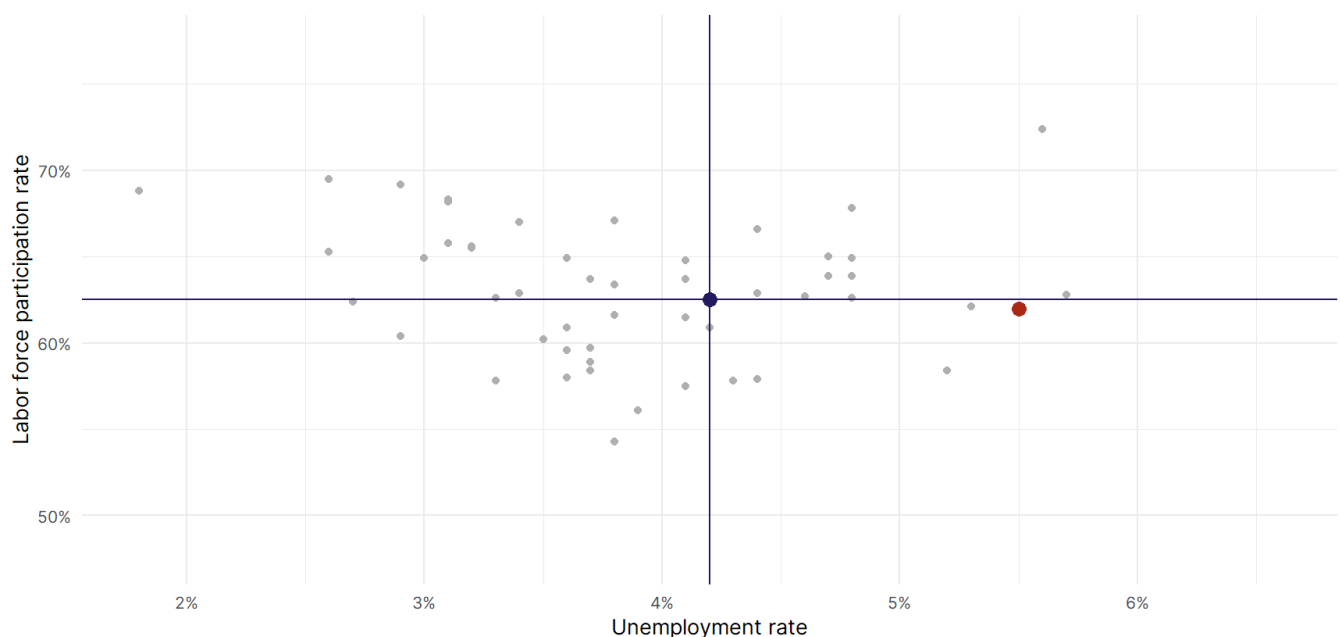
The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

- The labor force participation rate in **Michigan remained unchanged at 62 percent in March**.
- **Michigan ranks 33rd** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Michigan was **62.3 percent** in June 2020, and the 10-year low was **56.7 percent** in April 2020.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.5 percent** in March.

Michigan  
Labor Force Participation Rate



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