Michigan had the strongest economic growth in the Midwest between the last three months of last year and the first quarter of 2016, recently released federal data show. Total gross domestic product in the state rose by 2.6 percent over that period, with increases in durable-goods manufacturing leading the way. According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, only six U.S. states outpaced Michigan in GDP growth.

GDP growth also increased in five other Midwestern states, with rates ranging from 2.0 percent in Kansas to 0.2 percent in Minnesota. On the flip side, economic activity declined in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

North Dakota’s drop in GDP was by far the highest in the nation, -11.4 percent, and changes in that state’s economy (due in large part to a decline in oil production) have created fiscal challenges for state leaders. In August, the legislature met in special session to close a projected $310 million budget shortfall. According to The Bismarck Tribune, legislators made agency cuts of 2.5 percent, tapped into a budget stabilization fund, and authorized a contingency transfer of up to $100 million in profits from the state-owned bank.