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

*Lansing* – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates in July increased in all of the state's 17 major labor market regions, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment levels fell in most regions over the month, while workforce levels grew moderately in the majority of the state's local areas.

"The unemployment rate upticks in the state's local areas were typical for July," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "Temporary layoffs occurred in several industry sectors in July, including local government education, professional and business services, and in auto related manufacturing. Most regions in the state are usually impacted by these July job cuts."

From June to July, jobless rate advances in the state's major regions ranged from 0.2 to 1.3 percentage points with a median hike of 0.6 of a percentage point. The largest over-the-month unemployment rate increases were posted in the Monroe, Lansing-East Lansing, and Flint Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), with rates advancing by at least a full percentage point. In July, jobless rates recorded in the Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids-Wyoming, and Holland-Grand Haven MSAs were below the national seasonally unadjusted rate of 6.5 percent.

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

Since July 2013, all of the state's regional unemployment rates declined. Area jobless rate reductions from July 2013 to July 2014 ranged from -0.8 to -2.0 percentage points, and showed a median drop of -1.6 percentage points. The most pronounced decreases over this period were registered in the Flint, Muskegon-Norton Shores, and Niles-Benton Harbor MSAs, along with the Northeast Lower Michigan region, with the rates in all four areas falling by two full percentage points.

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

In July, total employment levels declined in 12 areas, and increased in four regions. The Jackson MSA showed essentially no change over the month. Total employment reductions ranged from -0.2 to -2.7 percent with a median drop of -0.8 percent. Of the four regions recording employment gains over the month, the increase in the Northwest Lower Michigan region was by far the largest, with the area posting a seasonal 1.8 percent jump.

From July 2013 to July 2014, total employment rose in all 17 state regions. Nearly all of the over-the-year employment gains were substantial, with a median increase of 2.9 percent. The largest gains since July 2013 were displayed in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming and Holland-Grand Haven MSAs.

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

From June to July, workforce changes were mostly minor, with levels increasing in ten regions and declining in six. The Saginaw-Saginaw Township North labor force was essentially unchanged over the month.

Over the year, workforce levels advanced in 13 regions, showing a median gain of 1.3 percent. Labor force reductions since July 2013 were recorded in four areas, but the declines were minor.

### ***Seasonal Cuts Push Payroll Jobs Downward***

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan fell by 56,000 or 1.3 percent in July to 4,138,000. Public sector jobs in Michigan dropped by 39,000 or 6.7 percent in July, primarily due to seasonal cutbacks in local government education with the beginning of summer break at area schools.

Private sector jobs in the state declined by 16,000 or 0.5 percent in July. Seasonal job reductions were recorded in professional and business services (-18,000) and manufacturing (-6,000). Somewhat offsetting these private sector job declines were gains in leisure and hospitality services (+5,000) and construction (+3,000). The decrease in professional and business services mainly occurred in the temporary help sub-sector (-14,000), and was typical for July, while the decline in manufacturing was traced to the auto industry and its annual vacation shutdown/retooling period.

From June to July, payroll jobs fell in all 14 of the state's major metropolitan areas. Decreases ranged from -0.3 to -3.3 percent with a fairly significant -1.2 percent median job reduction. Government jobs fell seasonally in all metro regions, while professional and business services declined in most areas.

From July 2013 to July 2014, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs increased statewide by 69,000 or 1.7 percent. Since July 2013, statewide job gains were concentrated in leisure and hospitality services (+20,000), manufacturing (+17,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+14,000), professional and business services (+11,000), and construction (+6,000).

Since July 2013, payroll jobs rose in all of the 14 metropolitan regions in the state, with a median gain of 1.9 percent. The largest over-the-year percentage job increases were recorded in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+4.5%) and Holland-Grand Haven (+3.5%) MSAs. Jobs in construction, manufacturing, and leisure and hospitality services were up in nearly all metro regions over the year.

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

Sixty-nine of Michigan's 83 counties recorded seasonal unemployment rate increases in July with a moderate median advance of 0.6 of a percentage point. Jobless rates declined slightly in ten counties over the month, with most of the reductions occurring in northern counties. The rates in four counties were unchanged in July.

From July 2013 to July 2014, jobless rates fell in all 83 counties, with a significant median drop of 1.7 percentage points.

*Note: Data in this release is **not seasonally adjusted**. Monthly employment and unemployment trends may be impacted by weather conditions or regular seasonal swings in hiring or layoffs. As a result, Michigan **not seasonally adjusted** estimates in this release 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-13</u>	<u>Jun-14</u>	<u>Jul-14</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>ANN ARBOR MSA</b> (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	184,600	188,400	188,000	-0.2%	1.8%
Total Employment	170,800	177,700	176,200	-0.8%	3.2%
Unemployment	13,800	10,700	11,800	10.3%	-14.5%
Rate (percent)	7.5	5.7	6.3		

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	<u>Jul-13</u>	<u>Jun-14</u>	<u>Jul-14</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>BATTLE CREEK MSA</b> (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	66,300	66,900	67,200	0.4%	1.4%
Total Employment	60,400	62,400	62,200	-0.3%	3.0%
Unemployment	5,900	4,500	5,000	11.1%	-15.3%
Rate (percent)	8.9	6.7	7.4		

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	<u>Jul-13</u>	<u>Jun-14</u>	<u>Jul-14</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>BAY CITY MSA</b> (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	52,900	53,300	53,400	0.2%	0.9%
Total Employment	47,600	49,100	49,000	-0.2%	2.9%
Unemployment	5,300	4,200	4,500	7.1%	-15.1%
Rate (percent)	10.0	7.9	8.3		

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<b>DETROIT-WARREN-LIVONIA MSA</b> <b>(Data in thousands)</b> (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,073	2,039	2,062	1.1%	-0.5%
Total Employment	1,853	1,852	1,861	0.5%	0.4%
Unemployment	220	187	201	7.5%	-8.6%
Rate (percent)	10.6	9.2	9.8		

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<b>FLINT MSA</b> (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	189,100	189,100	188,600	-0.3%	-0.3%
Total Employment	167,700	173,500	171,200	-1.3%	2.1%
Unemployment	21,400	15,600	17,400	11.5%	-18.7%
Rate (percent)	11.3	8.3	9.3		

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<b>GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA</b> (Barry, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	403,600	429,200	421,000	-1.9%	4.3%
Total Employment	371,500	404,800	393,900	-2.7%	6.0%
Unemployment	32,100	24,500	27,100	10.6%	-15.6%
Rate (percent)	8.0	5.7	6.4		

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<b>HOLLAND - GRAND HAVEN MSA</b> (Ottawa County)					
Civilian Labor Force	134,200	139,200	139,000	-0.1%	3.6%
Total Employment	123,500	131,100	130,100	-0.8%	5.3%
Unemployment	10,700	8,100	8,900	9.9%	-16.8%
Rate (percent)	8.0	5.8	6.4		

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<b>JACKSON MSA</b> (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	72,300	71,700	72,200	0.7%	-0.1%
Total Employment	65,100	66,200	66,200	0.0%	1.7%
Unemployment	7,300	5,500	6,000	9.1%	-17.8%
Rate (percent)	10.0	7.7	8.3		

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<b>KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA</b> (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	162,300	164,800	164,400	-0.2%	1.3%
Total Employment	148,300	153,800	152,600	-0.8%	2.9%
Unemployment	14,000	11,000	11,700	6.4%	-16.4%
Rate (percent)	8.6	6.7	7.1		

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<b>LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA</b> (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	235,500	239,800	240,400	0.3%	2.1%
Total Employment	214,400	224,200	222,200	-0.9%	3.6%
Unemployment	21,000	15,600	18,200	16.7%	-13.3%
Rate (percent)	8.9	6.5	7.6		

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<b>MONROE MSA</b> (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	72,100	72,800	72,700	-0.1%	0.8%
Total Employment	65,200	67,800	66,800	-1.5%	2.5%
Unemployment	6,900	4,900	5,900	20.4%	-14.5%
Rate (percent)	9.5	6.8	8.1		

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<b>MUSKEGON - NORTON SHORES MSA</b> (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	85,700	86,100	86,600	0.6%	1.1%
Total Employment	77,000	79,800	79,500	-0.4%	3.2%
Unemployment	8,800	6,300	7,100	12.7%	-19.3%
Rate (percent)	10.2	7.4	8.2		

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<b>NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA</b> (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	74,700	74,700	74,800	0.1%	0.1%
Total Employment	67,300	69,200	68,900	-0.4%	2.4%
Unemployment	7,400	5,500	5,900	7.3%	-20.3%
Rate (percent)	9.9	7.4	7.9		

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<b>SAGINAW-SAGINAW TOWNSHIP NORTH MSA</b> (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	91,500	93,100	93,100	0.0%	1.7%
Total Employment	81,900	85,600	85,100	-0.6%	3.9%
Unemployment	9,600	7,500	8,100	8.0%	-15.6%
Rate (percent)	10.5	8.1	8.7		

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<b>UPPER PENINSULA LMA</b> (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	150,100	149,600	150,500	0.6%	0.3%
Total Employment	135,200	137,200	137,700	0.4%	1.8%
Unemployment	14,900	12,400	12,900	4.0%	-13.4%
Rate (percent)	9.9	8.3	8.5		

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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	89,700	88,500	89,400	1.0%	-0.3%
Total Employment	79,500	80,500	80,900	0.5%	1.8%
Unemployment	10,200	8,000	8,400	5.0%	-17.6%
Rate (percent)	11.4	9.0	9.4		

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<b>NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN</b> (Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	157,500	155,000	158,200	2.1%	0.4%
Total Employment	142,500	143,300	145,900	1.8%	2.4%
Unemployment	15,000	11,700	12,400	6.0%	-17.3%
Rate (percent)	9.6	7.6	7.8		

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<b>MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	4,802	4,812	4,832	0.4%	0.6%
Total Employment	4,325	4,430	4,417	-0.3%	2.1%
Unemployment	476	382	415	8.6%	-12.8%
Rate (percent)	9.9	7.9	8.6		

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**Note:**

The table above contains **seasonally unadjusted** data for Michigan for 2014 and 2013, which should be used in comparison with data for Michigan regions or counties.

DTMB released earlier the **seasonally adjusted** July 2014 unemployment rate for Michigan (7.7 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 2014**

1	Mackinac County	4.1	43	Oceana County	8.7
2	Cheboygan County	6.0	44	Saginaw County	8.7
3	Leelanau County	6.1	45	Crawford County	8.8
4	Clinton County	6.2	46	Alger County	8.9
5	Barry County	6.3	47	Hillsdale County	8.9
6	Kent County	6.3	48	Otsego County	8.9
7	Washtenaw County	6.3	49	Alpena County	9.0
8	Grand Traverse County	6.4	50	Shiawassee County	9.0
9	Ottawa County	6.4	51	Gratiot County	9.1
10	Allegan County	6.6	52	Houghton County	9.1
11	Kalamazoo County	6.9	53	Kalkaska County	9.1
12	Menominee County	6.9	54	Luce County	9.2
13	St. Joseph County	6.9	55	Sanilac County	9.2
14	Benzie County	7.0	56	Genesee County	9.3
15	Dickinson County	7.0	57	Mecosta County	9.4
16	Midland County	7.0	58	Alcona County	9.5
17	Isabella County	7.1	59	Gogebic County	9.6
18	Cass County	7.2	60	Macomb County	9.6
19	Ionia County	7.2	61	Ogemaw County	9.6
20	Calhoun County	7.4	62	Tuscola County	9.8
21	Mason County	7.5	63	Arenac County	10.1
22	Branch County	7.6	64	Lapeer County	10.1
23	Livingston County	7.7	65	Montcalm County	10.1
24	Newaygo County	7.7	66	Keweenaw County	10.2
25	Ingham County	7.8	67	St. Clair County	10.2
26	Berrien County	7.9	68	Roscommon County	10.5
27	Charlevoix County	7.9	69	Chippewa County	10.6
28	Van Buren County	7.9	70	Schoolcraft County	10.7
29	Eaton County	8.0	71	Gladwin County	10.9
30	Emmet County	8.0	72	Iosco County	10.9
31	Marquette County	8.1	73	Missaukee County	10.9
32	Monroe County	8.1	74	Wayne County	11.1
33	Huron County	8.2	75	Wexford County	11.1
34	Muskegon County	8.2	76	Clare County	11.2
35	Bay County	8.3	77	Osceola County	11.5
36	Jackson County	8.3	78	Lake County	11.7
37	Oakland County	8.4	79	Baraga County	11.8
38	Manistee County	8.5	80	Montmorency County	11.8
39	Antrim County	8.7	81	Presque Isle County	11.8
40	Delta County	8.7	82	Oscoda County	12.1
41	Iron County	8.7	83	Ontonagon County	12.6
42	Lenawee County	8.7			

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