

The occupations with the most employees in Michigan provide very few middle class jobs.

50% of Michigan's payroll jobs are in just five large occupational categories -- and the majority of jobs in those categories don't pay a middle class wage.



There are: **2.18** million
Jobs in 5 largest
occupations

Of these: **77** percent
Pay less than a middle-
class wage for a family of 3

Six in 10 payroll jobs in Michigan pay less than what it takes for a family of three to be middle class.

There are 4.3 million payroll jobs in Michigan. The majority of those jobs simply do not pay well.

The result?

38 percent

Almost four in ten Michigan households were struggling to afford basic necessities in 2019's strong economy.



■ Pay under \$47,026 ■ Pay \$47,026-\$70,539 ■ Pay over \$70,539

All data from 2019's pre-pandemic economy. We adopted a methodology developed by the Pew Research Center, adjusted for cost-of-living in Michigan, to establish our standards for a family of three to just enter the middle class (\$47,026) and to join the upper middle class (\$70,539).