

Economic Security Bulletin

Michigan Cuts its FIP Caseload in Half in Three Years: Welfare is Now at a Record Low

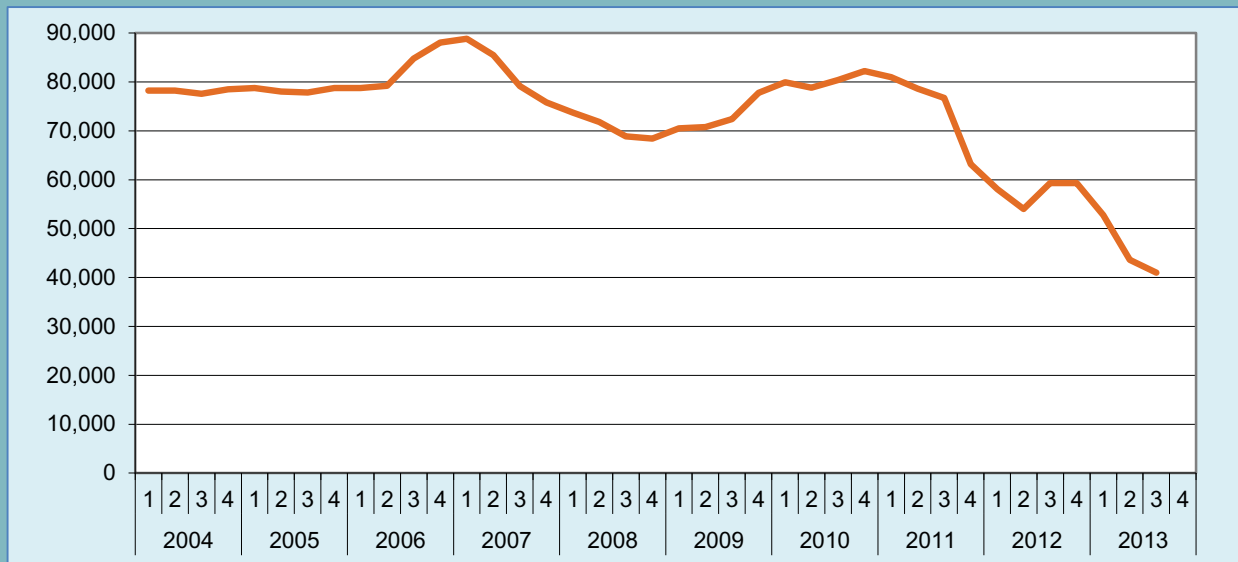
Three years ago, during the second half of 2010, there were more than 80,000 families receiving cash assistance through Michigan’s Family Independence Program. During July-September 2013, there were just over 40,000 families receiving cash assistance, and in October 2013 the FIP caseload dropped below 40,000 for the first time—less than half the number of households receiving assistance in 2010.

Contrary to some media stories and legislator statements suggesting that welfare caseloads are “out of control,” the fact is that Michigan’s cash assistance caseload is far lower than at any time going back to at least the late 1960s. The primary driver of the sharp decrease in the past three years is the stricter lifetime limits on receiving FIP passed by the Michigan Legislature in 2011. Although Michigan’s stated time limit is 48 months for receiving FIP in one’s adult lifetime, the actual number of months many parents can receive FIP is at least six months shorter due to the state’s counting an extra six months against the limit if one

moves off FIP due to getting full-time work. (This is because the Department of Human Services sends such families a \$10 check for six months for administrative purposes after they leave cash assistance and counts it toward the parent’s time limit.)

The record low number of people receiving cash assistance comes at a time when Michigan’s economy is still weak and jobs are scarce, especially for low-wage workers. The Michigan Legislature has recently passed bills to prohibit recipients from using their electronic benefits card at ATMs in certain locations such as liquor stores, casinos or adult entertainment establishments. With so few families receiving assistance compared to in the past, and unemployment still very high, a better focus for our state’s lawmakers would be to devise ways to support the remaining 40,000 FIP parents and their families as they work or look for work—for example, using the savings from the lower caseload to increase the child care subsidy or provide new opportunities for building skills.

Households Receiving FIP Since January 2004




Source: Michigan Office of Labor Market Information and Department of Human Services
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 Prepared by: Michigan League for Public Policy	Unemployment (data not seasonally adjusted)						Food Assistance Program				
	Unemployment Rate			Number Unemployed			Average Number of Households Per Month			Percent of Population Receiving Assistance ¹	
	County	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2013	+/- points	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2013	% change	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2013	% change	Qtr 3 2012
Michigan²	9.4	8.9	-0.5	440,000	424,000	-3.6	916,658	904,731	-1.3	18.3%	17.8%
Alcona	11.3	13.4	2.1	444	540	21.6	848	856	1.0	15.2%	15.2%
Alger	9.2	9.0	-0.2	372	370	-0.5	602	592	-1.6	12.3%	11.7%
Allegan	7.0	6.9	-0.2	3,814	3,810	-0.1	6,718	6,655	-0.9	13.5%	13.1%
Alpena	8.8	9.3	0.5	1,164	1,242	6.7	3,217	3,124	-2.9	20.6%	19.9%
Antrim	8.9	9.3	0.4	980	1,035	5.6	1,619	1,610	-0.6	14.8%	14.5%
Arenac	10.8	11.8	1.0	768	838	9.2	1,720	1,749	1.7	21.8%	21.6%
Baraga	14.9	15.8	0.9	555	594	7.2	713	739	3.6	16.3%	15.7%
Barry	6.5	5.9	-0.6	1,857	1,757	-5.4	3,518	3,482	-1.0	12.9%	12.5%
Bay	8.3	8.8	0.5	4,329	4,615	6.6	9,939	9,798	-1.4	17.9%	17.5%
Benzie	7.7	8.5	0.7	663	742	12.0	1,207	1,128	-6.5	14.3%	13.2%
Berrien	8.9	8.9	0.0	6,577	6,538	-0.6	15,656	15,424	-1.5	20.1%	19.6%
Branch	8.5	9.0	0.5	1,623	1,701	4.8	3,596	3,411	-5.1	17.6%	16.5%
Calhoun	7.5	7.6	0.1	4,829	4,895	1.4	16,154	15,287	-5.4	22.9%	21.8%
Cass	7.4	7.6	0.2	1,848	1,882	1.9	4,289	4,090	-4.6	17.7%	16.6%
Charlevoix	9.4	9.7	0.4	1,279	1,329	3.9	1,612	1,516	-6.0	13.2%	12.1%
Cheboygan	6.4	6.6	0.2	726	740	2.0	2,362	2,357	-0.2	18.5%	17.8%
Chippewa	9.7	10.8	1.1	1,607	1,810	12.6	2,777	2,755	-0.8	14.5%	14.1%
Clare	11.2	11.8	0.6	1,352	1,420	5.0	4,082	4,050	-0.8	26.4%	25.5%
Clinton	6.1	6.5	0.4	2,223	2,383	7.2	2,868	2,851	-0.6	7.9%	7.8%
Crawford	9.2	9.4	0.2	560	578	3.2	1,430	1,430	0.0	20.0%	19.4%
Delta	8.4	9.0	0.6	1,572	1,688	7.4	3,246	3,205	-1.2	16.7%	16.4%
Dickinson	7.6	7.2	-0.4	1,016	964	-5.2	1,855	1,863	0.4	13.5%	13.4%
Eaton	6.4	6.5	0.1	3,427	3,487	1.8	6,365	6,221	-2.3	12.1%	11.8%
Emmet	9.1	9.7	0.6	1,778	1,908	7.3	2,095	1,953	-6.8	12.6%	11.7%
Genesee	9.7	10.0	0.3	17,814	18,697	5.0	54,422	53,849	-1.1	25.3%	24.8%
Gladwin	12.0	12.4	0.5	1,158	1,197	3.4	2,596	2,621	1.0	19.7%	19.4%
Gogebic	10.0	10.2	0.1	702	704	0.3	1,687	1,643	-2.6	18.8%	18.2%
Gr. Traverse	7.2	7.1	-0.2	3,554	3,499	-1.6	6,036	5,682	-5.9	13.0%	12.1%
Gratiot	9.4	9.8	0.4	1,732	1,807	4.4	3,367	3,381	0.4	17.3%	16.9%
Hillsdale	9.6	9.8	0.2	1,843	1,911	3.7	3,660	3,589	-2.0	17.2%	16.4%
Houghton	8.7	9.2	0.5	1,406	1,480	5.3	2,500	2,449	-2.0	13.3%	12.8%
Huron	7.5	8.4	0.9	1,213	1,358	12.0	2,238	2,255	0.8	13.6%	13.5%
Ingham	8.2	8.5	0.2	11,578	11,974	3.4	28,052	27,248	-2.9	18.8%	18.1%
Ionia	8.3	8.0	-0.3	2,406	2,421	0.6	4,911	4,778	-2.7	16.4%	15.5%
Iosco	10.3	11.0	0.7	1,059	1,142	7.8	3,158	3,119	-1.2	24.0%	23.4%
Iron	8.0	8.7	0.7	436	477	9.2	993	1,030	3.8	16.5%	17.0%
Isabella	6.9	7.3	0.4	2,571	2,736	6.4	5,159	4,789	-7.2	13.7%	12.7%
Jackson	8.7	8.9	0.2	6,114	6,301	3.1	14,679	14,314	-2.5	18.7%	17.9%
Kalamazoo	7.2	7.4	0.2	9,084	9,405	3.5	22,855	22,155	-3.1	17.1%	16.3%
Kalkaska	9.1	8.5	-0.7	771	720	-6.6	1,751	1,711	-2.3	21.2%	20.6%
Kent	6.7	6.5	-0.2	20,946	20,976	0.1	50,677	49,200	-2.9	16.6%	16.1%
Keweenaw	8.4	10.2	1.9	76	94	23.8	141	143	1.2	11.2%	12.1%
Lake	11.5	12.4	0.9	453	488	7.8	1,675	1,649	-1.6	27.6%	26.7%
Lapeer	11.3	9.7	-1.6	4,527	3,971	-12.3	5,338	5,330	-0.2	13.5%	13.1%
Leelanau	6.3	6.1	-0.2	675	667	-1.2	755	749	-0.9	7.3%	7.3%

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Lenawee	9.0	9.0	0.0	3,941	3,952	0.3	7,611	7,472	-1.8	16.1%	15.5%
Livingston	8.7	7.4	-1.3	7,678	6,719	-12.5	6,180	5,827	-5.7	6.8%	6.3%
Luce	9.9	9.7	-0.2	259	252	-2.7	522	515	-1.3	15.7%	14.7%
Mackinac	4.0	4.5	0.5	281	315	12.0	770	734	-4.8	13.1%	12.2%
Macomb	10.9	9.7	-1.2	44,167	40,143	-9.1	62,504	62,081	-0.7	15.1%	14.8%
Manistee	9.1	9.3	0.2	1,020	1,048	2.7	2,148	2,145	-0.1	17.0%	16.8%
Marquette	7.8	8.0	0.2	2,669	2,782	4.2	4,544	4,429	-2.5	12.4%	11.9%
Mason	8.2	8.1	-0.1	1,244	1,235	-0.8	2,668	2,540	-4.8	19.0%	18.2%
Mecosta	9.3	9.7	0.4	1,808	1,899	5.0	3,806	3,624	-4.8	17.4%	16.7%
Menominee	7.1	6.6	-0.6	890	823	-7.5	1,659	1,643	-0.9	12.9%	12.9%
Midland	7.2	7.4	0.2	3,012	3,155	4.7	5,635	5,693	1.0	13.4%	13.1%
Missaukee	9.9	11.4	1.5	575	665	15.7	1,203	1,225	1.8	17.9%	17.9%
Monroe	8.1	8.3	0.1	5,686	5,746	1.1	9,656	9,559	-1.0	13.2%	12.9%
Montcalm	11.1	11.1	-0.1	2,767	2,787	0.7	5,663	5,544	-2.1	19.3%	18.6%
Montmorency	13.7	13.7	0.1	489	491	0.5	1,012	960	-5.2	19.8%	18.3%
Muskegon	8.8	8.8	0.0	7,428	7,659	3.1	22,738	22,173	-2.5	25.7%	24.9%
Newaygo	7.8	7.7	-0.1	1,680	1,718	2.3	5,047	5,078	0.6	22.5%	22.4%
Oakland	9.7	8.5	-1.2	57,862	51,693	-10.7	68,191	65,489	-4.0	10.7%	10.1%
Oceana	9.5	9.6	0.1	1,375	1,410	2.6	2,726	2,496	-8.4	24.0%	21.4%
Ogemaw	9.3	10.2	0.9	850	933	9.8	2,808	2,745	-2.3	25.2%	24.5%
Ontonagon	12.0	12.7	0.6	320	329	2.9	575	569	-1.0	15.6%	15.6%
Osceola	10.1	10.9	0.8	921	1,005	9.2	2,174	2,183	0.4	20.3%	19.7%
Oscoda	14.0	15.6	1.6	474	527	11.3	1,034	1,048	1.4	22.5%	22.7%
Otsego	9.9	10.1	0.2	1,103	1,140	3.4	2,412	2,345	-2.8	20.0%	19.5%
Ottawa	6.9	6.7	-0.1	8,962	9,062	1.1	10,848	10,291	-5.1	8.9%	8.3%
Presque Isle	11.3	12.0	0.7	662	715	8.1	961	990	3.1	14.0%	14.0%
Roscommon	10.7	11.3	0.6	1,010	1,100	8.9	3,023	2,966	-1.9	23.7%	22.9%
Saginaw	8.6	9.1	0.5	7,813	8,285	6.0	23,373	23,014	-1.5	22.9%	22.5%
St. Clair	12.1	10.2	-1.9	9,115	7,768	-14.8	14,593	14,491	-0.7	18.0%	17.7%
St. Joseph	8.4	8.3	-0.2	2,347	2,327	-0.8	5,549	5,239	-5.6	19.9%	18.2%
Sanilac	9.5	10.0	0.5	1,856	1,967	6.0	3,626	3,574	-1.5	18.2%	17.8%
Schoolcraft	10.9	12.2	1.3	395	438	11.1	700	704	0.6	16.3%	16.6%
Shiawassee	9.2	9.5	0.3	2,997	3,127	4.3	5,797	5,820	0.4	17.7%	17.4%
Tuscola	9.8	10.5	0.7	2,490	2,701	8.5	4,494	4,532	0.8	18.1%	18.1%
Van Buren	8.9	8.0	-0.9	3,159	2,850	-9.8	7,511	7,534	0.3	21.6%	21.3%
Washtenaw	6.1	6.4	0.3	10,993	11,745	6.8	19,987	19,041	-4.7	10.3%	9.8%
Wayne	12.4	11.2	-1.3	102,702	92,938	-9.5	273,607	276,271	1.0	29.4%	29.1%
Wexford	11.7	12.3	0.6	1,589	1,674	5.4	3,811	3,781	-0.8	24.1%	23.3%

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	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2013	% change	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2013	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2013	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2013	% change	Qtr 3 2012	Qtr 3 2013
Michigan³	60,998	42,241	-30.8	1.6%	1.1%	48,356	39,750	1,504,929	1,534,737	2.0	19.4%	19.3%
Alcona	36	27	-25.7	0.8%	0.6%	17	21	1,474	1,485	0.7	17.2%	17.2%
Alger	16	20	24.5	0.4%	0.5%	16	13	1,228	1,220	-0.6	15.2%	15.3%
Allegan	301	244	-18.9	0.7%	0.5%	398	326	16,988	16,737	-1.5	17.4%	17.0%
Alpena	163	118	-27.6	1.3%	1.0%	173	126	4,915	4,998	1.7	22.1%	22.1%
Antrim	30	21	-31.1	0.3%	0.2%	65	66	3,840	3,929	2.3	18.9%	19.2%
Arenac	63	46	-26.6	0.9%	0.6%	64	60	2,950	2,975	0.8	23.6%	23.4%
Baraga	38	25	-34.5	1.2%	0.6%	38	23	1,344	1,328	-1.2	18.7%	18.1%
Barry	131	99	-24.5	0.5%	0.4%	165	154	7,801	7,739	-0.8	15.0%	14.9%
Bay	459	365	-20.5	1.1%	0.8%	777	701	16,112	16,226	0.7	19.0%	19.0%
Benzie	27	21	-24.4	0.4%	0.2%	36	21	2,782	2,727	-2.0	18.2%	17.6%
Berrien	956	724	-24.3	1.6%	1.1%	1,072	906	27,388	27,878	1.8	22.3%	22.1%
Branch	185	125	-32.4	1.0%	0.6%	191	132	8,062	8,135	0.9	21.5%	21.4%
Calhoun	980	629	-35.8	1.9%	1.1%	805	703	25,367	25,513	0.6	24.1%	23.6%
Cass	182	146	-19.9	0.9%	0.7%	213	203	8,952	8,747	-2.3	19.9%	19.5%
Charlevoix	26	16	-37.2	0.2%	0.1%	77	76	4,088	3,946	-3.5	17.6%	17.1%
Cheboygan	67	54	-20.3	0.6%	0.5%	98	79	4,828	4,656	-3.6	21.7%	21.2%
Chippewa	159	109	-31.4	1.1%	0.7%	107	89	5,363	5,392	0.5	17.2%	16.9%
Clare	196	156	-20.4	1.7%	1.3%	114	97	6,513	6,440	-1.1	27.1%	26.4%
Clinton	87	84	-3.8	0.2%	0.2%	169	129	6,671	6,710	0.6	9.9%	10.1%
Crawford	61	51	-16.8	1.0%	0.9%	51	38	2,532	2,507	-1.0	21.6%	21.4%
Delta	72	49	-32.3	0.5%	0.3%	144	117	5,930	5,932	0.0	19.4%	19.2%
Dickinson	37	31	-15.3	0.2%	0.2%	105	93	4,135	4,024	-2.7	18.1%	17.8%
Eaton	216	132	-38.8	0.5%	0.3%	452	314	12,846	13,036	1.5	13.6%	13.7%
Emmet	25	22	-14.5	0.2%	0.1%	121	107	4,822	4,829	0.1	16.5%	16.5%
Genesee	6,257	4,286	-31.5	4.0%	2.6%	4,202	3,590	72,265	75,724	4.8	24.8%	24.6%
Gladwin	122	90	-26.7	1.1%	0.9%	84	98	4,439	4,480	0.9	21.9%	22.0%
Gogebic	118	70	-41.0	2.0%	1.1%	33	35	2,639	2,736	3.7	20.9%	20.8%
Gr. Traverse	146	103	-29.4	0.4%	0.2%	319	274	12,630	12,481	-1.2	16.3%	16.0%
Gratiot	104	81	-22.2	0.6%	0.5%	166	140	7,246	7,186	-0.8	20.2%	20.0%
Hillsdale	267	204	-23.5	1.6%	1.1%	161	125	7,747	7,867	1.5	20.9%	20.6%
Houghton	54	38	-30.1	0.3%	0.3%	79	67	5,390	5,346	-0.8	16.8%	16.7%
Huron	83	57	-31.6	0.6%	0.4%	140	131	4,943	4,882	-1.2	18.1%	17.8%
Ingham	1,304	974	-25.3	1.3%	0.9%	1,519	1,187	40,707	41,504	2.0	18.5%	18.4%
Ionia	135	111	-18.2	0.5%	0.4%	242	227	9,921	9,695	-2.3	18.1%	17.6%
Iosco	128	113	-11.7	1.2%	1.0%	124	105	4,968	5,095	2.6	24.0%	24.3%
Iron	70	45	-36.5	1.6%	0.9%	14	24	2,000	2,094	4.7	21.5%	21.5%
Isabella	139	110	-20.4	0.5%	0.3%	234	195	8,430	8,283	-1.7	14.3%	14.0%
Jackson	1,074	771	-28.2	1.8%	1.2%	812	665	25,910	25,938	0.1	20.5%	20.2%
Kalamazoo	1,664	1,087	-34.7	1.7%	1.1%	1,594	1,260	34,722	35,619	2.6	17.7%	17.5%
Kalkaska	39	23	-40.5	0.5%	0.3%	72	77	3,764	3,765	0.0	24.7%	24.8%
Kent	3,245	2,360	-27.3	1.3%	0.9%	3,534	2,629	96,439	97,302	0.9	19.4%	19.2%
Keweenaw	5	1	-73.3	0.5%	0.1%	2	2	240	278	15.9	13.5%	14.4%
Lake	73	54	-25.7	1.6%	1.0%	69	47	2,416	2,409	-0.3	27.5%	26.9%
Lapeer	192	118	-38.3	0.5%	0.3%	343	248	12,623	12,812	1.5	16.2%	16.2%
Leelanau	10	6	-36.7	0.1%	0.1%	37	27	1,869	1,973	5.5	9.4%	9.9%

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Lenawee	460	357	-22.5	1.2%	1.0%	478	432	14,685	14,774	0.6	18.0%	17.9%
Livingston	178	148	-16.9	0.2%	0.2%	282	219	14,487	13,960	-3.6	8.8%	8.5%
Luce	33	32	-3.0	1.6%	1.4%	17	3	1,034	994	-3.9	20.7%	19.9%
Mackinac	23	14	-39.1	0.5%	0.3%	14	21	1,463	1,454	-0.6	15.6%	15.5%
Macomb	3,650	2,680	-26.6	1.2%	0.8%	2,698	2,173	110,159	114,117	3.6	16.2%	16.5%
Manistee	70	48	-31.0	0.7%	0.5%	51	53	3,948	3,937	-0.3	19.4%	19.2%
Marquette	177	123	-30.3	0.6%	0.4%	165	171	8,394	8,455	0.7	14.7%	14.6%
Mason	127	98	-23.0	1.0%	0.8%	234	197	5,262	5,120	-2.7	21.8%	21.3%
Mecosta	135	112	-17.0	0.7%	0.6%	159	141	7,061	6,935	-1.8	19.5%	19.3%
Menominee	36	37	1.9	0.3%	0.4%	58	46	3,564	3,466	-2.7	17.1%	16.9%
Midland	158	128	-19.0	0.4%	0.3%	300	251	10,686	10,734	0.4	15.0%	15.1%
Missaukee	51	36	-30.5	0.8%	0.5%	58	50	2,819	2,924	3.7	21.6%	22.1%
Monroe	482	371	-22.9	0.8%	0.5%	459	421	18,952	18,988	0.2	15.0%	14.8%
Montcalm	79	86	8.4	0.3%	0.2%	188	151	11,707	11,471	-2.0	21.6%	21.3%
Montmorency	31	18	-41.3	0.7%	0.3%	14	15	1,763	1,690	-4.2	22.6%	21.7%
Muskegon	2,457	1,432	-41.7	3.7%	2.0%	1,834	1,440	32,247	34,209	6.1	26.1%	25.8%
Newaygo	257	187	-27.4	1.3%	0.9%	236	211	9,761	10,026	2.7	24.6%	24.9%
Oakland	3,489	2,386	-31.6	0.8%	0.5%	2,822	2,354	115,767	115,792	0.0	11.9%	11.7%
Oceana	174	108	-37.6	1.9%	1.1%	138	100	6,394	6,130	-4.1	28.9%	27.2%
Ogemaw	129	107	-17.3	1.5%	1.1%	120	102	4,390	4,359	-0.7	25.7%	25.4%
Ontonagon	18	11	-38.2	0.7%	0.4%	4	6	922	971	5.3	17.6%	18.1%
Osceola	86	65	-24.4	0.9%	0.6%	109	71	4,589	4,540	-1.1	24.0%	23.7%
Oscoda	48	38	-19.6	1.5%	1.1%	24	18	1,676	1,623	-3.2	24.1%	23.4%
Otsego	87	70	-19.5	0.9%	0.7%	183	157	4,856	4,860	0.1	23.2%	23.3%
Ottawa	371	268	-27.7	0.3%	0.2%	696	593	28,958	28,962	0.0	12.1%	12.0%
Presque Isle	33	22	-35.0	0.6%	0.4%	39	21	1,829	1,871	2.3	17.3%	17.4%
Roscommon	134	92	-31.4	1.4%	0.9%	106	77	4,659	4,663	0.1	24.4%	24.0%
Saginaw	2,013	1,432	-28.9	2.7%	1.8%	2,078	1,663	33,010	33,711	2.1	23.3%	23.1%
St. Clair	647	536	-17.1	1.1%	0.8%	647	589	26,688	26,564	-0.5	19.7%	32.2%
St. Joseph	221	147	-33.2	0.9%	0.6%	316	251	13,180	12,774	-3.1	24.5%	375.5%
Sanilac	167	119	-28.7	0.9%	0.6%	182	148	7,815	7,817	0.0	21.5%	20.9%
Schoolcraft	33	25	-24.0	1.0%	0.7%	26	20	1,362	1,368	0.4	20.3%	5.6%
Shiawassee	406	375	-7.6	1.5%	1.4%	309	222	11,118	11,002	-1.0	20.0%	2.8%
Tuscola	226	154	-31.6	1.1%	0.6%	229	218	9,832	10,006	1.8	21.4%	21.3%
Van Buren	299	261	-12.7	0.9%	0.8%	306	276	16,633	16,597	-0.2	25.9%	25.7%
Washtenaw	871	615	-29.4	0.6%	0.4%	1,091	861	32,186	32,112	-0.2	11.3%	11.1%
Wayne	23,215	15,347	-33.9	3.5%	2.1%	12,183	10,024	364,567	382,366	4.9	28.0%	28.0%
Wexford	168	122	-27.6	1.3%	0.8%	215	192	6,951	7,185	3.4	26.0%	26.4%

¹ Population figures based on U.S. Census Bureau county estimates from July of the previous year.

² In some cases the Michigan number is slightly different from the county total.

³ Includes both regular and extended FIP.

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

Industry	Avg 2012 Qtr 3	Avg 2013 Qtr 3	% Change	Industry	Avg 2012 Qtr 3	Avg 2013 Qtr 3	% Change
TOTAL NONFARM	4,030,300	4,093,000	1.6	•Retail Trade	450,500	458,600	1.8
Natural Resources and Mining	8,067	8,333	3.3	Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	55,233	57,533	4.2
Construction	138,033	140,467	1.8	Building Material and Garden Equip. and Supplies Dealers	42,433	42,867	1.0
Construction of Buildings	29,067	28,400	-2.3	Food and Beverage Stores	75,633	77,633	2.6
Heavy and Civil Engineering	16,067	17,867	11.2	Health and Personal Care	30,633	30,167	-1.5
Specialty Trade Contractors	92,900	94,200	1.4	Gasoline Stations	24,067	24,133	0.3
Manufacturing	541,667	556,800	2.8	Clothing and Clothing Accessories	33,733	33,167	-1.7
•Durable Goods	407,033	417,167	2.5	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, and Music Stores	19,933	19,767	-0.8
Nonmetallic Mineral Products	10,433	9,900	-5.1	General Merchandise Stores	110,333	110,467	0.1
Primary Metal Manufacturing	21,667	21,633	-0.2	Miscellaneous Store Retail	23,933	25,967	8.5
Fabricated Metal Products	76,667	78,267	2.1	•Transportation Warehousing & Utilities	121,900	123,633	1.4
Metalworking Machinery Manuf.	35,533	36,600	3.0	Air Transportation	13,967	13,633	-2.4
Computer and Electronic Products	18,167	17,833	-1.8	Rail Transportation	3,100	2,900	-6.5
Motor Vehicle Manufacturing	40,467	41,567	2.7	Truck Transportation	39,400	40,167	1.9
Motor Vehicle Parts Manuf.	102,333	107,067	4.6	Warehousing and Storage	14,100	15,000	6.4
Furniture and Related Products	19,800	20,300	2.5	Information	53,567	52,133	-2.7
•Non-Durable Goods	134,633	139,633	3.7	Publishing Industries	15,767	15,333	-2.7
Food Manufacturing	33,867	36,900	9.0	Telecommunications	20,000	19,767	-1.2
Printing and Related Support Activities	14,167	13,733	-3.1	Financial Activities	199,400	198,733	-0.3
Chemical Manufacturing	28,700	29,633	3.3	Finance and Insurance	149,400	149,533	0.1
Plastics and Rubber Products	34,800	36,833	5.8	Real Estate	35,200	35,067	-0.4
Trade Transportation & Utilities	732,900	744,800	1.6	Professional & Business Services	574,433	589,633	2.6
•Wholesale Trade	160,500	162,567	1.3	Legal Services	28,000	27,900	-0.4
Merchant Wholesalers Durable Goods	89,767	91,600	2.0	Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	25,767	30,267	17.5
Merchant Wholesalers Nondurable Goods	46,933	47,000	0.1	Architectural Engineering	68,433	71,067	3.8
Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	23,800	23,967	0.7				

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Industry	Avg 2012 Qtr 3	Avg 2013 Qtr 3	% Change	Industry	Avg 2012 Qtr 3	Avg 2013 Qtr 3	% Change
Computer Systems Design	42,933	43,367	1.0	Government	576,200	576,100	0.0
Management, Scientific and Technical Consulting Services	26,000	26,533	2.1	• Federal Government	52,933	50,700	-4.2
Scientific Research and Development Services	20,733	20,767	0.2	U.S. Postal Service	21,067	19,533	-7.3
Advertising and Related Management of Companies	12,967	13,133	1.3	• State Government	169,200	172,833	2.1
Administrative & Support Services	54,933	54,933	0.0	State Government Educational Services	100,167	101,867	1.7
Employment Services	272,567	276,633	1.5	• Local Government	354,067	352,567	-0.4
Educational and Health Services	626,967	633,667	1.1	Local Government Educational Services	177,267	175,500	-1.0
• Educational Services (see also Government)	68,933	66,633	-3.3	Local Government Elementary and Secondary Schools	154,667	152,033	-1.7
• Health Care & Social Assistance	558,033	567,033	1.6	Local Government Jr. Colleges	22,600	23,467	3.8
Ambulatory Health Care Services	191,333	192,933	0.8				
Offices of Physicians	70,233	70,067	-0.2				
Outpatient Care Centers	17,233	17,600	2.1				
Home Health Care Service	37,000	38,233	3.3				
Hospitals	76,756	77,433	0.9				
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	102,300	104,900	2.5				
Social Assistance	66,333	69,567	4.9				
Individual and Family Services	29,333	30,433	3.8				
Leisure and Hospitality	409,133	422,100	3.2				
Performing Arts Spectator Activities	8,767	8,067	-8.0				
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation	41,767	44,033	5.4				
Accommodations	43,067	42,100	-2.2				
Food Services and Drinking	311,600	320,567	2.9				
Other Services	169,933	170,233	0.2				
Repair and Maintenance	36,533	36,167	-1.0				
Personal and Laundry Services	36,800	38,200	3.8				
Religious Grantmaking Civic Professional	96,600	95,867	-0.8				

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Michigan Counties With Largest Changes Third Quarter 2012 — Third Quarter 2013

Percentage Point Change in Unemployment Rate		Percent Change in Food Assistance Households		Percent Change in FIP Cash Assistance Families	
Alcona	2.1	Oceana	-8.4	Keweenaw	-73.3
Keweenaw	1.9	Isabella	-7.2	Muskegon	-41.7
Oscoda	1.6	Emmet	-6.8	Montmorency	-41.3
Missaukee	1.5	Benzie	-6.5	Gogebic	-41.0
Schoolcraft	1.3	Charlevoix	-6.0	Kalkaska	-40.5
Chippewa	1.1	Grand Traverse	-5.9	Mackinac	-39.1
Arenac	1.0	Livingston	-5.7	Eaton	-38.8
Baraga	0.9	St. Joseph	-5.6	Lapeer	-38.3
Ogemaw	0.9	Calhoun	-5.4	Ontonagon	-38.2
Huron	0.9	Montmorency	-5.2	Oceana	-37.6

Note: Counties in bold have population of 100,000 or more.

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