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**June Jobless Rates Increase Seasonally in all of Michigan's
Regional Labor Markets**

Lansing – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates increased in all of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas in June, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and labor force levels rose in most regions in June.

“Workforce and employment levels in most Michigan regions expanded in June as summer and seasonal hiring continued,” said Rick Waclawek, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. “With the influx of job seekers, unemployment rates increased moderately over the month. However, jobless rates remained well below 2011 levels throughout the state.”

From May to June, regional unemployment rate advances ranged from 0.1 to 0.9 of a percentage point with a median increase of 0.7 of a percentage point. The largest June rate hikes of nearly a full percentage point occurred in the Niles-Benton Harbor and the Lansing-East Lansing Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). The smallest jobless rate increases were posted in the Northwest and Northeast Lower Michigan regions. In June, 15 of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas recorded rates below 10.0 percent, and six regions displayed jobless rates under 8.0 percent.

Jobless Rates Down Over Year

From June 2011 to June 2012, unemployment rates fell in all 17 of Michigan's major labor market areas. Over-the-year rate reductions ranged from 1.1 to 2.2 percentage points with a median decline of 1.5 percentage points. The largest over-the-year jobless rate cuts occurred in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia and Monroe MSAs.

Total Employment Up Over Month, Year

Over the month, total employment increased seasonally in 14 regions, with a median advance of 1.0 percent. The largest June percentage gains occurred in the state's three northernmost labor market regions, with a combined employment jump of over 10,000 as hiring continued for the summer tourism season. Employment declined over the month in the Lansing-East Lansing, Battle Creek, and Ann Arbor MSAs.

Since June 2011, total employment rose in all 17 regions of the state. Most gains were significant, with a median increase of 2.7 percent, while a number of areas displayed upward employment jumps of around 4.0 percent or over.

Labor Force Levels Up Over Month, Year

In June, labor force levels rose seasonally in 15 areas, with a substantial median gain of 1.7 percent. The workforce level fell in the Lansing-East Lansing MSA by 0.8 percent in June, while the labor force in the Battle Creek MSA was essentially unchanged over the month.

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From June 2011 to June 2012, labor force levels increased in 13 regions with an average gain of over 1.0 percent. Workforce levels fell over the year in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Niles-Benton Harbor, and Battle Creek MSAs, along with the Northeast Lower Michigan region.

Leisure and Hospitality Services Boost June Payroll Jobs

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 23,000 or 0.6 percent in June to 4,045,000. Private sector jobs rose by 40,000 or 1.2 percent over the month. Leisure and hospitality services led the over-the-month job gains, increasing by 16,000. Lesser gains were posted in construction (+8,000), manufacturing (+8,000), and professional and business services (+6,000). The only major private sector job decline in June was a seasonal drop in private education (-6,000).

Government jobs fell by 17,000 over the month, as seasonal cutbacks occurred in state and local government education with the beginning of summer break at area schools and universities. Job declines in local government education occurred across the state, while decreases in state government education were most prominent in the Lansing-East Lansing and Ann Arbor MSAs.

Payroll jobs increased in eight metropolitan areas in June while six regions recorded a decline. All regions registered gains in construction over the month, and nearly all showed advances in leisure and hospitality services. Almost all areas reported seasonal declines in government jobs.

From June 2011 to June 2012, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs rose statewide by 62,000 or 1.6 percent. More than half the overall increase occurred in professional and business services (+34,000), while other large job gains were recorded in manufacturing (+19,000), education and health services (+14,000), financial activities (+7,000), and leisure and hospitality services (+5,000). Over-the-year job losses were posted in government (-13,000), retail trade (-6,000), and construction (-4,000).

Since June 2011, 11 of Michigan's 14 major metropolitan regions recorded payroll job gains. The largest percentage job increases were registered in the Holland-Grand Haven, Ann Arbor, Jackson, and Kalamazoo-Portage MSAs. Payroll jobs declined over the year in the Niles-Benton Harbor, Muskegon-Norton Shores, and Battle Creek MSAs.

County Jobless Rates Up Over Month, Down Over Year

Seventy of Michigan's 83 counties recorded unemployment rate increases in June, with a moderate median advance of 0.6 of a percentage point. Jobless rates fell over the month in 13 counties, mostly in northern tourism-oriented regions.

From June 2011 to June 2012, unemployment rates decreased in 82 Michigan counties, with a significant 1.5 percentage point average drop. The jobless rate in Cheboygan County rose slightly since June 2011, primarily due to layoffs in health care.

*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 June workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a listing of county jobless rates for June.

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

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	<u>Jun-11</u>	<u>May-12</u>	<u>Jun-12</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	179,200	184,300	185,300	0.5%	3.4%
Total Employment	165,900	174,100	173,800	-0.2%	4.8%
Unemployment	13,300	10,200	11,500	12.7%	-13.5%
Rate (percent)	7.4	5.5	6.2		

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BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	66,000	65,600	65,600	0.0%	-0.6%
Total Employment	59,800	61,000	60,500	-0.8%	1.2%
Unemployment	6,300	4,600	5,200	13.0%	-17.5%
Rate (percent)	9.5	7.1	7.9		

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BAY CITY MSA (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	52,700	52,500	53,400	1.7%	1.3%
Total Employment	47,400	48,200	48,700	1.0%	2.7%
Unemployment	5,300	4,300	4,600	7.0%	-13.2%
Rate (percent)	10.1	8.2	8.7		

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DETROIT-WARREN-LIVONIA MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,038	1,983	2,009	1.3%	-1.4%
Total Employment	1,785	1,786	1,804	1.0%	1.1%
Unemployment	253	197	205	4.1%	-19.0%
Rate (percent)	12.4	9.9	10.2		

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FLINT MSA (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	187,400	188,400	191,300	1.5%	2.1%
Total Employment	166,100	171,700	172,900	0.7%	4.1%
Unemployment	21,300	16,700	18,400	10.2%	-13.6%
Rate (percent)	11.4	8.9	9.6		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA					
(Barry, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	385,400	388,700	392,800	1.1%	1.9%
Total Employment	351,000	363,100	364,100	0.3%	3.7%
Unemployment	34,400	25,600	28,700	12.1%	-16.6%
Rate (percent)	8.9	6.6	7.3		

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HOLLAND - GRAND HAVEN MSA					
(Ottawa County)					
Civilian Labor Force	129,100	132,900	134,200	1.0%	4.0%
Total Employment	117,500	124,300	124,500	0.2%	6.0%
Unemployment	11,600	8,600	9,700	12.8%	-16.4%
Rate (percent)	9.0	6.5	7.2		

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JACKSON MSA					
(Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	72,400	73,000	74,200	1.6%	2.5%
Total Employment	64,800	67,200	67,600	0.6%	4.3%
Unemployment	7,700	5,800	6,500	12.1%	-15.6%
Rate (percent)	10.6	8.0	8.8		

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA					
(Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	161,700	163,400	165,700	1.4%	2.5%
Total Employment	146,400	151,700	152,700	0.7%	4.3%
Unemployment	15,300	11,700	13,000	11.1%	-15.0%
Rate (percent)	9.5	7.2	7.9		

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA					
(Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	235,400	239,900	238,100	-0.8%	1.1%
Total Employment	213,800	223,600	219,800	-1.7%	2.8%
Unemployment	21,500	16,300	18,300	12.3%	-14.9%
Rate (percent)	9.1	6.8	7.7		

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MONROE MSA (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	70,000	69,200	70,600	2.0%	0.9%
Total Employment	62,800	63,800	64,600	1.3%	2.9%
Unemployment	7,200	5,400	6,000	11.1%	-16.7%
Rate (percent)	10.3	7.8	8.4		

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MUSKEGON - NORTON SHORES MSA (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	83,900	82,600	84,000	1.7%	0.1%
Total Employment	74,900	75,600	76,200	0.8%	1.7%
Unemployment	8,900	7,000	7,700	10.0%	-13.5%
Rate (percent)	10.7	8.5	9.2		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	74,800	72,900	74,200	1.8%	-0.8%
Total Employment	66,800	66,700	67,100	0.6%	0.4%
Unemployment	7,900	6,300	7,100	12.7%	-10.1%
Rate (percent)	10.6	8.6	9.5		

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SAGINAW-Saginaw Township North MSA (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	91,600	90,900	92,700	2.0%	1.2%
Total Employment	82,300	83,400	84,400	1.2%	2.6%
Unemployment	9,300	7,500	8,300	10.7%	-10.8%
Rate (percent)	10.2	8.2	9.0		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	149,600	146,900	150,500	2.5%	0.6%
Total Employment	134,400	134,400	136,800	1.8%	1.8%
Unemployment	15,200	12,500	13,700	9.6%	-9.9%
Rate (percent)	10.2	8.5	9.1		

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NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	89,400	86,400	89,000	3.0%	-0.4%
Total Employment	79,000	77,600	79,900	3.0%	1.1%
Unemployment	10,400	8,800	9,200	4.5%	-11.5%
Rate (percent)	11.6	10.1	10.3		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	151,100	144,700	151,400	4.6%	0.2%
Total Employment	135,400	131,800	137,800	4.6%	1.8%
Unemployment	15,800	12,900	13,700	6.2%	-13.3%
Rate (percent)	10.4	8.9	9.0		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)					
Civilian Labor Force	4,720	4,663	4,729	1.4%	0.2%
Total Employment	4,203	4,261	4,296	0.8%	2.2%
Unemployment	517	403	433	7.4%	-16.2%
Rate (percent)	11.0	8.6	9.2		

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Note:

The table above contains **seasonally unadjusted** data for Michigan for 2012 and 2011, which should be used in comparison with data for Michigan regions or counties.

DTMB released earlier the **seasonally adjusted** June 2012 unemployment rate for Michigan (8.6 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
JUNE 2012**

1	Mackinac County	4.5	43	Berrien County	9.5
2	Washtenaw County	6.2	44	Houghton County	9.5
3	Clinton County	6.4	45	Crawford County	9.6
4	Leelanau County	6.5	46	Genesee County	9.6
5	Barry County	6.6	47	Gratiot County	9.6
6	Eaton County	6.7	48	Manistee County	9.6
7	Menominee County	7.1	49	Ogemaw County	9.6
8	Kent County	7.2	50	Charlevoix County	9.7
9	Ottawa County	7.2	51	Alger County	9.9
10	Allegan County	7.4	52	Emmet County	9.9
11	Cheboygan County	7.4	53	Hillsdale County	9.9
12	Kalamazoo County	7.4	54	Sanilac County	9.9
13	Midland County	7.4	55	Tuscola County	10.0
14	Isabella County	7.7	56	Macomb County	10.1
15	Cass County	7.8	57	Mecosta County	10.1
16	Calhoun County	7.9	58	Lapeer County	10.2
17	Dickinson County	7.9	59	Osceola County	10.2
18	Grand Traverse County	7.9	60	Keweenaw County	10.3
19	Huron County	8.1	61	Luce County	10.4
20	Livingston County	8.2	62	Chippewa County	10.5
21	Ingham County	8.4	63	Oceana County	10.5
22	Monroe County	8.4	64	Otsego County	10.5
23	Branch County	8.5	65	Missaukee County	10.6
24	Iron County	8.5	66	Schoolcraft County	10.7
25	Marquette County	8.6	67	Roscommon County	10.8
26	Newaygo County	8.6	68	Alcona County	11.0
27	Bay County	8.7	69	Arenac County	11.0
28	Ionia County	8.7	70	Iosco County	11.1
29	St. Joseph County	8.7	71	Lake County	11.1
30	Jackson County	8.8	72	St. Clair County	11.1
31	Mason County	8.8	73	Gogebic County	11.2
32	Oakland County	8.8	74	Wexford County	11.3
33	Benzie County	8.9	75	Montcalm County	11.4
34	Delta County	8.9	76	Wayne County	11.4
35	Saginaw County	9.0	77	Clare County	11.6
36	Kalkaska County	9.2	78	Gladwin County	12.2
37	Muskegon County	9.2	79	Presque Isle County	12.4
38	Lenawee County	9.3	80	Ontonagon County	13.3
39	Van Buren County	9.3	81	Oscoda County	13.5
40	Antrim County	9.4	82	Montmorency County	14.1
41	Shiawassee County	9.4	83	Baraga County	15.8
42	Alpena County	9.5			

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