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### Michigan's September and October Unemployment Rate Unchanged

*Lansing* – Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in both September and October was 9.0 percent, matching the August 2013 rate, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB). Total employment, the number of unemployed, and the state's labor force were little changed over the August to October period.

The Michigan jobless rate in October 2013 was one-tenth of a percentage point below the state's October 2012 rate of 9.1 percent. The national jobless rate decreased by six-tenths of a percentage point over this period. The state's unemployment rate in October was one and seven-tenths percentage points above the national rate of 7.3 percent. The U.S. jobless rate edged upward over the month by one-tenth of a percentage point.

"Michigan has recorded solid payroll job gains throughout most of 2013," said Michael Williams, acting director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "Job advances have occurred in the majority of the state's major industry sectors, led by professional services and manufacturing."

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

- Michigan's ten-month 2013 average unemployment rate of 8.7 percent remains slightly below the 2012 annual rate of 9.1 percent.
- Although Michigan's jobless rate increased by over half of a percentage point since the late spring, total employment in the state has remained steady, while the workforce has grown.
- Michigan's labor force rose by 79,000 or 1.7 percent since October 2012.
- From October 2012 to October 2013, total employment in the state has risen by 77,000 or 1.8 percent.
- The number of unemployed in Michigan was essentially unchanged since October 2012.

Note: Due to the partial federal government shutdown, this release details employment and unemployment trends for both September and October 2013. November 2013 data will be released as originally scheduled on December 18, 2013.

**MICHIGAN  
Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	October 2012	August 2013	September 2013	October 2013	Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,646	4,727	4,736	4,725	-11	79
Employment	4,224	4,302	4,312	4,301	-11	77
Unemployment	422	425	425	423	-2	1
Rate (Percent)	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.0	xxx	xxx

***Detroit Metropolitan Area's Jobless Rate Falls over Year***

The Detroit-Warren-Livonia Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA's) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October was 9.5 percent. The area's October rate was down two-tenths of a percentage point from the September rate and down one-tenth since August. From August to October, the metropolitan region recorded a 13,000 gain in total employment along with a minor 1,000 decline in the number of unemployed. The area's total employment levels have tracked upward since the beginning of the year, while the MSA's workforce has recorded strong growth since mid-year.

From October 2012 to October 2013, the Detroit metropolitan area's jobless rate fell by one and two-tenths percentage points. Over that period, total employment rose in the region by 55,000 or 3.1 percent while the number of unemployed fell by 22,000 or 10.2 percent. The region's labor force increased by 33,000 or 1.6 percent since October 2012.

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

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	October 2012	August 2013	September 2013	October 2013	Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	2,009	2,030	2,045	2,042	-3	33
Employment	1,793	1,835	1,848	1,848	0	55
Unemployment	216	195	198	194	-4	-22
Rate (Percent)	10.7	9.6	9.7	9.5	xxx	xxx

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### ***Payroll Jobs Show Minor Change from August to October***

According to the monthly survey of employers, seasonally adjusted Michigan payroll jobs declined in September by 8,000, but rose in October by 11,000 to 4,102,000. The net result was a minor overall job advance of 3,000 from August to October. Job changes throughout the state's major industry sectors were minimal over this period.

From September to October, job gains were posted in leisure and hospitality services (+3,000), professional and business services (+3,000), and retail trade (+3,000). The remaining state industry sectors recorded marginal job gains or losses in October.

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

- Michigan payroll jobs have trended upward in 2013 with an average gain of 7,000 per month.
- The state's job total in October was the highest in the state since October 2008.
- Construction jobs moved upward in October by 2,000 to reach the peak 2013 level.
- Manufacturing jobs in Michigan continue to record gains this year. In 2013 through October, manufacturing jobs have advanced by 2.4 percent in the state, which compares favorably to the 0.3 percent increase nationally over the same period.
- Like manufacturing, professional and business services has reported steady upward gains in Michigan throughout 2013. From December 2012 to October 2013, jobs in professional and business services have risen by 3.4 percent.
- Since October 2012, payroll jobs in Michigan rose by 72,000 or 1.8 percent. Job gains over this period were displayed in professional and business services (+19,000), manufacturing (+18,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+17,000), leisure and hospitality services (+8,000), education and health services (+6,000), and construction (+4,000).
- From October 2012 to October 2013, jobs in Michigan's five remaining major industry sectors were essentially unchanged.
- Seasonally adjusted average weekly hours of production workers in manufacturing were little changed over the month, however earnings declined. Hours and earnings decreased over the year.

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

	<u>October</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>August*</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>September*</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>October**</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>CHANGE***</u> <u>MONTH</u> <u>YEAR</u>	
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4029	4099	4091	4102	11	72
Natural Resources & Mining	8	8	8	8	0	0
Construction	125	128	128	129	2	4
Manufacturing	541	558	557	559	2	18
Transportation Equipment	158	168	168	169	1	11
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	728	744	742	745	2	17
Retail Trade	449	460	457	460	3	11
Information	53	52	51	53	1	0
Financial Activities	197	196	197	196	-1	0
Professional & Business Services	576	594	593	595	3	19
Education & Health Services	635	641	642	641	-1	6
Leisure & Hospitality Services	390	401	395	398	3	8
Other Services	169	171	168	168	0	-1
Government	609	607	611	609	-1	1

\* Final data for August & September

\*\* Preliminary data for October

\*\*\* Change calculated using unrounded data

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

**Manufacturing**

	<u>October</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>October</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>CHANGE</u> <u>MONTH</u> <u>YEAR</u>	
Average Weekly Earnings	\$913.43	\$876.74	\$876.50	\$866.47	-\$10.03	-\$46.96
Average Weekly Hours	43.9	43.5	43.5	43.6	0.1	-0.3

**Transportation Equipment**

Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,269.30	\$1,143.72	\$1,139.45	\$1,103.13	-\$36.32	-\$166.17
Average Weekly Hours	47.2	46.6	46.2	45.2	-1.0	-2.0

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