

MICHIGAN DEPT. OF ENERGY, LABOR & ECON. GROWTH/LABOR MARKET ANALYSIS - SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
By Place of Residence/Seasonally Unadjusted. September, 2009 **

Areas	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE					EMPLOYMENT					UNEMPLOYMENT RATES		
	Sept. 2009	August 2009	Sept. 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change	Sept. 2009	August 2009	Sept. 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change	Sept 09	Aug 09	Sept 08
Jackson MSA	73,800	75,000	75,900	-1,200	-2,100	62,800	63,700	69,000	-900	-6,200	14.9	15.1	9.1
Hillsdale Co.	20,900	21,300	20,950	-400	-50	17,325	17,525	18,700	-200	-1,375	17.2	17.8	10.8
Lenawee Co.	47,650	47,650	48,325	0	-675	40,000	39,825	43,350	175	-3,350	16.1	16.4	10.3
Michigan	4,826,000	4,885,000	4,909,000	-59,000	-83,000	4,113,000	4,167,000	4,492,000	-54,000	-379,000	14.8	14.7	8.5
U.S.A.*	153,617	154,897	154,509	-1,280	-892	139,079	140,074	145,310	-995	-6,231	9.5	9.6	6.0

* Expressed in thousands; ** All labor force and employment numbers are rounded to the nearest 25 for counties, 100 for MSAs, and 1,000 for the State and the U.S.

September Jobless Rates Remained Stable in All Regional Counties

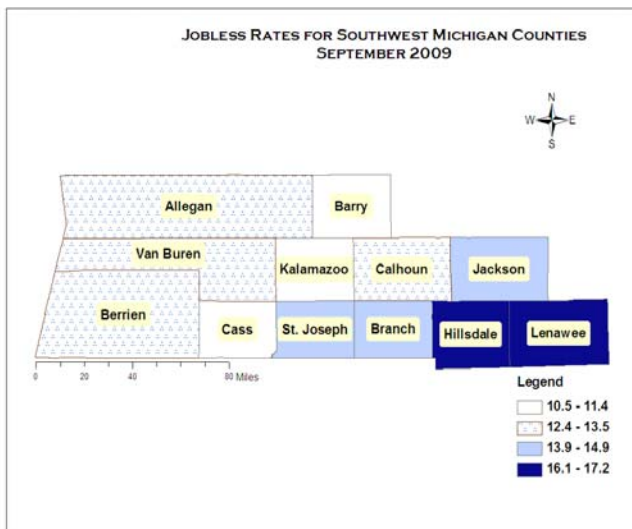
Regional jobless rates recorded little change in September. While summer jobs in construction and leisure and hospitality dropped seasonally, local and state educational institutions recalled most temporary workers who were laid off during the summer. At the same time, young people left the workforce to return to school. Also in September, summer agricultural jobs declined, which can represent a substantial employment drop in some counties (e.g., St. Joseph).

Labor Force Mostly Down Over the Month and Over the Year

Labor force was down over the month in almost all regional counties, with the exception of Lenawee County where labor force remained unchanged. Labor force declines ranged from -350 in Barry County to -2,425 in Kalamazoo County. Over the year, labor force declined in all regional counties. Labor force reductions over the year ranged from - 50 in Hillsdale to - 5,000 in Kalamazoo County. ***

Employment Mostly Down Over the Month and Substantially Down Over the Year in All Counties

September employment by place of residence declined seasonally in almost all regional counties at an average of 1.7 percentage points, with the exception of Lenawee County whose employment inched up by four tenths of a percentage point. Job reductions ranged from -200 in Hillsdale to -2,125 in Kalamazoo County. Seasonal job gains were recorded in the education sector, as workers that were temporary laid off over the summer were recalled in September. However, these gains were more than offset by seasonal job losses in construction, leisure and hospitality, and professional and business services. Over the year, employment was down sharply in all area counties, ranging from -1,150 in Branch to -10,150 in Kalamazoo County. The average rate of employment decline over the year in September was around eight percentage points.



Jobless Rates Changes Were Mixed over the Month but Substantially Up over the Year

September unemployment rates edged down in seven area counties (Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Jackson, Kalamazoo, and Lenawee), while inching up in four other counties (Allegan, Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren). Unemployment rate remained unchanged in St. Joseph County, over the month. Nine regional counties recorded lower rates than the statewide rate of 14.8 percent in September (Barry, Kalamazoo, Cass, Calhoun, Van Buren, Allegan, Berrien, St. Joseph, and Branch). The remaining three regional counties (Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale) registered higher jobless rates than the state.

Jobless rates jumped over the year by an average of 5.0 percentage points. Hillsdale County recorded the highest jobless rate increase over the year (+6.4 percentage points), followed by Jackson (+5.8) and Lenawee (+5.8).

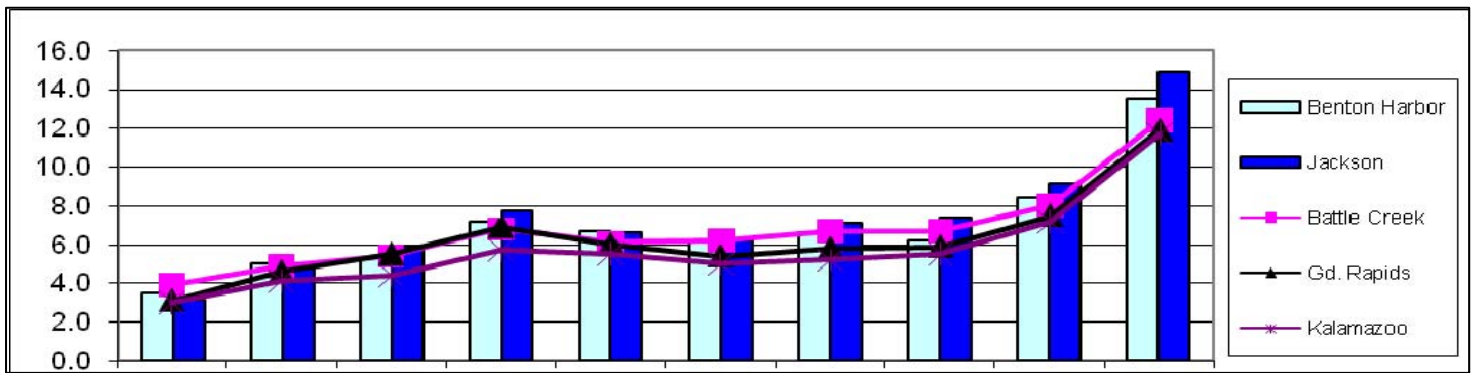
Local MSAs September Unemployment Rates Since 2000

From September 2000 to September 2009, jobless rates soared in the Jackson (+11.8 percentage points), Niles-Benton Harbor (+10.0), Grand Rapids (+8.8), Kalamazoo (+8.7), and Battle Creek (+8.7) metro areas.

Year \ Areas	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Jackson	3.1	5.0	5.9	7.7	6.6	6.2	7.1	7.4	9.1	14.9

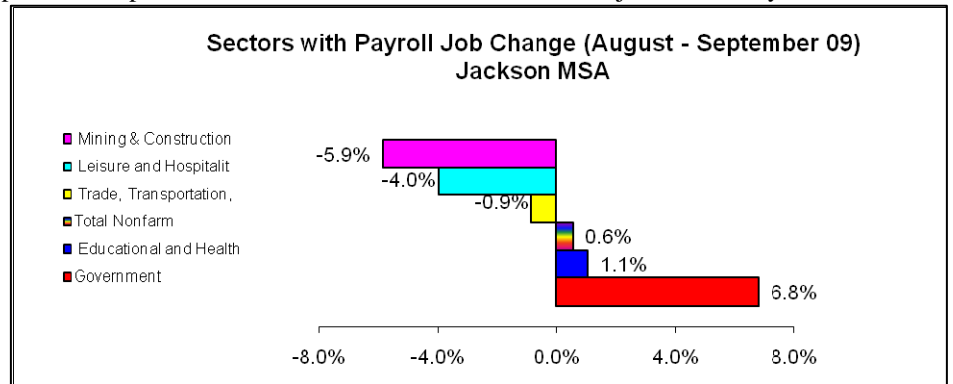
September unemployment rates increased from 2000 to 2003, fell in 2004-05; rose again in 2006-08, and then jumped sharply in 2009, due primarily to troubles in the auto industry. The current year continues to set record high unemployment rates since the early 1980s.

Comparing the Trend of Local MSAs' September Unemployment Rates Since 2000



Payroll jobs in the **Jackson MSA (Jackson County)** were estimated at 53,700 in September (up 300 from August). A seasonal gain of 700 jobs was recorded in private and public education. However, the area lost 200 jobs seasonally in leisure and hospitality and 100 jobs each in construction and retail trade.

Compared to September 2008, payroll job levels in most industries either declined or remained unchanged. Manufacturing employment plunged by 1,400 over the year. Leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, construction, and retail trade each cut 500 jobs over the year. Overall payroll employment in Jackson was 3,800 (or -6.6%) below last year's September level.





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South Central Michigan MSA Payroll Employment - September 2009

Jackson MSA							
	September 2009	August 2009	September 2008	Monthly Change	Monthly % Change	Annual Change	Annual % Change
Total Nonfarm	53,700	53,400	57,500	300	0.6%	-3,800	-6.6%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,700	2,100	-100	-5.9%	-500	-23.8%
Manufacturing	7,700	7,700	9,100	0	0.0%	-1,400	-15.4%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	11,200	11,300	11,900	-100	-0.9%	-700	-5.9%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.0%	-100	-5.3%
Professional and Business	4,400	4,400	4,900	0	0.0%	-500	-10.2%
Educational and Health	9,500	9,400	9,700	100	1.1%	-200	-2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,800	5,000	5,300	-200	-4.0%	-500	-9.4%
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	9,400	8,800	9,300	600	6.8%	100	1.1%

South Central Michigan Works! Agency Local Area Employment Data - 2009

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Ann Avg
South Central Michigan													
Labor force	143,925	143,775	144,025	142,700	144,475	148,250	146,650	143,975	142,375				144,450
Employment	123,975	123,550	122,800	122,700	121,875	123,050	121,300	121,050	120,125				122,275
Unemployed	19,925	20,225	21,225	20,000	22,575	25,175	25,350	22,925	22,275				22,200
Rate	13.8	14.1	14.7	14.0	15.6	17.0	17.3	15.9	15.6				14.2
Hillsdale													
Labor force	21,275	21,125	21,425	21,100	21,475	22,175	21,750	21,300	20,900				21,400
Employment	17,600	17,550	17,575	17,625	17,500	17,775	17,400	17,525	17,325				17,525
Unemployed	3,675	3,575	3,875	3,475	3,975	4,400	4,350	3,800	3,600				3,850
Rate	17.3	17.0	18.0	16.4	18.5	19.9	20.0	17.8	17.2				18.0
Jackson													
Labor force	74,400	74,500	74,400	73,600	74,700	76,300	76,200	75,000	73,800				74,800
Employment	65,400	65,100	64,500	64,200	64,100	64,500	64,000	63,700	62,800				64,300
Unemployed	9,000	9,400	10,000	9,400	10,600	11,800	12,200	11,300	11,000				10,500
Rate	12.1	12.7	13.4	12.7	14.1	15.5	16.0	15.1	14.9				14.1
Lenawee													
Labor force	48,275	48,150	48,175	48,025	48,300	49,775	48,725	47,650	47,650				48,300
Employment	40,975	40,950	40,775	40,850	40,250	40,825	39,875	39,825	40,000				40,475
Unemployed	7,300	7,200	7,425	7,175	8,050	8,925	8,850	7,825	7,650				7,825
Rate	15.1	15.0	15.4	14.9	16.7	18.0	18.2	16.4	16.1				16.2