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June Jobless Rates Stable in Majority of Michigan's Regional Labor Markets

Lansing – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates in June were mostly little changed with rates edging downward in nine of the state's 17 major labor market areas, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and labor force levels declined moderately in most major regions.

"Jobless rates in Michigan's local area labor markets in June were stable," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "Job changes throughout state regions were mainly seasonal, with sizable job gains in leisure and hospitality services and construction countered somewhat by seasonal cuts in government education."

From May to June, nine regions posted jobless rate declines ranging from -0.1 to -0.6 percentage points. The only notable downward movement occurred in the state's three northernmost labor market areas. Unemployment rates decreased in the Northwest Lower Michigan region, the Northeast Lower Michigan region and the Upper Peninsula by -0.6, -0.4 and -0.3 of a percentage point respectively. Unemployment rates inched up slightly by 0.1 or 0.2 of a percentage point in three areas over the month, and were unchanged in five regions. In June, all major labor market regions in Michigan displayed jobless rates of 7.0 percent or lower.

Jobless Rates Down Over Year

Since June 2014, unemployment rates fell in all 17 major regions. Reductions ranged from -1.1 to -2.3 percentage points with a median rate drop of -1.5 percentage points. The largest jobless rate decrease over that period was posted in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The next largest rate reductions of -1.8 percentage points were displayed in the Saginaw MSA and the Northeast Lower Michigan region.

Total Employment Down Over Month, Up Over Year

Over the month, total employment fell moderately in 11 regions, with declines ranging from -0.1 to -2.6 percent and a median reduction of -0.9 percent. The largest total employment decreases in June were recorded in the Lansing-East Lansing MSA (-2.6%), the Ann Arbor MSA (-1.3%), and the Midland MSA (-1.1%). In June, total employment rose in six areas, with by far the largest gains posted in the state's three northernmost labor market regions as hiring continued for the summer tourism season.

From June 2014 to June 2015, total employment rose in 16 of the 17 Michigan regions. Employment increases since June 2014 ranged from 0.3 to 3.9 percent, with a significant median gain of 1.5 percent. The most pronounced over-the-year advances were reported in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSA (+3.9%), and the Battle Creek and Monroe MSAs, both up by 2.0 percent. Total employment declined over the year in the Jackson MSA (-0.7%).

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Labor Force Levels Down Over Month, Year

From May to June, workforce levels declined in 11 regions and rose in six. Over the year, labor force levels in 11 areas recorded reductions, five regions posted gains, while the workforce in the Northwest Lower Michigan region was essentially unchanged.

Seasonal and Tourism Related Hiring Push June Payroll Jobs Upward

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 28,000 or 0.6 percent in June to 4,338,000. Private sector jobs in Michigan rose over the month by 45,000 or 1.2 percent led by a seasonal gain of 16,000 in leisure and hospitality services. Other notable private sector job increases over the month were posted in construction (+9,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+8,000), and manufacturing (+8,000).

Government jobs fell in June by 17,000 as seasonal cutbacks took place in state and local government education with the beginning of summer break at area schools and universities. Job reductions in local government education (-8,000) occurred statewide, while job declines in state government education (-12,000) were most prominent in the Lansing-East Lansing and Ann Arbor MSAs.

From May to June, payroll job changes were mixed, with eight metropolitan regions showing increases and six areas recording declines. Area job gains ranged from 0.3 to 1.4 percent while reductions ranged from -0.2 to -2.1 percent. The largest over-the-month metro area percent job gain was displayed in the Niles-Benton Harbor MSA, and the biggest job reduction recorded in the Lansing-East Lansing MSA.

From June 2014 to June 2015, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs increased statewide by 97,000 or 2.3 percent. Job gains over this period were widespread throughout most industry sectors and were led by advances in professional and business services (+24,000), manufacturing (+18,000), education and health services (+16,000), construction (+16,000), and leisure and hospitality services (+14,000).

Since June 2014, payroll jobs rose in 11 metropolitan regions of the state with gains ranging from 0.6 to 4.3 percent, with a median increase of 1.6 percent. The largest payroll job advances over this period were displayed in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+4.3%), Detroit-Warren-Livonia (+2.6%), and Battle Creek and Kalamazoo-Portage MSAs (+1.9%). Payroll jobs declined over the year in the Jackson and Midland MSAs, while jobs were essentially unchanged in the Bay City MSA.

County Jobless Rates Down Over Month, Year

Fifty-eight of Michigan's 83 counties recorded unemployment rate declines in June with a median reduction of only -0.3 of a percentage point. As a whole, jobless rates were little changed over the month with 16 county rates unchanged and nine counties reporting a slight increase. In June, 82 Michigan counties displayed unemployment rates below 10.0 percent.

From June 2014 to June 2015, jobless rates dropped in 82 of the state's counties. The median decline over this period was -1.6 percentage points. Schoolcraft County posted an over-the-year rate increase due to a layoff event that began in April.

*Note: Data in this release is **not seasonally adjusted**. As a result, employment and unemployment trends may differ from previously released Michigan seasonally adjusted data. A breakdown of seasonally unadjusted June workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a listing of county jobless rates for June. Note to Editors: Please ensure that the source for state unemployment rates reads "Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget."*

	<u>Jun-14</u>	<u>May-15</u>	<u>Jun-15</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	187,200	190,200	188,100	-1.1%	0.5%
Total Employment	176,900	182,200	179,900	-1.3%	1.7%
Unemployment	10,300	8,000	8,200	2.5%	-20.4%
Rate (percent)	5.5	4.2	4.3		

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BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	65,500	66,000	65,900	-0.2%	0.6%
Total Employment	61,100	62,400	62,300	-0.2%	2.0%
Unemployment	4,300	3,600	3,600	0.0%	-16.3%
Rate (percent)	6.6	5.4	5.4		

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BAY CITY MSA (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	54,100	53,800	53,400	-0.7%	-1.3%
Total Employment	50,100	50,500	50,300	-0.4%	0.4%
Unemployment	4,000	3,300	3,200	-3.0%	-20.0%
Rate (percent)	7.4	6.1	5.9		

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DETROIT-WARREN-DEARBORN MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,037	2,004	2,015	0.5%	-1.1%
Total Employment	1,855	1,872	1,883	0.6%	1.5%
Unemployment	182	132	132	0.0%	-27.5%
Rate (percent)	8.9	6.6	6.6		

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FLINT MSA (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	187,400	187,800	185,800	-1.1%	-0.9%
Total Employment	172,500	175,800	174,100	-1.0%	0.9%
Unemployment	14,900	12,000	11,700	-2.5%	-21.5%
Rate (percent)	8.0	6.4	6.3		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, Ottawa counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	552,500	567,100	566,700	-0.1%	2.6%
Total Employment	522,400	543,500	543,000	-0.1%	3.9%
Unemployment	30,000	23,600	23,700	0.4%	-21.0%
Rate (percent)	5.4	4.2	4.2		

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JACKSON MSA (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	74,700	73,800	73,200	-0.8%	-2.0%
Total Employment	69,500	69,600	69,000	-0.9%	-0.7%
Unemployment	5,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	-19.2%
Rate (percent)	6.9	5.7	5.8		

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	165,600	165,800	166,200	0.2%	0.4%
Total Employment	154,900	157,200	157,700	0.3%	1.8%
Unemployment	10,700	8,600	8,500	-1.2%	-20.6%
Rate (percent)	6.5	5.2	5.1		

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	240,800	246,000	240,100	-2.4%	-0.3%
Total Employment	225,800	234,100	228,100	-2.6%	1.0%
Unemployment	15,000	11,900	12,000	0.8%	-20.0%
Rate (percent)	6.2	4.8	5.0		

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MIDLAND MSA (Midland County)					
Civilian Labor Force	42,400	42,500	41,900	-1.4%	-1.2%
Total Employment	39,700	40,300	39,800	-1.2%	0.3%
Unemployment	2,700	2,200	2,200	0.0%	-18.5%
Rate (percent)	6.3	5.2	5.2		

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MONROE MSA (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	76,300	77,500	76,700	-1.0%	0.5%
Total Employment	71,600	73,600	73,000	-0.8%	2.0%
Unemployment	4,700	3,800	3,700	-2.6%	-21.3%
Rate (percent)	6.2	4.9	4.8		

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MUSKEGON MSA (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	78,500	78,700	78,400	-0.4%	-0.1%
Total Employment	72,400	73,900	73,600	-0.4%	1.7%
Unemployment	6,100	4,800	4,800	0.0%	-21.3%
Rate (percent)	7.7	6.1	6.1		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	75,600	75,000	75,400	0.5%	-0.3%
Total Employment	70,300	70,800	71,200	0.6%	1.3%
Unemployment	5,300	4,200	4,100	-2.4%	-22.6%
Rate (percent)	7.0	5.6	5.5		

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SAGINAW MSA (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	90,500	89,600	89,500	-0.1%	-1.1%
Total Employment	83,400	84,200	84,100	-0.1%	0.8%
Unemployment	7,100	5,500	5,400	-1.8%	-23.9%
Rate (percent)	7.8	6.1	6.0		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	145,400	142,700	143,800	0.8%	-1.1%
Total Employment	133,500	132,700	134,200	1.1%	0.5%
Unemployment	11,900	10,000	9,600	-4.0%	-19.3%
Rate (percent)	8.2	7.0	6.7		

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NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN (Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	86,300	84,900	86,100	1.4%	-0.2%
Total Employment	78,700	78,700	80,100	1.8%	1.8%
Unemployment	7,600	6,300	6,000	-4.8%	-21.1%
Rate (percent)	8.8	7.4	7.0		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN (Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	156,200	151,200	156,200	3.3%	0.0%
Total Employment	144,900	141,900	147,400	3.9%	1.7%
Unemployment	11,200	9,300	8,800	-5.4%	-21.4%
Rate (percent)	7.2	6.2	5.6		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)					
Civilian Labor Force	4,817	4,797	4,803	0.1%	-0.3%
Total Employment	4,448	4,515	4,523	0.2%	1.7%
Unemployment	369	282	280	-0.7%	-24.1%
Rate (percent)	7.7	5.9	5.8		

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**MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
JUNE 2015**

1	Mackinac County	3.7	43	Alpena County	6.2
2	Ottawa County	4.0	44	Macomb County	6.3
3	Kent County	4.1	45	Van Buren County	6.3
4	Clinton County	4.3	46	Marquette County	6.3
5	Allegan County	4.3	47	Genesee County	6.3
6	Washtenaw County	4.3	48	Manistee County	6.4
7	Barry County	4.4	49	Sanilac County	6.4
8	Grand Traverse County	4.5	50	Missaukee County	6.6
9	Cheboygan County	4.7	51	Osceola County	6.6
10	Leelanau County	4.7	52	Delta County	6.6
11	St. Joseph County	4.7	53	Tuscola County	6.7
12	Eaton County	4.8	54	Antrim County	6.8
13	Kalamazoo County	4.8	55	Houghton County	6.8
14	Ionia County	4.8	56	Iron County	6.8
15	Monroe County	4.8	57	Wexford County	6.8
16	Menominee County	5.2	58	Luce County	6.9
17	Branch County	5.2	59	Oceana County	6.9
18	Midland County	5.2	60	Mecosta County	7.0
19	Ingham County	5.3	61	Iosco County	7.1
20	Livingston County	5.3	62	Crawford County	7.2
21	Lenawee County	5.3	63	Kalkaska County	7.2
22	Charlevoix County	5.4	64	St. Clair County	7.2
23	Huron County	5.4	65	Lapeer County	7.4
24	Oakland County	5.4	66	Gladwin County	7.5
25	Cass County	5.4	67	Ogemaw County	7.5
26	Calhoun County	5.4	68	Gogebic County	7.5
27	Dickinson County	5.5	69	Alcona County	7.6
28	Mason County	5.5	70	Clare County	7.7
29	Berrien County	5.5	71	Wayne County	7.7
30	Isabella County	5.6	72	Alger County	7.8
31	Newaygo County	5.8	73	Chippewa County	7.8
32	Gratiot County	5.8	74	Arenac County	8.1
33	Hillsdale County	5.8	75	Lake County	8.3
34	Shiawassee County	5.8	76	Keweenaw County	8.6
35	Jackson County	5.8	77	Roscommon County	8.7
36	Montcalm County	5.9	78	Oscoda County	8.9
37	Bay County	5.9	79	Presque Isle County	9.0
38	Saginaw County	6.0	80	Montmorency County	9.1
39	Benzie County	6.1	81	Ontonagon County	9.4
40	Otsego County	6.1	82	Baraga County	9.7
41	Muskegon County	6.1	83	Schoolcraft County	11.5
42	Emmet County	6.2			

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