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# **June Unemployment Rates Increase Slightly in Majority of Michigan's Regional Labor Markets**

*Seasonal Labor Force Expansion in Most Areas*

*Lansing* – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates in June increased moderately in 13 of the state's 17 major labor market regions, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and labor force levels increased seasonally in the majority of areas over the month.

"The labor market situation in Michigan's local labor markets in June was very typical for this time of the year," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "A large number of job seekers entered the workforce as seasonal hiring accelerated. Due to the labor force expansion, jobless rates edged upward over the month as not all job seekers found employment. However, area jobless rates were well below the rates in June 2013."

From May to June, the unemployment rate advances in the 13 regions were relatively small, with a median hike of 0.4 of a percentage point. All June jobless rate increases were a half percentage point or less with the exception of the Detroit-Warren-Livonia Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with the rate in that region advancing by 1.2 percentage points. Unemployment rates declined slightly in June in the state's three northernmost labor market areas, the Northwest Lower Michigan region (-0.3), the Upper Peninsula, and the Northeast Lower Michigan region (both -0.2). The unemployment rate in the Monroe MSA was unchanged over the month. In June, all 17 major labor market areas in the state reported jobless rates below 10.0 percent.

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

Since June 2013, jobless rates fell in all of the state's 17 major regions. Reductions ranged from -0.9 to -2.3 percentage points with a significant median rate decline of -1.8 percentage points. The most substantial unemployment rate drops over this period were displayed in the Muskegon-Norton Shores, Niles-Benton Harbor, and Monroe MSAs, along with the Northwest Lower Michigan region.

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

In June, total employment levels rose in 14 areas and fell in two regions. Total employment in the Jackson MSA was essentially unchanged over the month. Regional increases were wide ranging from +0.2 to +5.4 percent, with a median gain of +0.9 percent. The largest June percentage advances were posted in the state's three northernmost labor market regions as hiring continued for the summer tourism season. Total employment dropped seasonally over the month in the Lansing-East Lansing and Ann Arbor MSAs.

From June 2013 to June 2014, total employment advanced in 16 of 17 regions. The majority of the over-the-year employment gains were significant, with a median increase of 2.7 percent. The most pronounced percentage gains since June 2013 were displayed in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming, Holland-Grand Haven, and Lansing-East Lansing MSAs. Since June 2013, the Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA recorded a very minor total employment reduction of 0.1 percent.

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

From May to June, labor force levels increased seasonally in 15 areas, with a median growth rate of 1.5 percent. Both the Lansing-East Lansing and Ann Arbor MSAs recorded a seasonal workforce decline over the month. Over the year, workforce levels advanced in 13 regions and fell in four.

### ***Seasonal and Tourism Related Hiring Push June Payroll Jobs Upward***

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 22,000 or 0.5 percent in June to 4,191,000. Private sector jobs in Michigan rose by 37,000 or 1.0 percent over the month, led by a 16,000 advance in leisure and hospitality services. Other private sector job gains in June were recorded in manufacturing (+12,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+9,000), and construction (+5,000). The job hike in manufacturing was due to continued recalls in the auto industry from April short term layoffs.

Government jobs fell by 15,000 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 took place statewide, while decreases in state government education were most prominent in the Lansing-East Lansing and Ann Arbor MSAs.

From May to June, payroll jobs rose in eight metropolitan areas, declined in five, and were essentially unchanged in the Jackson MSA. Job gains averaged 0.8 percent, while area decreases averaged 1.0 percent. The largest percentage drops in June were registered in the Ann Arbor (-2.2%) and Lansing-East Lansing (-1.9%) metro areas. In June, the manufacturing job advance was primarily in the Detroit area, while job gains in leisure and hospitality services occurred in all metro regions.

From June 2013 to June 2014, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs increased statewide by 37,000 or 0.9 percent. Since June 2013, job expansion throughout Michigan occurred in manufacturing (+14,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+13,000), leisure and hospitality services (+11,000), professional and business services (+6,000), and construction (+6,000).

Since June 2013, payroll jobs rose in 12 of the 14 metropolitan regions in the state, with an average gain of 1.6 percent. The largest over-the-year percentage job increases were recorded in the Grand-Rapids-Wyoming (+5.0%), Holland-Grand Haven (+2.9%), and Lansing-East Lansing (+1.9%) metro areas. Payroll jobs declined over the year in the Jackson (-2.3%) and Flint (-0.7%) MSAs.

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

Forty-four of Michigan's 83 counties recorded unemployment rate advances in June with a minor median increase of 0.4 of a percentage point. Jobless rates declined in 31 counties over the month, with a marginal median decrease of 0.3 of a percentage point. The rates in eight counties were unchanged in June.

From June 2013 to June 2014, jobless rates fell in all 83 counties, with a significant median drop of 1.9 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 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-13</u>	<u>May-14</u>	<u>Jun-14</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>ANN ARBOR MSA</b> (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	185,100	189,300	188,200	-0.6%	1.7%
Total Employment	172,100	179,300	177,500	-1.0%	3.1%
Unemployment	13,000	10,000	10,700	7.0%	-17.7%
Rate (percent)	7.0	5.3	5.7		

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	<u>Jun-13</u>	<u>May-14</u>	<u>Jun-14</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>BATTLE CREEK MSA</b> (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	66,400	66,500	66,900	0.6%	0.8%
Total Employment	60,800	62,300	62,400	0.2%	2.6%
Unemployment	5,500	4,200	4,500	7.1%	-18.2%
Rate (percent)	8.4	6.3	6.7		

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	<u>Jun-13</u>	<u>May-14</u>	<u>Jun-14</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>BAY CITY MSA</b> (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	53,000	52,300	53,300	1.9%	0.6%
Total Employment	47,900	48,400	49,100	1.4%	2.5%
Unemployment	5,100	4,000	4,200	5.0%	-17.6%
Rate (percent)	9.7	7.6	7.9		

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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	2,061	1,999	2,038	2.0%	-1.1%
Total Employment	1,852	1,840	1,851	0.6%	-0.1%
Unemployment	209	160	187	16.9%	-10.5%
Rate (percent)	10.1	8.0	9.2		

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<b>FLINT MSA</b> (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	191,000	187,300	189,200	1.0%	-0.9%
Total Employment	171,300	172,300	173,500	0.7%	1.3%
Unemployment	19,700	15,000	15,600	4.0%	-20.8%
Rate (percent)	10.3	8.0	8.3		

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<b>GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA</b> (Barry, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	410,500	422,300	429,900	1.8%	4.7%
Total Employment	379,900	399,600	405,400	1.5%	6.7%
Unemployment	30,600	22,700	24,500	7.9%	-19.9%
Rate (percent)	7.4	5.4	5.7		

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<b>HOLLAND - GRAND HAVEN MSA</b> (Ottawa County)					
Civilian Labor Force	135,000	137,300	139,200	1.4%	3.1%
Total Employment	124,700	130,000	131,100	0.8%	5.1%
Unemployment	10,200	7,300	8,100	11.0%	-20.6%
Rate (percent)	7.6	5.3	5.8		

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<b>JACKSON MSA</b> (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	72,900	71,300	71,600	0.4%	-1.8%
Total Employment	65,900	66,100	66,100	0.0%	0.3%
Unemployment	7,000	5,200	5,500	5.8%	-21.4%
Rate (percent)	9.7	7.3	7.7		

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<b>KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA</b> (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	162,800	163,100	164,900	1.1%	1.3%
Total Employment	149,200	152,800	153,900	0.7%	3.2%
Unemployment	13,600	10,300	11,000	6.8%	-19.1%
Rate (percent)	8.3	6.3	6.7		

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<b>LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA</b> (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	235,800	242,400	239,400	-1.2%	1.5%
Total Employment	216,300	226,700	223,800	-1.3%	3.5%
Unemployment	19,500	15,600	15,600	0.0%	-20.0%
Rate (percent)	8.3	6.4	6.5		

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<b>MONROE MSA</b> (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	72,400	72,400	72,700	0.4%	0.4%
Total Employment	66,000	67,500	67,800	0.4%	2.7%
Unemployment	6,400	4,900	4,900	0.0%	-23.4%
Rate (percent)	8.9	6.8	6.8		

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<b>MUSKEGON - NORTON SHORES MSA</b> (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	85,700	85,000	86,100	1.3%	0.5%
Total Employment	77,400	79,000	79,700	0.9%	3.0%
Unemployment	8,300	5,900	6,300	6.8%	-24.1%
Rate (percent)	9.7	7.0	7.4		

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<b>NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA</b> (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	74,500	73,300	74,600	1.8%	0.1%
Total Employment	67,300	68,000	69,100	1.6%	2.7%
Unemployment	7,200	5,300	5,500	3.8%	-23.6%
Rate (percent)	9.6	7.2	7.4		

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<b>SAGINAW-SAGINAW TOWNSHIP NORTH MSA</b> (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	92,300	91,500	93,000	1.6%	0.8%
Total Employment	83,300	84,500	85,500	1.2%	2.6%
Unemployment	9,000	7,000	7,500	7.1%	-16.7%
Rate (percent)	9.8	7.6	8.1		

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<b>UPPER PENINSULA LMA</b> (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	149,400	145,800	149,500	2.5%	0.1%
Total Employment	134,500	133,500	137,100	2.7%	1.9%
Unemployment	14,900	12,300	12,400	0.8%	-16.8%
Rate (percent)	10.0	8.5	8.3		

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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	88,600	86,600	88,500	2.2%	-0.1%
Total Employment	78,600	78,600	80,500	2.4%	2.4%
Unemployment	10,000	8,000	8,000	0.0%	-20.0%
Rate (percent)	11.3	9.2	9.0		

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<b>NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN</b> (Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	154,500	147,300	154,900	5.2%	0.3%
Total Employment	139,500	135,800	143,200	5.4%	2.7%
Unemployment	15,000	11,600	11,700	0.9%	-22.0%
Rate (percent)	9.7	7.9	7.6		

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<b>MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	4,799	4,737	4,811	1.6%	0.3%
Total Employment	4,346	4,391	4,429	0.9%	1.9%
Unemployment	453	346	382	10.4%	-15.7%
Rate (percent)	9.4	7.3	7.9		

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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** June 2014 unemployment rate for Michigan (7.5 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 2014**

1	Mackinac County	4.2	43	Otsego County	8.2
2	Barry County	5.5	44	Delta County	8.3
3	Kent County	5.6	45	Genesee County	8.3
4	Leelanau County	5.6	46	Gratiot County	8.3
5	Washtenaw County	5.7	47	Alpena County	8.5
6	Clinton County	5.8	48	Crawford County	8.6
7	Ottawa County	5.8	49	Mecosta County	8.6
8	Allegan County	6.0	50	Oceana County	8.6
9	Cheboygan County	6.1	51	Antrim County	8.7
10	St. Joseph County	6.1	52	Iron County	8.7
11	Grand Traverse County	6.2	53	Sanilac County	8.7
12	Ionia County	6.2	54	Tuscola County	8.7
13	Menominee County	6.2	55	Houghton County	8.9
14	Eaton County	6.5	56	Lapeer County	8.9
15	Kalamazoo County	6.5	57	Luce County	9.0
16	Midland County	6.5	58	Montcalm County	9.0
17	Cass County	6.6	59	Alger County	9.1
18	Calhoun County	6.7	60	Macomb County	9.1
19	Ingham County	6.7	61	Ogemaw County	9.1
20	Isabella County	6.7	62	Kalkaska County	9.2
21	Newaygo County	6.7	63	Gogebic County	9.3
22	Dickinson County	6.8	64	St. Clair County	9.4
23	Monroe County	6.8	65	Wexford County	9.6
24	Branch County	7.1	66	Alcona County	9.8
25	Mason County	7.2	67	Arenac County	9.8
26	Benzie County	7.4	68	Missaukee County	9.8
27	Berrien County	7.4	69	Osceola County	9.8
28	Muskegon County	7.4	70	Iosco County	10.0
29	Van Buren County	7.5	71	Keweenaw County	10.1
30	Huron County	7.6	72	Roscommon County	10.1
31	Lenawee County	7.6	73	Gladwin County	10.2
32	Jackson County	7.7	74	Wayne County	10.2
33	Marquette County	7.7	75	Clare County	10.3
34	Livingston County	7.8	76	Lake County	10.5
35	Bay County	7.9	77	Schoolcraft County	10.5
36	Charlevoix County	7.9	78	Chippewa County	10.7
37	Shiawassee County	8.0	79	Oscoda County	11.1
38	Oakland County	8.1	80	Presque Isle County	11.3
39	Saginaw County	8.1	81	Montmorency County	11.6
40	Emmet County	8.2	82	Baraga County	12.7
41	Hillsdale County	8.2	83	Ontonagon County	13.0
42	Manistee County	8.2			

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