# Selected BLS Economic Indicators

# Detroit



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This fact sheet presents recent employment and unemployment figures for the Detroit area, Michigan, and the United States. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the retail level. The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures price changes or inflation for particular commodities and services at the wholesale level and is widely used by business firms as an escalator in longterm contracts. The Employment Cost Index (ECI) measures price changes or inflation of labor costs which includes wages and salaries and employer costs for employee benefits. An occupational pay relative is a calculation of pay-wages, salaries, commissions, and production bonuses-for a given metropolitan area relative to the nation as a whole; the calculation controls for differences among areas in occupational composition, establishment, and occupational characteristics, and the fact that data are collected for areas at different times during the year.

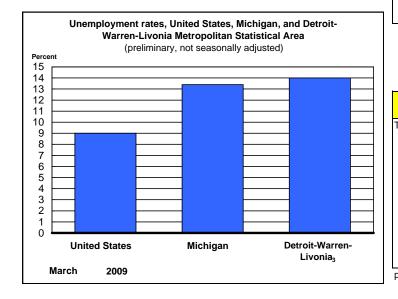
| Consumer Price Index<br>(1982-84 = 100)                 | Mar<br>2008 | Mar<br>2009 | Percent<br>change |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)                             | 2000        | 2003        | change            |
| U.S. City Average                                       | 213.528     | 212.709     | -0.4              |
| Midwest   | 203.723     | 202.021     | -0.8              |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint <sub>1</sub> (Feb '08 and '09)* | 202.378     | 201.913     | -0.2              |
| Wage Earners & Clerical Workers (CPI-W)                 |             |             |                   |
| U.S. City Average                                       | 209.147     | 207.218     | -0.9              |
| Midwest   | 198.989     | 196.453     | -1.3              |
| Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint <sub>1</sub> (even months)*     | 197.670     | 196.191     | -0.7              |
| Producer Price Index, U.S.                              | Mar         | Mar         | Percent           |
| (1982 = 100)  | 2008        | 2009(p)     | change            |
| Finished goods  | 175.1       | 168.9       | -3.5              |
| All commodities   | 187.9       | 168.1       | -10.5             |
| Industrial commodities                                  | 190.2       | 169.5       | -10.9             |

p = preliminary, \*CPI is released bi-monthly for Detroit on even months

#### Unemployment levels, age 16 years and over (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| Area                    | Mar<br>2008 | Mar<br>2009 (p) | Net<br>change |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| United States           | 8,027.0     | 13,895.0        | 5,868.0       |
| Michigan                | 388.2       | 644.2           | 256.0         |
| Detroit-Warren-Livonia3 | 168.3       | 290.3           | 122.0         |
| p = preliminary         |             |                 |               |

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| Employment Cost Index                 | Dec       | Dec   | Percent |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| (December 2005 = 100)                 | 2007      | 2008  | change  |
| Total Compensation-Private Industry   |           |       |         |
| United States                         | 106.3     | 108.9 | 2.4     |
| Detroit-Warren-Flint <sub>2</sub>     | -         | -     | 1.7     |
| Occupational pay relatives            | July 2007 |       |         |
| (U.S. = 100)                          |           |       |         |
| Detroit-Warren-Flint <sub>2</sub>     |           |       |         |
| All occupations                       | 105*      |       |         |
| Management, business, and financial   | 98        |       |         |
| Professional and business services    | 104*      |       |         |
| Service                               | 103*      |       |         |
| Sales and related                     | 98        |       |         |
| Office and administrative support     | 105*      |       |         |
| Construction and extraction           | 101       |       |         |
| Installation, maintenance, and repair | 97        |       |         |
| Production                            | 117*      |       |         |
| Transportation and material moving    | 109*      |       |         |

The pay relative for this occupation is signficantly different from the national average at the 90-percent confidence level.

#### Nonfarm payroll employment (not seasonally adjusted in thousands)

| Area                                | Mar<br>2008 | Mar<br>2009 (p) | Net<br>change | Percent<br>change |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| United States                       | 136,944.0   | 132,072.0       | -4,872.0      | -3.6              |
| Michigan                            | 4,160.0     | 3,890.1         | -269.9        | -6.5              |
| Detroit-Warren-Livonia <sub>3</sub> | 1,907.5     | 1,772.2         | -135.3        | -7.1              |

p = preliminary

#### **Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA payroll employment** by industry sector (not seasonally adjusted, in thousands)

| In duction.                         | Mar     | Mar      |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|--|
| Industry                            | 2008    | 2009 (p) |  |
| Total nonfarm                       | 1,907.5 | 1,772.2  |  |
| Mining, logging & construction      | 58.6    | 49.9     |  |
| Manufacturing                       | 243.2   | 202.1    |  |
| Trade, transportation and utilities | 358.9   | 337.4    |  |
| Information                         | 32.4    | 30.2     |  |
| Financial activities                | 107.6   | 99.5     |  |
| Professional & bus. services        | 339.6   | 293.4    |  |
| Education and health services       | 280.9   | 283.8    |  |
| Leisure and hospitality             | 175.7   | 170.4    |  |
| Other services                      | 86.2    | 84.8     |  |
| Government                          | 224.4   | 220.7    |  |

1. The Detroit-Ann-Arbor Flint Metropolitan Statistical Areas includes Genesee, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Okland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties. 2. The Detroit-Warren-Flint Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston,

Macomb, Monroe, Okland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties.

3. The **Detroit-Warren-Livonia** Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Wayne, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, and St. Clair counties.