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### **Michigan's June Unemployment Rate Increases Slightly**

*Lansing* – Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June edged upward over the month by one-tenth of a percentage point to 8.6 percent, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB). Total employment declined statewide by 8,000 in June, while the number of unemployed increased by 7,000. The state's labor force was little changed over the month.

The Michigan jobless rate in June 2012 was two full percentage points below the state's June 2011 rate of 10.6 percent. The national jobless rate decreased by nine-tenths of a percentage point over this period. The state's unemployment rate in June was four-tenths of a percentage point above the national rate of 8.2 percent. The U.S. jobless rate was unchanged in June.

"The state labor market displayed little change in June, and has been relatively stable through the first half of 2012," said Rick Waclawek, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "Job gains in Michigan were modest during the second quarter, which was similar to national trends."

#### ***Monthly Labor Force Trends & Highlights***

- The state's jobless rate edged upward in June for the second consecutive month after a run of nine consecutive monthly reductions. However, the June unemployment rate matches Michigan's 2012 average rate of 8.6 percent.
- Although total employment declined over the last two months, the June total remains above levels posted in the beginning of 2012. From January to June 2012, total employment in Michigan rose by 45,000 or 1.1 percent.
- June marked the first month in 2012 that Michigan's monthly labor force level did not increase.
- From the first quarter to the second quarter 2012, Michigan's quarterly jobless rate declined three-tenths of a percentage point from 8.8 to 8.5 percent. Over that period, total employment in the state rose by 29,000 or 0.7 percent while the number of unemployed decreased by 12,000 or 3.0 percent. The state's workforce expanded by 17,000 from the first to the second quarter.
- From June 2011 to June 2012, the number of unemployed in Michigan fell by 93,000 or nearly 19.0 percent as total employment rose by 94,000 or 2.3 percent, leaving the state's labor force essentially flat over this period.

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**MICHIGAN  
Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,662	4,664	4,664	0	2
Employment	4,167	4,269	4,261	-8	94
Unemployment	495	395	402	7	-93
Rate (Percent)	10.6	8.5	8.6	xxx	xxx

***Detroit Metropolitan Area's June Jobless Rate Edges Upward***

The Detroit-Warren-Livonia Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June rose slightly over the month by one-tenth of a percentage point to 9.7 percent. This was the second consecutive monthly rate increase for the area after declining every month since July 2011. Although the metro area's rate increased half a percentage point over the last two months, it remains below the 10.1 percent rate posted in January. In June, total employment for the MSA declined by 6,000 and the number of unemployed edged upward by 2,000. The net result was a 5,000 reduction in the area's labor force over the month

From June 2011 to June 2012, the Detroit metropolitan area's jobless rate fell by two and two-tenths percentage points. The region's total employment level rose over the year by 15,000 or 0.8 percent, while the number of unemployed declined by 48,000 or 20 percent. The Detroit MSA's workforce fell by 34,000 or 1.7 percent since June 2011.

**Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA  
Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	2,020	1,991	1,986	-5	-34
Employment	1,780	1,801	1,795	-6	15
Unemployment	240	190	192	2	-48
Rate (Percent)	11.9	9.6	9.7	xxx	xxx

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### ***Payroll Jobs Flat in June***

According to the monthly survey of employers, seasonally adjusted Michigan payroll jobs were little changed in June, edging downward by 1,000 to 3,983,000. Job declines were recorded in government (-5,000), and trade, transportation and utilities (-4,000). Mostly offsetting the reductions were job gains in professional and business services (+3,000), and education and health services (+3,000). The state's remaining major industry sectors showed only minor changes over the month.

### ***Industry Employment Trends and Highlights***

- Overall payroll job changes in Michigan have been muted so far in 2012, with monthly job changes since February of 4,000 or less.
- Professional and business services, education and health services, and financial activities have been the only three major job sectors in Michigan to report discernible upward trends within 2012. From January to June, professional and business services jobs expanded by 10,000 or 1.8 percent. Jobs in education and health services increased from January to June by 9,000 or 1.4 percent, while financial activities employment rose in the same period by 3,000 or 1.3 percent.
- Three major sectors in Michigan registered the bulk of job loss from January to June, with a consistent downward trend. Construction jobs declined since January 2.9 percent, government jobs fell by 1.4 percent, and retail trade was down by 0.9 percent.
- Jobs in manufacturing have declined slightly since January; as this sector has recorded a series of minor monthly layoffs and recalls during 2012 due to inventory control issues.
- Since June 2011, payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 52,000 or 1.3 percent. Significant job growth over this period was displayed in professional and business services (+24,000), manufacturing (+19,000), education and health services (+16,000), and financial activities (+8,000).
- From June 2011 to June 2012, job loss in the state has been confined to government (-13,000), retail trade (-7,000), and construction (-6,000).
- Seasonally adjusted average weekly hours and earnings of production workers in manufacturing increased over the month, but fell over the year.

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**MICHIGAN**  
**Payroll Employment Estimates**  
*Seasonally Adjusted*  
 (Data in Thousands)

	<u>June</u>	<u>May*</u>	<u>June**</u>	CHANGE***	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	3932	3984	3983	-1	52
Natural Resources & Mining	7	8	7	0	0
Construction	125	118	119	1	-6
Manufacturing	505	523	524	0	19
Transportation Equipment	142	146	146	-1	4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	722	724	720	-4	-3
Retail Trade	449	443	441	-2	-7
Information	53	53	53	0	1
Financial Activities	192	199	200	0	8
Professional & Business Services	551	572	575	3	24
Education & Health Services	616	629	632	3	16
Leisure & Hospitality Services	376	380	380	-1	4
Other Services	166	168	168	0	2
Government	619	611	606	-5	-13

\* Final data for May

\*\* Preliminary data for June

\*\*\* Change calculated using unrounded data

**Hours & Earnings for Production Workers**  
*Seasonally Adjusted*

**Manufacturing**

	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	CHANGE	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Average Weekly Earnings	\$919.48	\$866.23	\$885.12	\$18.89	-\$34.36
Average Weekly Hours	44.0	42.5	42.9	0.4	-1.1

**Transportation Equipment**

Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,296.82	\$1,197.61	\$1,260.64	\$63.03	-\$36.18
Average Weekly Hours	45.5	44.2	44.7	0.5	-0.8

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