

CY 2008 Statistical Highlights for Michigan's Unemployment Benefit Program

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Michigan's unemployment insurance (UI) program issues jobless benefits to workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own. The benefits are intended to help these workers with a source of temporary income while they seek new employment or await recall to their jobs.

The Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) administers Michigan's UI program. UIA issues both state and federal jobless benefits and collects Michigan unemployment taxes from employers, which are used to fund state unemployment benefit payments.

Statistics for Michigan's unemployment benefit program

<u>Regular State Benefits</u>	<u>CY 2008</u>	<u>CY 2007</u>
Total weeks claimed.....	8,471,775	7,343,560
Total weeks compensated.....	7,673,211	6,467,251
New initial claims filed.....	673,067	543,147
Total benefits paid.....	\$2,225,106,302	\$1,849,070,905
Total checks issued.....	4,020,530	3,398,825
Number of first payments.....	513,255	435,659
Average full check amount.....	\$299.96	\$293.37
Exhaustions.....	177,270	153,955
Ave. duration of unemployment claim.....	15.0 weeks	14.8 weeks

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Relationship between average weekly state benefit claims and total unemployment

Claims for regular state jobless benefits (<i>monthly average</i>).....	162,000
Total unemployment (<i>monthly average</i>).....	418,000
Percent of total unemployed claiming benefits.....	38.8%

Monetary determinations for state unemployment claims

Number issued.....	698,627
Number allowed (91.8%).....	641,283
Claimants eligible for both maximum benefits and duration.....	306,661
Claimants who qualified for maximum weekly benefit.....	418,974
Claimants who actually received maximum number of weeks.....	116,688

Nonmonetary determinations for state unemployment claims

Number issued.....	353,840
Number denied.....	189,738

35.4% of nonmonetary determinations were denials.

Major nonmonetary reasons for denying state unemployment claims

Voluntarily leaving the job (18.5%).....	35,163
Failing to meet reporting requirements (44.2%).....	83,799
Discharge for misconduct (15.1%).....	28,657

Fact Sheet

Demographic data for those claiming state unemployment benefits

(monthly averages based on a sampling of state benefit claims)

Sex:	Males: 63.6%	Females: 36.4%	
Ethnic:	Hispanic/Latino: 3.4%	Not Hispanic/Latino: 73.3%	INA*: 23.4%
Race:	White: 58.6%	African American: 12.3%	Asian: 0.9%
	American Indian/Alaskan Native: 1.0%	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.1%	INA*: 27.2%
Age:	Under 22: 3.2%	22-24: 5.9%	25-34: 23.7%
	35-44: 25.9%	45-54: 26.2%	55-59: 8.3%
	60-64: 4.5%	65+: 2.3%	

Industries:

Agriculture/forestry/fishing: -- **0.7%**; Mining: -- **0.3%**; Utilities: -- **0.1%**; Construction: -- **13.4%**; Manufacturing: -- **23.1%**; Wholesale trade: -- **3.1%**; Retail trade: -- **6.6%**; Transportation/warehouse: -- **3.3%**; Information: -- **0.9%**; Finance & insurance: -- **2.4%**; Real estate: -- **1.3%**; Professional/scientific/technical services: -- **4.5%**; Management of company/enterprise: -- **0.5%**; Administration & support/waste mgmt/remediation svc: -- **12.0%**; Education svc: -- **1.6%**; Health care & social assistance: -- **5.1%**; Arts, entertainment & recreation: -- **2.0%**; Accommodation & food svc: -- **4.2%**; Other svc: -- **1.8%**; Public admin: -- **1.0%**; INA*: -- **12.3%**.

Occupations:

Management: -- **5.2%**; Business & financial ops.: -- **1.9%**; Computer & math: -- **1.0%**; Architecture & engineering: -- **1.2%**; Life, physical & social sciences: -- **0.2%**; Community & social svc: -- **0.4%**; Legal: -- **0.2%**; Education, training & library: -- **1.1%**; Art design, entertainment, sports & media: -- **0.5%**; Health care, practice & technical: -- **0.8%**; Health care support: -- **2.4%**; Protective svc: -- **0.6%**; Food preparation & serving related: -- **3.2%**; Building & grounds cleaning & maintenance: -- **2.7%**; Personal care & svc: -- **0.9%**; Sales & related: -- **6.6%**; Office & administrative support: -- **6.7%**; Farming, fishing & forestry: -- **0.6%**; Construction & extraction: -- **5.3%**; Installation, maintenance & repair: -- **4.1%**; Production: -- **20.4%**; Transportation & material moving: -- **5.0%**; Military specific -- **0.0%**; INA*: -- **29.1%**.

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