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## Michigan Economic Indicators



**NOVEMBER 2020** 

## **ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS**



The November 2020 **Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)** was 62.2, according to the Manufacturing Business Survey by the Institute of Supply Management, indicating expansion in the manufacturing sector. The PMI is a composite index based on five sub-indices: new orders, production, employment, supplier deliveries, and inventories. A measurement above 50.0 indicates expansion in manufacturing. The index has been above 50.0 for six straight months, since June 2020, after rising from a low of 27.5 in April 2020.

The **Index of Consumer Sentiment** decreased 6.0% in November 2020, from 81.8 in October 2020 to 76.9. The November reading was 20.6% below the November 2019 reading. The low sentiment reflected uncertainty about the future course of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Since hitting a recent peak of 101.0 in February 2020, consumer sentiment has shown no real trend and, instead, has moved up or down slightly from month to month.



Michigan's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** rose from 6.1% in October 2020 to 7.0% in November 2020, and was well above the 3.9% rate in November 2019. Compared to October 2020, both the labor force and the number of individuals employed grew. The unemployment rate grew because the size of the labor force grew by more than the number employed. The number of individuals employed grew by 4,000 in November, or 0.1%, while the number of people in the labor force grew by 49,000, or 1.4%. Total employment in Michigan was 4,598,000 in November 2020, down 153,000 (3.2%) from November 2019.

In November 2020, **revenue from Michigan's major taxes** totaled \$2.3 billion, up 8.2% (\$178.6 million) from November 2019. Tax collections for the month were approximately \$199.2 million above the forecasted level. The above-forecast revenue primarily reflected greater-than-expected collections from the State Education Tax, individual income tax withholding, and the Corporate Income Tax, partially offset by below-forecast collections for sales tax and greater-than-expected Michigan Business Tax refunds.

	Change from Year A						
U.S.	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor Force	160,536	160,718	164,447	(182)	(0.1%)	(3,911)	(2.4%)
Employment	149,809	149,669	158,540	140	0.1	(8,731)	(5.5)
Unemployment	10,727	11,049	5,907	(322)	(2.9)	4,820	81.6
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.9%	3.6%				
	Change from Oct		Change from Year Ago				
Michigan	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor Force	4,943	4,893	4,941	49	1.0%	1	0.0%
Employment	4,598	4,595	4,751	4	0.1	(153)	(3.2)
Unemployment	345	299	190	46	15.4	154	81.0
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	6.1%	3.9%				

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MICHIGAN WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally adjusted, thousands)										
	,				from Oct	Change from Yr Ago				
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent			
Total Non-Agricultural Jobs	4,027	4,035	4,443	(8)	(0.2%)	(416)	(9.4%)			
Goods Producing Industries	749	746	811	4	0.5	(62)	(7.6)			
Mining and Logging	6	6	7	0	3.2	(1)	(13.5)			
Construction	177	175	177	2	1.3	1	0.3			
Manufacturing	566	565	627	1	0.2	(61)	(9.8)			
Transportation Equipment	161	160	187	1	0.7	(26)	(13.8)			
Service Producing Industries	3,278	3,289	3,632	(11)	(0.3)	(354)	(9.7)			
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	765	766	799	(1)	(0.1)	(34)	(4.3)			
Wholesale Trade	164	162	171	2	0.9	(7)	(4.3)			
Retail Trade	438	442	462	(4)	(0.9)	(24)	(5.2)			
Transportation & Utilities	163	161	166	2	1.1	(3)	(1.6)			
Information	51	51	55	0	0.0	(4)	(7.5)			
Financial Activities Professional & Business	221	222	227	(1)	(0.4)	(6)	(2.5)			
Services	604	603	655	1	0.2	(50)	(7.7)			
Education & Health Services	627	629	682	(2)	(0.4)	(56)	(8.1)			
Leisure & Hospitality Services	289	296	434	(7)	(2.2)	(145)	(33.4)			
Other Services	150	147	166	2	1.4	(17)	(9.9)			
Government	571	575	614	(4)	(0.7)	(43)	(7.0)			

	<u>Aver</u>	age Weekly H	<u>ours</u>	<u>Avera</u>	ge Weekly Ear	nings
Industry	Nov 2020	Year Ago	Percent Change	Nov 2020	Year Ago	Percent Change
Construction	40.3	37.8	6.6%	\$1,219.48	\$1,050.46	16.1%
Manufacturing	40.8	42.3	(3.5)	932.69	947.52	(1.6)
Durable Goods	40.5	42.9	(5.6)	945.27	987.56	(4.3)
Transportation Equipment Mfg.	42.8	46.5	(8.0)	1,188.56	1,256.43	(5.4)
Motor Vehicle Parts Mfg.	39.8	45.5	(12.5)	1,010.92	1,092.46	(7.5)
Nondurable Goods	41.5	40.2	3.2	893.91	814.45	9.8
Wholesale Trade	38.4	37.0	3.8	997.25	992.71	0.5
Retail Trade	28.5	29.3	(2.7)	459.14	464.41	(1.1)
Information	39.8	35.2	13.1	1,079.38	943.71	14.4
Financial Activities	36.4	35.9	1.4	958.78	964.27	(0.6)
Professional & Business Services	35.9	34.0	5.6	955.30	886.04	7.8
Health Care & Social Assistance	30.9	31.3	(1.3)	711.01	707.38	0.5
Leisure & Hospitality	22.0	23.0	(4.3)	290.40	303.60	(4.3)
Accommodation & Food Services	22.5	23.1	(2.6)	292.28	294.99	(0.9)



MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
BY SELECTED METROPOLITAN AREAS AND MULTI-COUNTY AREAS
(Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations)

	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Sep 2020	Nov 2019
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Ann Arbor	3.4%	4.0%	6.1%	2.2%
Battle Creek	5.2	5.9	8.6	3.2
Bay City	4.9	5.2	7.5	3.6
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn	8.9	7.0	9.9	3.5
Flint	5.6	6.4	9.4	3.7
Grand Rapids-Wyoming	3.7	4.2	6.3	2.3
Jackson	4.6	5.2	7.7	3.0
Kalamazoo-Portage	4.1	4.5	6.8	2.8
Lansing-East Lansing	3.9	4.5	6.7	2.5
Midland	3.8	4.2	6.3	3.0
Monroe	4.2	5.3	6.9	2.8
Muskegon	6.4	7.1	10.2	3.6
Niles-Benton Harbor	4.7	5.2	7.7	3.1
Saginaw	5.4	5.9	8.7	3.8
Multi-County Areas				
Northeast Lower Michigan	5.5	5.3	7.8	5.1
Northwest Lower Michigan	4.1	4.2	6.4	3.4
Upper Peninsula	4.2	4.2	6.1	4.1
Michigan Statewide Average				
(unadjusted - comparable to figures shown above)	6.3	5.7	8.2	3.2

						Percent Change From:		
					Year Ago		Nov 2020/	
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Nov	Nov/Oct	Nov 2019	
Motor Vehicle Sales <sup>1)</sup>						4		
Autos	3,778	3,859	3,744	3,477	4,410	(2.1%)	(14.3%	
Domestics	2,917	2,963	2,856	2,657	3,313	(1.6)	(12.0)	
Imports	861	896	888	820	1,097	(3.9)	(21.5)	
Import Share	22.8%	23.2%	23.7%	23.6%	24.9%			
Light Trucks	11,937	12,513	12,558	11,634	12,573	(4.6)	(5.1)	
Domestics	9,230	9,872	9,909	9,182	9,883	(6.5)	(6.6)	
Imports	2,707	2,641	2,649	2,452	2,690	2.5	0.6	
Import Share	22.7%	21.1%	21.1%	21.1%	21.4%			
Subtotal: Light Vehicle Sales	15,715	16,372	16,302	15,111	16,983	(4.0)	(7.5)	
Heavy Trucks	477	466	432	429	465	2.4	2.6	
Total Vehicle Sales	16,192	16,838	16,734	15,540	17,448	(3.8)	(7.2)	
U.S. Motor Vehicle Production <sup>1)</sup>								
Autos	2,287	2,255	2,382	2,342	2,584	1.4	(11.5)	
Michigan Motor Vehicle Productio	n <sup>2)</sup>							
Autos	148	204	263	195	212	(27.6)	(30.3)	
Trucks	1,516	1,510	1,489	1,478	1,760	0.4	(13.8)	
Total	1,664	1,714	1,752	1,673	1,972	(2.9)	(15.6)	
Michigan Production as % of U.S.	16.6%	16.0%	15.9%	17.4%	18.1%			
Average Expenditure per Car <sup>1)</sup>								
Overall	\$ 27,372	\$ 27,744	\$ 27,513	\$ 27,617	\$ 26,480	(1.3)	3.4	
Domestic	\$ 25,513	\$ 26,018	\$ 25,940	\$ 25,767	\$ 24,823	(1.9)	2.8	
Foreign	\$ 33,648	\$ 33,463	\$ 32,693	\$ 33,943	\$ 31,512	0.6	6.8	

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OTHER KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS								
			Actual Data	Percent C	hng From			
Variable	Latest Period	Latest Period	Previous Period	Year Ago	Previous Period <sup>9)</sup>	Year Ago		
Index of Consumer Sentiment, monthly <sup>1)</sup> (1996 Q1=100)	Nov	76.9	81.8	96.8	(6.0%)	(20.6%)		
Oil Prices <sup>2)</sup> (\$ per barrel, West Texas Intermediate Crude)	Nov	\$40.94	\$39.40	\$57.03	3.9	(28.2)		
Housing Starts, U.S.3) (thousands of units, SAAR)	Nov	1,553	1,530	1,371	1.5	13.3		
Retail Sales, U.S. <sup>3)</sup> (billions, seasonally adjusted) Industrial Production Index <sup>4)</sup>	Nov	\$491.7	\$496.7	\$461.1	(1.0)	6.6		
(2007=100, seasonally adjusted)  Capacity Utilization <sup>4)</sup>	Nov	104.9	103.9	110.0	0.9	(4.7)		
(% of total capacity, seasonally adjusted)	Nov	73.9	73.3	77.6	0.9	(4.7)		
Consumer Price Index <sup>5)</sup> (1982-84=100)								
U.S. (seasonally adjusted)	Nov	260.9	260.5	258.0	2.2	1.1		
Detroit (not seasonally adjusted)	Oct	239.9	240.6	238.8	(1.7)	0.5		
Interest Rates								
3-month Treasury Bill <sup>4)</sup>	Nov	0.09%	0.10%	1.57%				
30-year Conventional Mortgage <sup>6)</sup>	Nov	2.77%	2.83%	3.70%				
Real Gross Domestic Product <sup>7)</sup> (billions of 2009 \$, SAAR, Chain-Weighted)	2020 3rd Quarter	\$18,596.5	\$17,302.5	\$19,141.7	33.4	(2.8)		
Michigan Tax Collections <sup>8)</sup> (12 major taxes, millions)	Nov	\$2,343.3	\$3,440.5	\$2,164.7	NM	8.2		

SAAR = Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates. NM = Not Meaningful. Revenue data vary greatly from month-to-month due to timing and other noneconomic factors.

**Sources:** 1) University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers. 2) U.S. Energy Information Administration/Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. 3) U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. 4) Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. 5) U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The U.S. CPI is released monthly, while the Detroit CPI is released every two months, beginning in Feb. of each year. 6) Freddie Mac, Primary Mortgage Market Survey. 7) U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. 8) Michigan Department of Treasury and the Senate Fiscal Agency. 9) Percent changes from previous period for CPI and GDP at annual rate.

