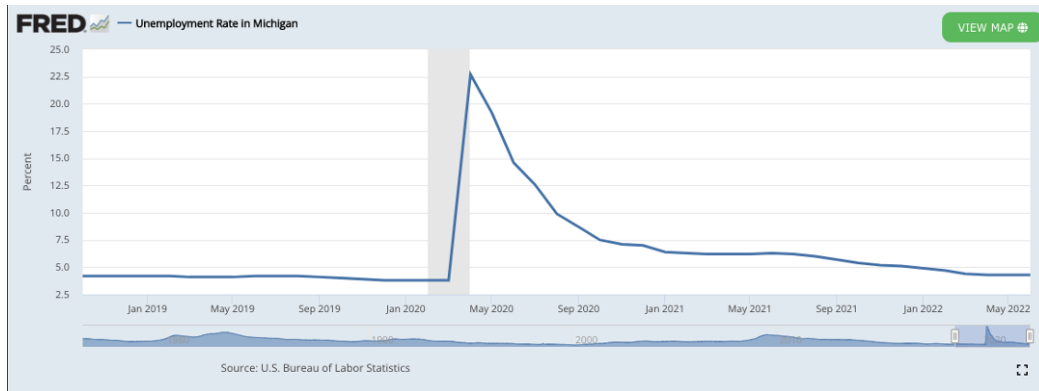




Unemployment Remains Above Pre-Pandemic Levels

Michigan's unemployment rate remains above pre-pandemic levels at 4.3%.

[Under Whitmer's Administration, The Unemployment Rate Has Failed To Return To Pre-Pandemic Levels](#)



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[32% of Michigan Businesses Experienced a Government-Mandated Closure](#)

- Nearly one in three Michigan businesses, or 32%, experienced a government-mandated closure, according to the bureau's 2020 Business Response Survey. That was the highest closure rate of all states. The national average was 18.74%.

[Michigan's Workforce Participation Rate ranks 39th Among the 50 States](#)

- In February 2020, the state had a workforce participation rate of 61.1%. By April, a month after lockdowns began, it fell to 56.6%. In the years since, Michigan's rate has crept back up to 60% — which ranks 39th among 50 states, far worse than its Midwestern neighbors. The next lowest state is Ohio, with 62%. Wisconsin is the highest, at 66.5%.