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### Michigan's June Unemployment Rate Unchanged

*Lansing* – Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June was unchanged over the month at 7.5 percent, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB). Total employment declined slightly in June while the number of unemployed edged upward. The net impact left the state's labor force little changed over the month.

The Michigan jobless rate in June 2014 was one and four-tenths percentage points below the state's June 2013 rate of 8.9 percent. The national jobless rate also decreased by one and four-tenths percentage points over this period. The state's unemployment rate in June was one and four-tenths percentage points above the national rate of 6.1 percent. The U.S. jobless rate declined by two-tenths of a percentage point from May to June.

"Michigan has displayed solid payroll job gains over the past two months, with advances similar to the upward trend recorded in the second half of 2013" said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "Even though the state's unemployment rate has been steady over the last four months, it has edged down since the first quarter."

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

- After declining steadily from mid-year 2013 into early 2014, Michigan's unemployment rate has essentially flattened out since March.
- Although the reduction was modest, June marked the first monthly statewide total employment decrease since August 2013.
- June's very slight labor force gain continued a string of six consecutive months of workforce growth in Michigan. The state's labor force has recorded an advance of 25,000 or 0.5 percent from June 2013 to June 2014.
- Michigan's second quarter 2014 unemployment rate of 7.5 percent declined by two-tenths of a percentage point from the first quarter 2014 rate of 7.7 percent. Over that period, total employment rose by 34,000 while the number of unemployed decreased moderately by 7,000.

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- Since June 2013, total employment rose in Michigan by 89,000 or 2.1 percent while the number of unemployed fell by 65,000 or 15.4 percent. Michigan's total employment gain over the year outpaced the national advance of 1.5 percent; however the state's unemployment drop was less than the U.S. decrease of 19.3 percent.

**MICHIGAN**  
**Labor Force Estimates**  
Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,719	4,743	4,744	1	25
Employment	4,297	4,389	4,386	-3	89
Unemployment	422	354	357	3	-65
Rate (Percent)	8.9	7.5	7.5	xxx	xxx

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

The Detroit-Warren-Livonia Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA's) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June increased by two-tenths of a percentage point to 8.4 percent. In June, total employment declined by 8,000 and the number of unemployed increased by 5,000. The net result was a 4,000 over-the-month reduction in the area's labor force. June marked the fourth consecutive monthly total employment decrease in the region; however the number of unemployed was little changed over this period. The metro area's jobless rate in 2014 has stayed within the narrow band of 8.1 to 8.4 percent, which remains well below the 9.4 percent 2013 average rate for the area.

From June 2013 to June 2014, the Detroit metropolitan area's jobless rate fell by one and one-tenth percentage points. Over that period, total employment was essentially unchanged, however the number of unemployed declined by 23,000 or 11.9 percent. This corresponded to a 21,000 reduction in the area's workforce over the year.

**Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA**  
**Labor Force Estimates**  
Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	2,035	2,018	2,014	-4	-21
Employment	1,843	1,852	1,844	-8	1
Unemployment	193	165	170	5	-23
Rate (Percent)	9.5	8.2	8.4	xxx	xxx

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## ***June Payroll Jobs Rise***

According to the monthly survey of employers, seasonally adjusted Michigan payroll jobs rose in June by 18,000 to total 4,141,000. Payroll job gains in June were concentrated in manufacturing (+7,000), professional and business services (+6,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+5,000), and education and health services (+3,000). Slightly offsetting these advances were minor job losses in construction (-2,000), and other services (-2,000). The state's remaining major sectors recorded little change in June.

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

- Payroll job gains over the last two months were strong, with a total statewide advance over this period of 33,000 or 0.8 percent. The job gains in May and June more than made up for the sluggish first four months of 2014.
- The June job total for Michigan was the highest level posted since August 2008.
- The manufacturing job increase in June was due to continued recalls from short-term April layoffs in the auto industry.
- Construction jobs in June slipped below levels posted throughout most of 2014; however this sector continued to record an over-the-year gain of 3,000 jobs.
- Jobs in retail trade rose in June for the fourth consecutive month. Retail trade jobs fell over the past winter to levels well below totals recorded in 2013. The June total for this sector was very similar to the highest levels posted in late 2013.
- After four months of real gains, jobs in professional and business services in June rose above levels seen in 2013. This sector's job count in June was at its highest level since July 2001.
- From June 2013 to June 2014, payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 34,000 or 0.8 percent. Over the year, the bulk of Michigan's job advances were recorded in manufacturing (+14,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+13,000), leisure and hospitality services (+8,000), and professional and business services (+4,000).
- Seasonally adjusted average weekly hours and earnings of production workers in manufacturing decreased over the month, but increased over the year.

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

	<u>June</u> 2013	<u>May*</u> 2014	<u>June**</u> 2014	CHANGE***	
				<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,107	4,122	4,141	18	34
Natural Resources & Mining	8	9	8	0	1
Construction	132	137	136	-2	3
Manufacturing	554	561	568	7	14
Transportation Equipment	167	169	175	6	9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	744	752	758	5	13
Retail Trade	456	458	459	1	3
Information	55	56	57	1	2
Financial Activities	204	197	197	-1	-7
Professional & Business Services	604	602	608	6	4
Education & Health Services	639	636	638	3	-1
Leisure & Hospitality Services	398	404	405	1	8
Other Services	171	171	170	-2	-2
Government	597	598	596	-1	-1

\* Final data for May

\*\* Preliminary data for June

\*\*\* Change calculated using unrounded data

**Hours & Earnings for Production Workers**

*Seasonally Adjusted*

**Manufacturing**

	<u>June</u> 2013	<u>May</u> 2014	<u>June</u> 2014	CHANGE	
				<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Average Weekly Earnings	\$864.52	\$937.40	\$902.88	-\$34.52	\$38.36
Average Weekly Hours	43.3	44.8	44.3	-0.5	1.0

**Transportation Equipment**

Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,132.84	\$1,315.11	\$1,219.29	-\$95.82	\$86.45
Average Weekly Hours	45.0	50.7	49.2	-1.5	4.2

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