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SUMMER 2014 JOB MARKET FORECAST FOR MICHIGAN TEENS (16-19)

Lansing – The Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget has released its summer (June–August) teen employment forecast for 2014. While the Michigan labor market has continued to improve, competition for available jobs remains high. As a result, the teen labor market situation will likely remain competitive during the summer of 2014.

Securing a summer job is often a challenge for many teens, even in the best of labor market conditions. This year, as in previous years, teens will likely face the traditional competition from their peers as well as additional competition from adults for available jobs. This additional layer of competition from older workers combined with other factors such as an increased emphasis on scholastic achievement and extracurricular activities may be partially responsible for the decline in labor force attachment among teens since the early part of the last decade.

Historically, the labor force attachment of Michigan teens has been significantly higher than the national average both on an annual basis and during the summer months. This was particularly true until the economic downturn at the start of the last decade. Since the 2001 national recession, however, teen labor force participation in general has steadily declined and the gap in labor force participation between Michigan teens and the national average has narrowed.

In Michigan, this downward trend in teen labor force attachment accelerated with the onset of the most recent economic downturn and was particularly evident during the summer months. Since the latest summer peak in 2007, the number of teens participating in the summer labor market has significantly declined. Recent labor market indicators on Michigan teen labor force attachment indicate this downward trend to be moderating.

During the summer of 2014 (June-August), approximately 242,800 teens are projected to be active in the labor market, and approximately 178,400 are expected to find jobs. The overall downward trend in the teen unemployment rate of the past several years is anticipated to continue with a projected summer unemployment rate of 26.5 percent, which is 0.6 percentage points below the previous summer. Even with this slight improvement in the teen jobless rate, the number of unemployed teens is expected to be about 64,300.

Year	Teen Summer (June-August) Labor Force Participation Rate (%)	
	Michigan	U.S.
2001	66.1	56.6
2002	60.2	54.7
2003	59.8	51.4
2004	56.7	50.7
2005	56.8	50.7
2006	55.9	51.0
2007	56.5	47.4
2008	52.6	47.0
2009	48.3	44.3
2010	44.1	40.5
2011	46.2	40.0
2012	47.7	40.7
2013	46.0	40.7

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics: Unpublished Current Population Survey data

	Teen Labor Force	Teen Employment	Teen Unemployment	Teen Unemployment Rate (%)
Summer 2014 (Forecast)	242,800	178,400	64,300	26.5

Source: Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget, Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives.

Michigan's Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB) offers the following summer job search tips for teens:

- Start looking early
- Keep looking
- Visit local businesses
- Let friends/neighbors know you are looking for work
- Talk with school guidance counselors
- Utilize on-line job boards and newspaper want-ads
- Think about self-employment: lawn service, pet sitting, etc.

In addition, listed below are some key items that may help to make a good first impression with employers:

- Dress appropriately
- Be on time to the interview
- Be well groomed
- Bring information needed to complete an application
- Have a list of a few references
- Maintain a positive attitude

The industries and occupations that typically provide good job prospects for teens are listed in the tables below.

Teen Summer Employment Opportunities by Industry & Occupation

Opportunities by Industry

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture• Amusement & Recreation Services• Camps• Department Stores / Retail Stores• Fruit & Vegetable Stores | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gift/ Sporting Goods/Book Stores• Grocery Stores• Hotels & Motels• Museums / Galleries / Zoos• Restaurants |
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Opportunities by Occupation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Camp Counselor• Car Washer• Cashier• Delivery Person• Fast Food Worker• Waiter / Waitress• Food Market Clerk | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Golf Course Worker• Library Aide• Office Clerk• Receptionist• Sales Clerk• Stock Clerk• Usher / Attendant |
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Teens are encouraged to contact their local office of Michigan Works! (<http://michiganworks.org>). Michigan Works! provides assistance in resume development and job search, and provides access to the Pure Michigan Talent Connect (www.mitalent.org).