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Michigan's August Unemployment Rate Moves Upward *Payroll Jobs Advance*

Lansing – Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in August edged up over the month by two-tenths of a percentage point to 9.0 percent, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB). Total employment declined by 7,000 over the month, while the number of unemployed rose by 7,000. The state's labor force was little changed in August.

The Michigan jobless rate in August 2013 was three-tenths of a percentage point below the state's August 2012 rate of 9.3 percent. The national jobless rate decreased by eight-tenths of a percentage point over this period. The state's unemployment rate in August was one and seven-tenths percentage points above the national rate of 7.3 percent. The U.S. jobless rate edged down over the month by one-tenth of a percentage point.

"Payroll jobs in Michigan have been consistently trending upward in 2013, averaging a monthly gain of 9,000 through August," said Michael Williams, acting director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "The state's unemployment rate in 2013 has declined only slightly since 2012 due to relatively strong workforce expansion."

Monthly Labor Force Trends & Highlights

- Michigan's unemployment rate increased in August for the third consecutive month.
- The state's August jobless rate was the highest recorded in 2013, but remains slightly below the 2012 annual rate of 9.1 percent.
- Michigan's labor force was essentially unchanged in August. However, since August 2012 the state's workforce rose by 74,000 or 1.6 percent, which well outpaced the national growth rate of 0.5 percent over the same period.
- Through the first eight months of 2013, the number of unemployed in Michigan has averaged 407,000, which is down from the 426,000 annual average recorded in 2012.
- Total employment in Michigan edged downward over the last two months after posting solid monthly gains in the first half of 2013. Over the year, total employment in the state has

displayed relatively strong growth, increasing by 81,000 or 1.9 percent. Total employment nationally was up by 1.4 percent since August 2012.

**MICHIGAN
Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted
(Data in Thousands)

	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,653	4,728	4,727	-1	74
Employment	4,221	4,309	4,302	-7	81
Unemployment	432	418	425	7	-7
Rate (Percent)	9.3	8.8	9.0	xxx	xxx

Detroit Metropolitan Area's August Jobless Rate Increases

The Detroit-Warren-Livonia Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA's) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in August increased by two-tenths of a percentage point to 9.6 percent. In August, total employment rose moderately by 5,000, while the number of unemployed also advanced by 5,000. The net impact was a 10,000 over-the-month hike in the regional labor force. August marked the twelfth consecutive month of total employment gain for the metro area dating back to September 2012. Although the metro area's August jobless rate rose slightly, it remains below the region's eight-month 2013 average rate of 9.8 percent.

From August 2012 to August 2013, the Detroit metropolitan area's jobless rate fell by one and one-tenths percentage points. Over that period, total employment rose in the region by 43,000 or 2.4 percent while the number of unemployed fell by 21,000 or 9.7 percent. The region's labor force increased by 22,000 or 1.1 percent since August 2012.

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

Seasonally Adjusted
(Data in Thousands)

	August 2012	July 2013	August 2013	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	2,008	2,020	2,030	10	22
Employment	1,792	1,830	1,835	5	43
Unemployment	216	190	195	5	-21
Rate (Percent)	10.7	9.4	9.6	xxx	xxx

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Payroll Jobs Advance Again in August

According to the monthly survey of employers, seasonally adjusted Michigan payroll jobs increased in August by 8,000 to 4,098,000. Minor over-the-month job gains were posted in a number of Michigan's industry sectors including construction (+3,000), manufacturing (+3,000), professional and business services (+3,000), and trade, transportation and utilities (+2,000). These gains were somewhat offset by marginal job reductions in the government (-2,000) and financial activities (-2,000) sectors. Michigan's remaining major industry sectors were little changed in August.

Industry Employment Trends and Highlights

- Overall payroll jobs in Michigan advanced in August for the fourth consecutive month, and the August total was the highest job level displayed in 2013.
- Current job totals in the state are reaching levels last recorded in late 2008.
- Construction jobs rose in August for the first month since May. The August job level was the third highest total shown in 2013, and for the first time in 2013 this sector displayed over-the-year growth
- The over-the-month gain in manufacturing jobs continued an upward trend seen throughout most of 2013. Since January, this sector has added 9,000 jobs.
- After remaining relatively flat for the last three quarters of 2012, jobs in professional and business services have recorded consistent gains throughout 2013. From December 2012 to August 2013, the professional and business service sector in Michigan has registered a 19,000 or 3.3 percent job gain.
- Since August 2012, payroll jobs in Michigan rose by 68,000 or 1.7 percent. Job additions over this period were displayed in manufacturing (+18,000), professional and business services (+16,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+16,000), leisure and hospitality services (+12,000), and education and health services (+9,000).
- From August 2012 to August 2013, only three of Michigan's 11 major job sectors have recorded job losses. These were minor declines of around 2,000 each posted in government, information, and financial activities.
- Seasonally adjusted average weekly hours and earnings of production workers in manufacturing decreased over the month, as well as over the year.

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MICHIGAN
Payroll Employment Estimates

Seasonally Adjusted

(Data in Thousands)

	<u>August</u>	<u>July*</u>	<u>August**</u>	CHANGE***	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4030	4090	4098	8	68
Natural Resources & Mining	8	8	8	0	0
Construction	126	125	127	3	1
Manufacturing	540	555	558	3	18
Transportation Equipment	158	165	168	3	10
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	728	742	744	2	16
Retail Trade	448	458	460	2	13
Information	54	53	52	-1	-2
Financial Activities	198	198	196	-2	-2
Professional & Business Services	579	592	595	3	16
Education & Health Services	633	641	642	1	9
Leisure & Hospitality Services	388	401	400	-1	12
Other Services	168	169	170	1	2
Government	608	608	606	-2	-2

* Final data for July

** Preliminary data for August

*** Change calculated using unrounded data

Hours & Earnings for Production Workers

Seasonally Adjusted

Manufacturing

	<u>August</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	CHANGE	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Average Weekly Earnings	\$906.47	\$865.78	\$854.58	-\$11.20	-\$51.89
Average Weekly Hours	43.4	43.1	43.0	-0.1	-0.4

Transportation Equipment

Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,257.84	\$1,095.22	\$1,105.12	\$9.90	-\$152.72
Average Weekly Hours	46.7	45.6	45.8	0.2	-0.9

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