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### **Michigan's July Jobless Rate Rises**

*Lansing* – Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased in July by four-tenths of a percentage point to 10.9 percent, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB). Total employment fell by 33,000 in July while the number of unemployed rose by 15,000. The state's labor force recorded a 17,000 reduction over the month. Michigan's unemployment rate was nearly two percentage points above the U.S. July rate of 9.1 percent.

The Michigan jobless rate in July 2011 was one and a half percentage points below the July 2010 rate of 12.4 percent. The national jobless rate decreased by four-tenths of a percentage point over this period.

"Michigan's labor market indicators have shown only modest improvement so far in 2011," said Rick Waclawek, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "Although the state jobless rate has increased since April, in July 2011 it remains below year-ago levels."

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

- The over-the-month increase in the state's jobless rate brought Michigan's July rate to the highest level posted in 2011, two-tenths of a percentage point above the January rate of 10.7 percent.
- In July, the number of unemployed individuals in Michigan topped 500,000 for the first time since January.
- After remaining stable in the first quarter of 2011, Michigan's workforce has declined since March. From July 2010 to July 2011, the state's labor force has dropped by 86,000 or 1.8 percent.
- Since July 2010, unemployment in Michigan has fallen by 14 percent, which outpaced the national rate of decline of nearly 5 percent. Total employment levels in both the U.S. and Michigan have been little changed over this period.

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**MICHIGAN  
Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	July 2010	June 2011	July 2011	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,787	4,718	4,701	-17	-86
Employment	4,193	4,222	4,189	-33	-4
Unemployment	594	496	511	15	-83
Rate (Percent)	12.4	10.5	10.9	xxx	xxx

***Detroit Metropolitan Area's July Jobless Rate Jumps***

The Detroit-Warren-Livonia Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA's) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in July jumped over the month by six-tenths of a percentage point to 12.5 percent. This marked the highest rate for the area since the 12.6 percent rate recorded in October 2010. Over the month, total employment fell by 17,000 while the number of unemployed moved upward by 10,000. The metro area's labor force level declined by 7,000 over the month, continuing a trend that has occurred for nearly all months in 2011.

From July 2010 to July 2011, the Detroit metropolitan area's jobless rate declined by nine-tenths of a percentage point. In that period, the number of unemployed fell by 9.4 percent, however total employment also dropped, falling by 1.7 percent. The reduction in the area's jobless rate from July 2010 to July 2011 was primarily due to a cut in the number of individuals actively seeking employment.

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

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	July 2010	June 2011	July 2011	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	2,067	2,017	2,010	-7	-57
Employment	1,790	1,777	1,760	-17	-30
Unemployment	276	240	250	10	-26
Rate (Percent)	13.4	11.9	12.5	xxx	xxx

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### ***Fewer Than Normal Seasonal Layoffs Push July Payroll Jobs Upward***

According to the monthly survey of employers, seasonally adjusted Michigan payroll jobs rose in July by 23,000 to 3,942,000. July job gains were posted in government (+12,000), manufacturing (+5,000), education and health services (+3,000), and trade, transportation and utilities (+3,000). The only over-the-month job loss was recorded in professional and business services (-3,000). The state's remaining major industry sectors recorded only minor changes over the month.

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

- For the second year in a row in Michigan, July seasonally adjusted manufacturing and transportation equipment jobs recorded an over-the-month increase which mainly reflected fewer planned seasonal layoffs in the auto industry. This was due to a reduction in layoff activity over the last few years from the historically typical vacation shutdown/retooling period. A number of plants remained operational in July, resulting in fewer supplier layoffs than normal.
- Seasonally adjusted government jobs rose in July, but this is likely over-stated, instead reflecting fewer seasonal cutbacks in this sector. Government jobs have been in decline for a number of years, and the number of support staff in local education has been reduced. These individuals were again laid off this summer, but in smaller than typical levels.
- The minor over-the-month job gain in trade, transportation and utilities brought this sector's job count to a level that essentially matched totals recorded in the first quarter of 2011.
- Jobs in professional and business services have declined for two months in a row, with decreases totaling 7,000 over this period. However, this sector's monthly job levels in 2011 have been well above totals recorded in 2010.
- Since July 2010, payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 60,000 or 1.5 percent. Job gains over this period were concentrated in four of Michigan's 11 major sectors; professional and business services (+18,000), education and health services (+17,000), manufacturing (+15,000) and construction (+10,000). Government (-9,000) was the only major sector to record significant job loss over this period.
- Seasonally adjusted average weekly hours and earnings of production workers in manufacturing declined over the month as well as over the year.

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

	<u>July</u>	<u>June*</u>	<u>July**</u>	CHANGE***	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	3882	3919	3942	23	60
Natural Resources & Mining	7	8	8	0	1
Construction	120	130	130	0	10
Manufacturing	486	497	502	5	15
Transportation Equipment	148	133	146	13	-2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	712	713	716	3	4
Retail Trade	447	446	445	0	-2
Information	55	54	54	0	-1
Financial Activities	186	186	187	1	1
Professional & Business Services	519	540	537	-3	18
Education & Health Services	615	630	632	3	17
Leisure & Hospitality Services	374	374	374	0	0
Other Services	166	169	170	2	4
Government	642	620	632	12	-9

\* Final data for June

\*\* Preliminary data for July

\*\*\* Change calculated using unrounded data

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

**Manufacturing**

	<u>July</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	CHANGE	
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Average Weekly Earnings	\$990.33	\$924.00	\$918.46	-\$5.54	-\$71.87
Average Weekly Hours	44.5	43.7	43.5	-0.2	-1.0

**Transportation Equipment**

Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,316.97	\$1,292.08	\$1,261.40	-\$30.68	-55.57
Average Weekly Hours	45.4	45.7	44.3	-1.4	-1.1

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