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Summer 2015 Job Market Forecast For Michigan Teens (Ages 16-19)

Lansing – The Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget has released its summer (June–August) teen employment forecast for 2015. The Michigan labor market has continued to improve and this has led to teens having greater success in securing summer employment over the past several years. However, finding jobs is always a challenge for young people and the teen labor market is expected to remain competitive during the summer of 2015.

In general, the teen summer labor market is a competitive environment every year due to its dynamics. Starting in May, the number of teens entering the labor force increases sharply and reaches a peak in July. Many teens are entering the labor market for the first time and face competition from peers with previous work experience. Consequently, even in the most favorable labor market conditions, these factors contribute to the teen jobless rate being relatively high compared to the overall unemployment rate. In recent years, teens have also faced additional competition from adults for available jobs.

Since reaching a historic high of 35.0 percent in the summer of 2010, the teen summer unemployment rate has trended significantly lower. During the summer of 2014, the jobless rate for teens returned to pre-recessionary levels. This improvement was likely the result of continued job growth in Michigan and specifically in those sectors that provide good employment prospects for teens. This downward trend in the teen jobless rate is expected to continue during the summer of 2015.

Year	Teen Summer (June-August) Unemployment Rate (%)
2005	17.9
2006	21.7
2007	22.0
2008	25.3
2009	31.8
2010	35.0
2011	28.6
2012	26.7
2013	27.1
2014	20.2

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Unpublished Current Population Survey data

During the summer of 2015 (June-August), approximately 253,600 teens are projected to look for a job with approximately 210,000 expected to find employment. 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 17.2 percent, which is 2.8 percentage points below the previous summer. Even with this improvement in the percent jobless, however, the number of unemployed teens is expected to be approximately 43,600.

Teen (16-19) Summer (June-August) Labor Market Forecast - 2015

	Teen Labor Force	Teen Employment	Teen Unemployment	Teen Unemployment Rate (%)
Summer 2015 (Forecast)	253,600	210,000	43,600	17.2

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 social media, websites with job ads, and local newspaper want ads
- Think about self-employment: lawn service, pet sitting, etc.
- Visit Pure Michigan Talent Connect (www.mitalent.org)

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 and show that you want the job

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).

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