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## **July Unemployment Rates Increase in Most of Michigan's Regional Labor Markets**

*Lansing* – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates rose in 14 of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas in July, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and labor force levels declined in the majority of regions over the month.

"The seasonal jobless rate increases within Michigan's local areas were less than normal for July," said Rick Waclawek, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "This was partly due to fewer than normal temporary layoffs related to retooling in the auto sector."

From June to July, the jobless rate increases in the 14 regions ranged from 0.1 to 1.6 percentage points with a minor median advance of only 0.3 of a percentage point. Significant over-the-month unemployment rate hikes of 0.7 of a percentage point or greater occurred in four regions; the Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Flint, Battle Creek, and Monroe Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). Very minor jobless rate declines over the month of 0.1 of a percentage point each were displayed in the Holland-Grand Haven MSA, the Northwest Lower Michigan region and the Upper Peninsula.

### ***Jobless Rates Down Over Year***

From July 2010 to July 2011, unemployment rates fell in all of the state's 17 regions. Rate drops were significant for nearly all regions over the year, with a median reduction of 2.1 percentage points. Sixteen of the 17 regions posted rate declines of 1.6 percentage points or greater over this period. The Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA registered only a modest rate reduction since July 2010.

### ***Total Employment Down Over Month, Up Over Year***

Over the month, total employment decreased in 14 areas and increased in three. Employment reductions in July were wide-ranging but averaged around a full percent. Employment gains were displayed in the Northwest Lower Michigan region, the Holland-Grand Haven MSA, and in the Upper Peninsula.

Since July 2010, total employment rose in 11 regions, with a median gain of 1.6 percent. A number of regions reported relatively significant employment increases over the year including the Bay City, Holland-Grand Haven, Saginaw-Saginaw Township North, Kalamazoo-Portage, and Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSAs. Six areas recorded employment declines since July 2010, with the largest drops reported in the Battle Creek, Flint and Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSAs.

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### **Labor Force Levels Down Over Month, Year**

In July, labor force levels edged down seasonally in 13 regions with a moderate median decline of 0.5 percent. Work force levels advanced in three areas in July, and were essentially unchanged in one region. Between July 2010 and July 2011, labor force levels decreased in 12 regions and increased in five. Over-the-year declines were significant in a number of regions while gains were mostly small.

### **Seasonal Cutbacks Push July Payroll Jobs Downward**

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan fell by 74,000 or 1.9 percent in July to 3,906,000. Private sector jobs declined by 30,000 or 0.9 percent in July and were led by decreases in professional and business services (-18,000) and manufacturing (-11,000). The drop in professional and business services was seasonal and occurred primarily in the temporary help sector. The decline in manufacturing was similar to the June to July job decrease in 2010, but was well below the pace of layoffs in earlier years. Prior to the 2007-2009 recession, typical manufacturing job reductions in July numbered around 35,000 due to the vacation shutdown/retooling period in the auto industry. This pattern has changed as a result of revamped production schedules.

Government jobs in Michigan fell by 44,000 in July, mainly the result of support staff reductions due to summer breaks at area schools. These declines were evident throughout the state, but were on a lesser scale than in the past.

In July, payroll jobs were down in 13 of Michigan's 14 metropolitan areas. Drops ranged from -0.5 to nearly -5.0 percent and averaged -2.0 percent. Payroll jobs increased in the Holland-Grand Haven MSA over the month.

From July 2010 to July 2011, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs increased statewide by 62,000 or 1.6 percent. Professional and business services (+28,000), manufacturing (+15,000), education and health services (+15,000) and construction (+11,000) recorded significant gains. Most of Michigan's remaining major sectors were stable over the year. The government sector (-15,000) recorded the only significant reduction over the year, with drops primarily at the local level.

Over the year, nine metropolitan regions displayed overall payroll job gains while five areas posted declines.

### **County Jobless Rates Up Over Month, Down Over Year**

Fifty-seven of Michigan's 83 counties reported jobless rate increases in July, with the average advance around a half percentage point. July unemployment rates decreased in 21 counties, with most declines posted in Northern Michigan. Five county rates were unchanged over the month.

From July 2010 to July 2011, unemployment rates fell in 79 Michigan counties. Over-the-year rate reductions averaged a relatively significant -2.0 percentage points.

*Note: Data in this release is **not seasonally adjusted**. As a result, employment and unemployment trends may differ from previously released Michigan seasonally adjusted data.*

*A breakdown of seasonally unadjusted July workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a listing of county jobless rates for July.*

*Note to Editors: Please ensure that the source for state unemployment rates reads "Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget."*

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	<u>Jul-10</u>	<u>Jun-11</u>	<u>Jul-11</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>ANN ARBOR MSA</b> (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	182,700	180,600	180,400	-0.1%	-1.3%
Total Employment	165,500	166,800	166,300	-0.3%	0.5%
Unemployment	17,200	13,800	14,100	2.2%	-18.0%
Rate (percent)	9.4	7.7	7.8		

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	<u>Jul-10</u>	<u>Jun-11</u>	<u>Jul-11</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>BATTLE CREEK MSA</b> (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	68,500	66,600	64,500	-3.2%	-5.8%
Total Employment	60,100	60,200	57,900	-3.8%	-3.7%
Unemployment	8,400	6,400	6,600	3.1%	-21.4%
Rate (percent)	12.2	9.6	10.3		

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	<u>Jul-10</u>	<u>Jun-11</u>	<u>Jul-11</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>BAY CITY MSA</b> (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	54,000	54,800	54,500	-0.5%	0.9%
Total Employment	47,400	49,400	49,100	-0.6%	3.6%
Unemployment	6,600	5,400	5,500	1.9%	-16.7%
Rate (percent)	12.1	9.9	10.0		

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	<u>Jul-10</u>	<u>Jun-11</u>	<u>Jul-11</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>DETROIT-WARREN-LIVONIA MSA</b> <b>(Data in thousands)</b> (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,102	2,030	2,055	1.2%	-2.2%
Total Employment	1,801	1,777	1,764	-0.7%	-2.1%
Unemployment	301	253	291	15.0%	-3.3%
Rate (percent)	14.3	12.5	14.1		

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<b>FLINT MSA</b> (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	192,400	187,500	183,100	-2.3%	-4.8%
Total Employment	164,300	165,900	160,300	-3.4%	-2.4%
Unemployment	28,200	21,600	22,800	5.6%	-19.1%
Rate (percent)	14.6	11.5	12.5		

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<b>GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA</b> (Barry, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	393,100	393,900	393,600	-0.1%	0.1%
Total Employment	349,000	358,600	357,600	-0.3%	2.5%
Unemployment	44,100	35,300	35,900	1.7%	-18.6%
Rate (percent)	11.2	9.0	9.1		

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<b>HOLLAND - GRAND HAVEN MSA</b> (Ottawa County)					
Civilian Labor Force	130,900	129,700	131,300	1.2%	0.3%
Total Employment	115,700	118,000	119,500	1.3%	3.3%
Unemployment	15,200	11,800	11,800	0.0%	-22.4%
Rate (percent)	11.6	9.1	9.0		

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<b>JACKSON MSA</b> (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	74,400	73,700	72,800	-1.2%	-2.2%
Total Employment	64,200	65,900	64,900	-1.5%	1.1%
Unemployment	10,100	7,800	8,000	2.6%	-20.8%
Rate (percent)	13.6	10.6	11.0		

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<b>KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA</b> (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	169,400	171,400	170,500	-0.5%	0.6%
Total Employment	149,600	155,400	154,300	-0.7%	3.1%
Unemployment	19,800	16,000	16,200	1.3%	-18.2%
Rate (percent)	11.7	9.3	9.5		

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<b>LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA</b> (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	240,800	242,600	240,600	-0.8%	-0.1%
Total Employment	214,900	220,800	218,400	-1.1%	1.6%
Unemployment	26,000	21,800	22,200	1.8%	-14.6%
Rate (percent)	10.8	9.0	9.2		

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<b>MONROE MSA</b> (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	71,800	71,200	70,200	-1.4%	-2.2%
Total Employment	62,000	63,800	62,400	-2.2%	0.6%
Unemployment	9,800	7,400	7,800	5.4%	-20.4%
Rate (percent)	13.6	10.4	11.1		

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<b>MUSKEGON - NORTON SHORES MSA</b> (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	86,300	84,400	84,000	-0.5%	-2.7%
Total Employment	74,200	75,200	74,500	-0.9%	0.4%
Unemployment	12,100	9,200	9,400	2.2%	-22.3%
Rate (percent)	14.0	10.9	11.2		

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<b>NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA</b> (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	79,900	77,200	77,200	0.0%	-3.4%
Total Employment	69,600	69,000	68,900	-0.1%	-1.0%
Unemployment	10,300	8,200	8,300	1.2%	-19.4%
Rate (percent)	12.9	10.6	10.8		

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<b>SAGINAW-Saginaw Township North MSA</b> (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	93,000	94,200	93,700	-0.5%	0.8%
Total Employment	81,400	84,800	83,900	-1.1%	3.1%
Unemployment	11,600	9,500	9,700	2.1%	-16.4%
Rate (percent)	12.5	10.1	10.4		

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<b>UPPER PENINSULA LMA</b> (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	157,600	155,300	155,200	-0.1%	-1.5%
Total Employment	139,200	139,700	139,800	0.1%	0.4%
Unemployment	18,400	15,700	15,400	-1.9%	-16.3%
Rate (percent)	11.6	10.1	10.0		

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<b>NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN</b>					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	93,600	91,300	90,900	-0.4%	-2.9%
Total Employment	80,600	80,600	79,800	-1.0%	-1.0%
Unemployment	13,000	10,700	11,100	3.7%	-14.6%
Rate (percent)	13.9	11.7	12.2		

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<b>NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN</b>					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	159,600	152,700	154,500	1.2%	-3.2%
Total Employment	139,800	136,400	138,300	1.4%	-1.1%
Unemployment	19,800	16,200	16,200	0.0%	-18.2%
Rate (percent)	12.4	10.6	10.5		

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<b>MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	4,867	4,766	4,777	0.2%	-1.8%
Total Employment	4,226	4,241	4,209	-0.8%	-0.4%
Unemployment	640	524	569	8.6%	-11.1%
Rate (percent)	13.2	11.0	11.9		

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**Note:**

The table above contains **seasonally unadjusted** data for Michigan for 2011 and 2010, which should be used in comparison with data for Michigan regions or counties.

DTMB released earlier the **seasonally adjusted** July 2011 unemployment rate for Michigan (10.9 percent), which is best used for:

- Identifying recent Michigan workforce trends
- Conducting comparisons with unemployment rates for the U.S. and other states

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**MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - JULY 2011**

1	Mackinac County	4.6	43	Chippewa County	11.2
2	Cheboygan County	7.3	44	Livingston County	11.2
3	Leelanau County	7.4	45	Kalkaska County	11.4
4	Clinton County	7.8	46	Oceana County	11.5
5	Barry County	7.8	47	Ionia County	11.7
6	Washtenaw County	7.8	48	Shiawassee County	11.7
7	Menominee County	8.1	49	Schoolcraft County	11.8
8	Eaton County	8.2	50	Antrim County	11.8
9	Isabella County	8.5	51	Otsego County	12.0
10	Midland County	8.7	52	Gratiot County	12.0
11	Kent County	8.9	53	Hillsdale County	12.0
12	Marquette County	9.0	54	Mecosta County	12.0
13	Ottawa County	9.0	55	Oakland County	12.1
14	Dickinson County	9.0	56	Luce County	12.1
15	Kalamazoo County	9.2	57	Gogebic County	12.1
16	Grand Traverse County	9.3	58	Crawford County	12.2
17	Allegan County	9.5	59	Sanilac County	12.2
18	Iron County	9.6	60	St. Joseph County	12.2
19	Mason County	9.6	61	Lenawee County	12.4
20	Cass County	9.9	62	Tuscola County	12.4
21	Bay County	10.0	63	Genesee County	12.5
22	Ingham County	10.0	64	Missaukee County	12.8
23	Delta County	10.1	65	Arenac County	12.9
24	Keweenaw County	10.1	66	Lake County	12.9
25	Houghton County	10.3	67	Osceola County	13.0
26	Alger County	10.3	68	Alcona County	13.2
27	Calhoun County	10.3	69	Wexford County	13.4
28	Saginaw County	10.4	70	Montcalm County	13.6
29	Van Buren County	10.5	71	Iosco County	14.0
30	Huron County	10.6	72	Presque Isle County	14.0
31	Manistee County	10.7	73	Clare County	14.1
32	Newaygo County	10.7	74	Gladwin County	14.1
33	Alpena County	10.8	75	Macomb County	14.4
34	Charlevoix County	10.8	76	Roscommon County	14.5
35	Benzie County	10.8	77	Lapeer County	14.6
36	Berrien County	10.8	78	Ontonagon County	14.9
37	Emmet County	10.8	79	St. Clair County	15.1
38	Jackson County	11.0	80	Wayne County	15.7
39	Monroe County	11.1	81	Montmorency County	16.6
40	Ogemaw County	11.2	82	Oscoda County	17.2
41	Muskegon County	11.2	83	Baraga County	18.3
42	Branch County	11.2			

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