

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

Areas	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE					EMPLOYMENT					UNEMPLOYMENT RATES		
	Dec. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change	Dec. 2009	Nov. 2009	Dec. 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change	Dec 09	Nov 09	Dec 08
Jackson MSA	74,700	75,400	75,700	-700	-1,000	63,200	64,300	67,300	-1,100	-4,100	15.4	14.7	11.0
Hillsdale Co.	20,875	21,000	21,050	-125	-175	17,200	17,525	18,250	-325	-1,050	17.6	16.5	13.2
Lenawee Co.	47,800	48,300	48,075	-500	-275	39,875	40,725	42,100	-850	-2,225	16.6	15.7	12.4
Michigan	4,806,000	4,846,000	4,863,000	-40,000	-57,000	4,118,000	4,163,000	4,353,000	-45,000	-235,000	14.3	14.1	10.5
U.S.A.*	152,693	153,539	154,349	-846	-1,656	137,953	139,132	143,350	-1,179	-5,397	9.7	9.4	7.1

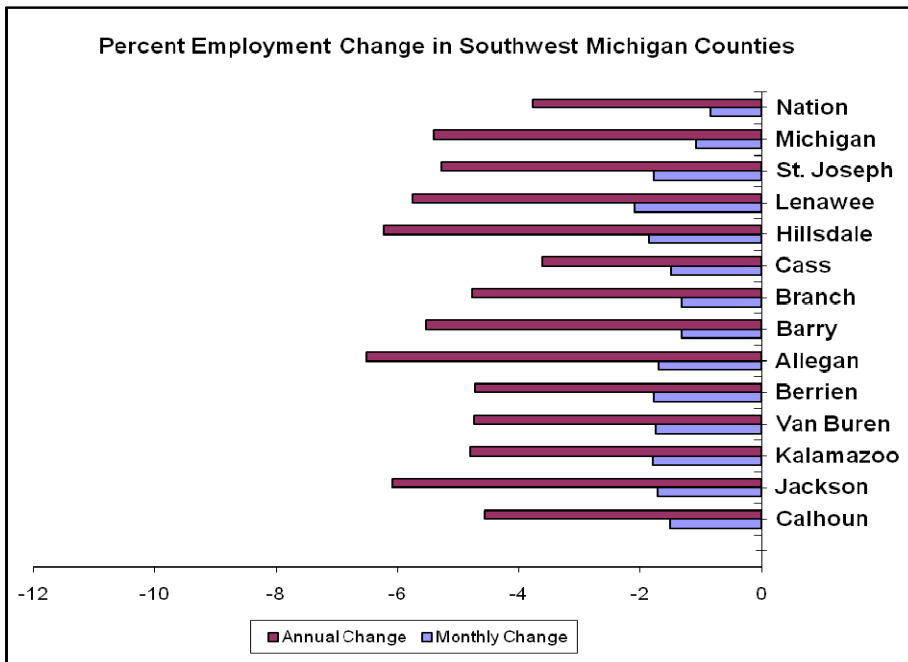
* Expressed in thousands; ** All labor force and employment numbers are rounded to the nearest 25 for counties, 100 for MSAs, and 1,000 for the State and the U.S.

December Jobless Rates Up in All Regional Counties

Seasonal job cuts in construction and moderate layoffs in manufacturing resulted in December 2009 jobless rate increases for all area counties. Unemployment rates rose in December by an average of nine tenths of a percentage point. Nonfarm payroll jobs edged down by about one percent or less in regional metro areas.

Labor Force Fell Over the Month and Over the Year

Labor force declined over the month in almost all regional counties, with the exception of Van Buren (+75) County. Labor force declines over the month ranged from -50 in Barry and Cass counties to -1,475 in Kalamazoo County. Over the year, labor force fell in all regional counties, ranging from -125 in Branch to -1,575 in Kalamazoo County.



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

December employment by place of residence was down in all regional counties by an average of 1.6 percentage points. Job cuts ranged from -250 in Branch to -2,100 in Kalamazoo County. Construction and leisure and hospitality continued to lose jobs seasonally. Manufacturing also cut jobs in December.

Over the year, employment plunged in all area counties, ranging from -700 in Branch to -5,725 in Kalamazoo County. The average rate of employment decline over the year in December was approximately 5.0 percent.

Jobless Rates Rise over the Month and Substantially Up over the Year

December unemployment rates rose in all area counties, ranging from +0.4 percentage points in St. Joseph to +1.6 percentage points in Van Buren County. Half of the regional counties recorded lower rates than the statewide rate of 14.3 percent in December (Kalamazoo, Barry, Cass, Calhoun, St. Joseph, and Branch). The remaining six regional counties (Berrien, Allegan, Jackson, Van Buren, Lenawee, and Hillsdale) registered higher jobless rates than the state.

Compared to last year in December, jobless rates escalated by an average of 3.5 percentage points. Jackson and Hillsdale counties recorded the highest jobless rate increases over the year (+4.4 percentage points), followed by Allegan, Berrien, and Lenawee counties (+4.2).

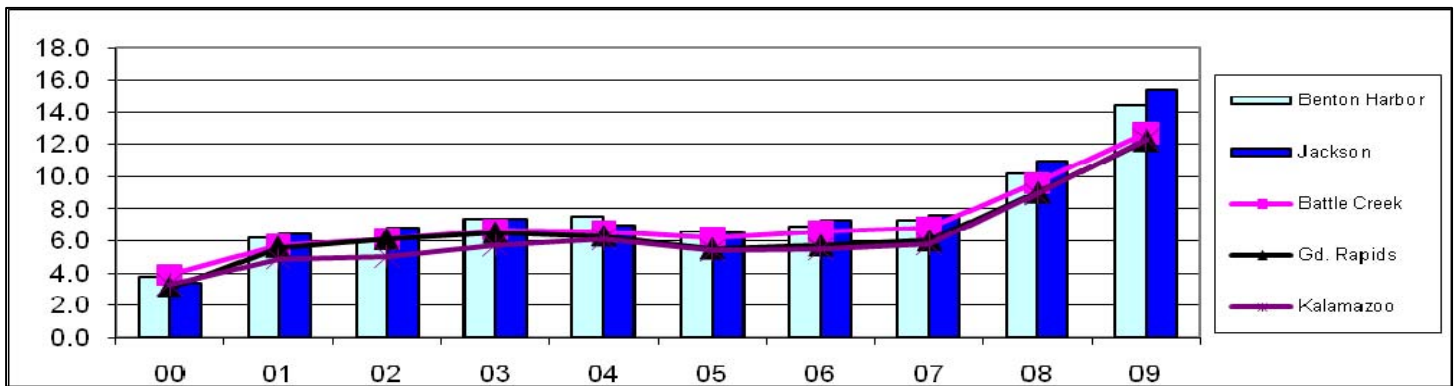
Local Metro Area December Unemployment Rates Since 2000

Since 2000, jobless rates have soared in the Jackson (+12.0 percentage points), Niles-Benton Harbor (+10.6), Grand Rapids (+9.1), Kalamazoo (+9.0), and Battle Creek (+8.8) metro areas.

Year	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Areas Jackson	3.4	6.4	6.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.3	7.6	11.0	15.4

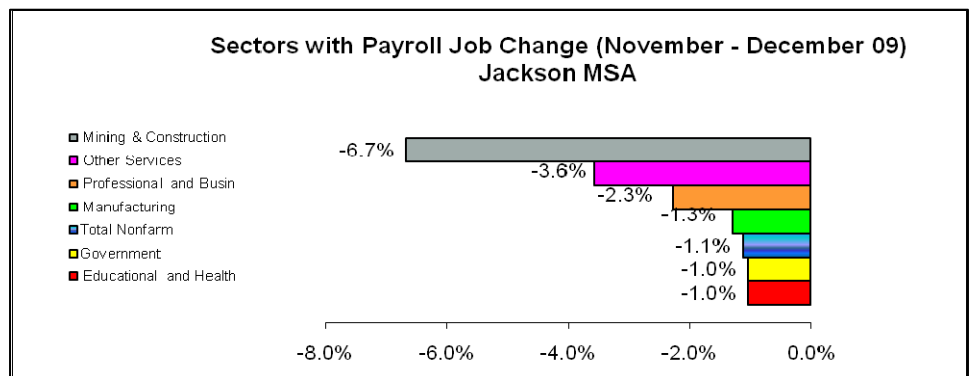
December unemployment rates increased from 2000 to 2003; fell in 2004-06; rose again in 2007-08, and then jumped sharply in 2009, following massive layoffs in the auto industry early in the year. The current year's unemployment rates continue to be as high as record rates set in the early 1980s.

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



Payroll jobs in the **Jackson MSA** (Jackson County) were estimated at 53,200 in December (down 600 from November). The area lost 100 jobs each in construction, manufacturing, professional and business services, private educational and health services, government, and leisure and hospitality.

Compared to December 2008, payroll job levels in most industries either declined or remained unchanged. Manufacturing employment plummeted by 1,300 over the year. Leisure and hospitality and retail trade each lost 500 jobs, while professional and business services and construction each cut 400 jobs over the year. Overall payroll employment in Jackson was 3,300 (or -5.8 percent) below the December 2008 level.





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South Central Michigan MSA Payroll Employment - December 2009

Jackson MSA	December 2009	November 2009	December 2008	Monthly Change	Monthly % Change	Annual Change	Annual % Change
Total Nonfarm	53,200	53,800	56,500	-600	-1.1%	-3,300	-5.8%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,400	1,500	1,800	-100	-6.7%	-400	-22.2%
Manufacturing	7,600	7,700	8,900	-100	-1.3%	-1,300	-14.6%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	11,300	11,300	12,000	0	0.0%	-700	-5.8%
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	4,300	4,400	4,700	-100	-2.3%	-400	-8.5%
Educational and Health	9,600	9,700	9,700	-100	-1.0%	-100	-1.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,400	4,400	4,900	0	0.0%	-500	-10.2%
Other Services	2,700	2,800	2,800	-100	-3.6%	-100	-3.6%
Government	9,600	9,700	9,300	-100	-1.0%	300	3.2%

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	142,500	143,700	144,700	143,325	144,325
Employment	123,975	123,550	122,800	122,700	121,875	123,050	121,300	121,050	120,250	122,000	122,550	120,225	122,100
Unemployed	19,925	20,225	21,225	20,000	22,575	25,175	25,350	22,925	22,250	21,675	22,150	23,100	22,225
Rate	13.8	14.1	14.7	14.0	15.6	17.0	17.3	15.9	15.6	15.1	15.3	16.1	15.4
Hillsdale													
Labor force	21,275	21,125	21,425	21,100	21,475	22,175	21,750	21,300	20,900	20,975	21,000	20,875	21,275
Employment	17,600	17,550	17,575	17,625	17,500	17,775	17,400	17,525	17,325	17,450	17,525	17,200	17,500
Unemployed	3,675	3,575	3,875	3,475	3,975	4,400	4,350	3,800	3,575	3,525	3,475	3,675	3,775
Rate	17.3	17.0	18.0	16.4	18.5	19.9	20.0	17.8	17.1	16.8	16.5	17.6	17.8
Jackson													
Labor force	74,400	74,500	74,400	73,600	74,700	76,300	76,200	75,000	74,000	74,800	75,400	74,700	74,800
Employment	65,400	65,100	64,500	64,200	64,100	64,500	64,000	63,700	62,900	64,000	64,300	63,200	64,200
Unemployed	9,000	9,400	10,000	9,400	10,600	11,800	12,200	11,300	11,000	10,800	11,100	11,500	10,700
Rate	12.1	12.7	13.4	12.7	14.1	15.5	16.0	15.1	14.9	14.5	14.7	15.4	14.3
Lenawee													
Labor force	48,275	48,150	48,175	48,025	48,300	49,775	48,725	47,650	47,625	47,950	48,300	47,800	48,225
Employment	40,975	40,950	40,775	40,850	40,250	40,825	39,875	39,825	40,000	40,600	40,725	39,875	40,450
Unemployed	7,300	7,200	7,425	7,175	8,050	8,925	8,850	7,825	7,650	7,350	7,600	7,925	7,775
Rate	15.1	15.0	15.4	14.9	16.7	18.0	18.2	16.4	16.0	15.3	15.7	16.6	16.1