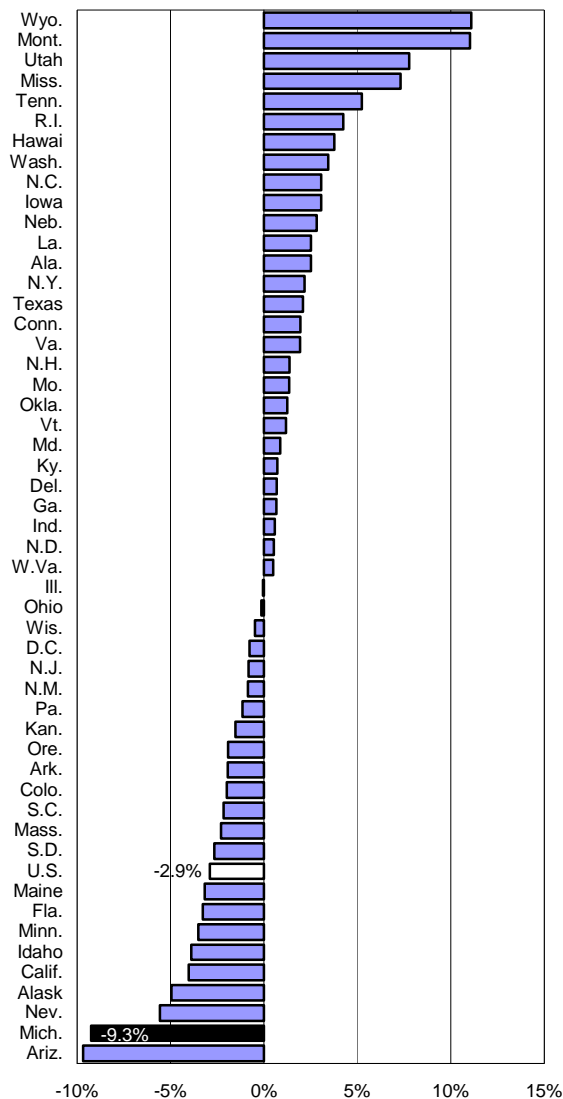


The Key Role of Construction in Michigan's Economy

- The industry **employed 159,900 workers** in December 2007, 4% of the state's nonfarm employment of 4,247,900 and a decrease of 9% from one year before. Nationally, construction accounted for 5% of nonfarm employment but fell 2.9% over the year as homebuilding shrank.
- Construction **contributed \$16 billion to state GDP** of \$381 billion in 2006.
- **Annual pay** in 2006 in construction averaged \$46,561, 11% more than the private sector average of \$41,943. Nationally, construction pay averaged \$44,496, 5% more than the national private sector average of \$42,414.
- **Small business** is big in construction. Michigan had 26,016 construction firms in 2005, of which 94% employed fewer than 20 workers. In addition, Michigan had 84,517 construction firms without employees, mainly sole proprietorships, in 2005.
- Michigan's **population** fell 0.3% from July 2006 to July 2007, 50th fastest of all states; the national growth rate was 1%. Population growth affects the demand for many types of construction.

Percent Change in Construction Employment
(December 2006 – December 2007)



2006 Average Annual Pay in Construction

