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July Unemployment Rates Advance Seasonally in all of Michigan's Regional Labor Markets

Lansing – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates increased in all of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas in July, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and labor force levels declined in the majority of regions over the month.

"July jobless rate increases are typical in Michigan's local labor markets," said Rick Waclawek, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "Employment drops occur in most areas due to seasonal short-term job cuts in local education, temporary help, and manufacturing."

From June to July, regional jobless rate increases ranged from 0.3 to 1.7 percentage points with a moderate median advance of 0.6 of a percentage point. The largest over-the-month rate upturns occurred in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Flint and Monroe Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), with the rates in those three areas up over a full percentage point. In July, six major regions in Michigan displayed jobless rates at or below the U.S. seasonally unadjusted rate of 8.6 percent.

Jobless Rates Down Over Year

From July 2011 to July 2012, unemployment rates fell in all 17 of Michigan's major labor market areas. Over-the-year rate declines ranged from 0.6 to 1.6 percentage points with a median drop of 1.2 percentage points. The most pronounced jobless rate reductions over the year took place in the Battle Creek, Jackson, Monroe, and Flint MSAs. Since July 2011, 13 areas posted rate decreases of a full percentage point or more.

Total Employment Down Over Month, Up Over Year

Over the month, total employment fell seasonally in 15 regions, with a median decline of 1.2 percent. The largest July percentage drops of over 2.0 percent occurred in the Flint, Monroe, Muskegon, and Battle Creek MSAs. Employment rose seasonally in July in the Northwest Lower Michigan region as hiring for the summer tourism season reached its peak. Employment was essentially unchanged in the Upper Peninsula over the month.

Since July 2011, total employment rose in all 17 regions of the state. The average over-the-year gain for the various areas was a little over 2.0 percent, with the largest increases posted in the Flint and Jackson MSAs.

Labor Force Levels Down Over Month, Up Over Year

In July, labor force levels fell in 11 regions and grew in six areas. Declines averaged 0.7 percent while increases were mostly marginal.

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From July 2011 to July 2012, labor force levels advanced in 13 regions with an average gain of nearly 1.5 percent. Workforce levels declined over the year in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Muskegon-Norton Shores, and Niles-Benton Harbor MSAs, along with the Northeast Lower Michigan region.

Seasonal Cuts Reduce July Payroll Jobs

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan fell by 68,000 or 1.7 percent in July to 3,976,000. Private sector jobs recorded a job reduction of 32,000 or 0.9 percent over the month led by drops in professional and business services (-24,000) and manufacturing (-8,000). The decline in professional and business services was seasonal and primarily occurred in the temporary help sub-sector. The manufacturing reduction was also seasonal, but was restrained in comparison to historical norms due to structural changes within the auto industry. Prior to the 2007 to 2009 recession, typical manufacturing job cuts in July numbered around 35,000 because of the vacation shutdown/retooling period in the auto industry with supplier layoffs. This pattern has changed as a result of revamped production schedules over the past several years.

Government jobs fell statewide by 37,000 in July, primarily the result of cutbacks in local education due to summer breaks at area schools. These job cuts were also somewhat below typical reductions for July. However, this was mostly a timing issue, as local schools released a higher share of support staff in June 2012 for the summer break, and a smaller than typical share in July.

Payroll jobs fell in 13 of the state's 14 metropolitan areas in July, with the various regions registering a significant average drop of 2.0 percent. Payroll jobs edged upward over the month in the Bay City MSA.

From July 2011 to July 2012, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs rose statewide by 61,000 or 1.6 percent. Over-the-year job gains occurred in professional and business services (+23,000), manufacturing (+20,000), education and health services (+11,000), leisure and hospitality services (+7,000), and financial activities (+7,000). Notable job losses were confined to construction (-6,000), retail trade (-5,000), and local government education (-5,000).

Since July 2011, 11 of Michigan's 14 major metropolitan regions recorded payroll job gains. The largest percentage job increases were registered in the Jackson, Holland-Grand Haven, and Ann Arbor MSAs. Payroll jobs declined over the year in the Muskegon-Norton Shores, Niles-Benton Harbor and Saginaw-Saginaw Township North MSAs.

County Jobless Rates Up Over Month, Down Over Year

Seventy-five of Michigan's 83 counties registered seasonal unemployment rate increases in July, with a moderate median advance of 0.7 of a percentage point. Six northern counties recorded jobless rate declines over the month, while the rates in two counties were unchanged. In July, 20 counties in the state displayed unemployment rates at or below the national unadjusted rate of 8.6 percent.

From July 2011 to July 2012, unemployment rates decreased in 81 Michigan counties, with a 1.2 percentage point average decline. The jobless rates in two counties were unchanged since July 2011.

*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 July workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a listing of county jobless rates for July.

Note to Editors: Please ensure that the source for state unemployment rates reads "Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget."

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	<u>Jul-11</u>	<u>Jun-12</u>	<u>Jul-12</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	179,300	185,400	184,700	-0.4%	3.0%
Total Employment	165,600	173,900	172,100	-1.0%	3.9%
Unemployment	13,700	11,500	12,500	8.7%	-8.8%
Rate (percent)	7.7	6.2	6.8		

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	<u>Jul-11</u>	<u>Jun-12</u>	<u>Jul-12</u>	% change month	% change year
BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	64,200	65,900	65,000	-1.4%	1.2%
Total Employment	57,600	60,700	59,400	-2.1%	3.1%
Unemployment	6,500	5,200	5,600	7.7%	-13.8%
Rate (percent)	10.2	7.8	8.6		

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	<u>Jul-11</u>	<u>Jun-12</u>	<u>Jul-12</u>	% change month	% change year
BAY CITY MSA (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	52,600	53,300	53,500	0.4%	1.7%
Total Employment	47,200	48,600	48,500	-0.2%	2.8%
Unemployment	5,400	4,600	5,000	8.7%	-7.4%
Rate (percent)	10.3	8.7	9.3		

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	<u>Jul-11</u>	<u>Jun-12</u>	<u>Jul-12</u>	% change month	% change year
DETROIT-WARREN-LIVONIA MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,058	2,009	2,037	1.4%	-1.0%
Total Employment	1,786	1,804	1,795	-0.5%	0.5%
Unemployment	272	205	243	18.5%	-10.7%
Rate (percent)	13.2	10.2	11.9		

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	<u>Jul-11</u>	<u>Jun-12</u>	<u>Jul-12</u>	% change month	% change year
FLINT MSA (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	184,100	191,600	189,500	-1.1%	2.9%
Total Employment	161,500	173,200	169,100	-2.4%	4.7%
Unemployment	22,700	18,400	20,400	10.9%	-10.1%
Rate (percent)	12.3	9.6	10.8		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA (Barry, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	385,200	391,100	390,500	-0.2%	1.4%
Total Employment	349,900	362,400	359,600	-0.8%	2.8%
Unemployment	35,300	28,700	30,800	7.3%	-12.7%
Rate (percent)	9.2	7.3	7.9		

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HOLLAND - GRAND HAVEN MSA (Ottawa County)					
Civilian Labor Force	130,000	134,000	133,100	-0.7%	2.4%
Total Employment	118,200	124,300	122,700	-1.3%	3.8%
Unemployment	11,800	9,700	10,500	8.2%	-11.0%
Rate (percent)	9.1	7.2	7.9		

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JACKSON MSA (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	71,900	74,300	74,000	-0.4%	2.9%
Total Employment	64,000	67,700	67,000	-1.0%	4.7%
Unemployment	7,900	6,500	7,000	7.7%	-11.4%
Rate (percent)	11.0	8.8	9.4		

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	161,800	166,000	164,900	-0.7%	1.9%
Total Employment	146,100	152,900	151,100	-1.2%	3.4%
Unemployment	15,700	13,000	13,900	6.9%	-11.5%
Rate (percent)	9.7	7.9	8.4		

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	234,200	238,100	236,600	-0.6%	1.0%
Total Employment	212,200	219,800	216,600	-1.5%	2.1%
Unemployment	22,100	18,300	20,000	9.3%	-9.5%
Rate (percent)	9.4	7.7	8.4		

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MONROE MSA (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	69,200	70,600	69,800	-1.1%	0.9%
Total Employment	61,500	64,700	63,200	-2.3%	2.8%
Unemployment	7,700	5,900	6,600	11.9%	-14.3%
Rate (percent)	11.1	8.4	9.5		

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MUSKEGON - NORTON SHORES MSA (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	83,600	84,000	83,000	-1.2%	-0.7%
Total Employment	74,300	76,300	74,600	-2.2%	0.4%
Unemployment	9,300	7,700	8,400	9.1%	-9.7%
Rate (percent)	11.1	9.2	10.1		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	74,900	74,300	74,500	0.3%	-0.5%
Total Employment	66,800	67,200	66,900	-0.4%	0.1%
Unemployment	8,100	7,100	7,500	5.6%	-7.4%
Rate (percent)	10.8	9.5	10.1		

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SAGINAW-Saginaw Township North MSA (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	91,300	92,700	92,000	-0.8%	0.8%
Total Employment	81,700	84,400	83,000	-1.7%	1.6%
Unemployment	9,600	8,300	8,900	7.2%	-7.3%
Rate (percent)	10.5	9.0	9.7		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	150,200	150,600	151,200	0.4%	0.7%
Total Employment	135,100	136,900	136,900	0.0%	1.3%
Unemployment	15,100	13,700	14,400	5.1%	-4.6%
Rate (percent)	10.1	9.1	9.5		

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NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	89,700	89,100	89,200	0.1%	-0.6%
Total Employment	78,800	79,900	79,500	-0.5%	0.9%
Unemployment	10,900	9,100	9,700	6.6%	-11.0%
Rate (percent)	12.2	10.3	10.8		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	153,800	151,500	154,400	1.9%	0.4%
Total Employment	137,900	137,900	140,000	1.5%	1.5%
Unemployment	15,900	13,600	14,300	5.1%	-10.1%
Rate (percent)	10.3	9.0	9.3		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)					
Civilian Labor Force	4,735	4,728	4,749	0.4%	0.3%
Total Employment	4,189	4,296	4,261	-0.8%	1.7%
Unemployment	545	433	488	12.7%	-10.5%
Rate (percent)	11.5	9.2	10.3		

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Note:

The table above contains **seasonally unadjusted** data for Michigan for 2012 and 2011, which should be used in comparison with data for Michigan regions or counties.

DTMB released earlier the **seasonally adjusted** July 2012 unemployment rate for Michigan (9.0 percent), which is best used for:

- Identifying recent Michigan workforce trends
- Conducting comparisons with unemployment rates for the U.S. and other states

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**MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
JULY 2012**

1	Mackinac County	4.2	43	Berrien County	10.1
2	Leelanau County	6.8	44	Charlevoix County	10.1
3	Washtenaw County	6.8	45	Muskegon County	10.1
4	Clinton County	6.9	46	Ogemaw County	10.2
5	Barry County	7.2	47	Crawford County	10.3
6	Cheboygan County	7.3	48	Oakland County	10.3
7	Eaton County	7.4	49	Kalkaska County	10.4
8	Kent County	7.7	50	Lenawee County	10.4
9	Allegan County	7.8	51	Shiawassee County	10.4
10	Menominee County	7.8	52	Oceana County	10.6
11	Ottawa County	7.9	53	Chippewa County	10.8
12	Cass County	8.0	54	Genesee County	10.8
13	Grand Traverse County	8.0	55	Gratiot County	10.9
14	Kalamazoo County	8.0	56	Mecosta County	10.9
15	Midland County	8.0	57	Otsego County	10.9
16	Isabella County	8.1	58	Sanilac County	10.9
17	Keweenaw County	8.4	59	Hillsdale County	11.0
18	Benzie County	8.5	60	Luce County	11.0
19	Calhoun County	8.6	61	Gogebic County	11.2
20	Dickinson County	8.6	62	Tuscola County	11.2
21	Iron County	8.8	63	Missaukee County	11.3
22	Huron County	9.1	64	Schoolcraft County	11.3
23	Livingston County	9.1	65	Arenac County	11.5
24	Mason County	9.1	66	Osceola County	11.5
25	Ingham County	9.2	67	Roscommon County	11.6
26	Marquette County	9.2	68	Iosco County	11.7
27	Newaygo County	9.2	69	Macomb County	11.7
28	Bay County	9.3	70	Lake County	11.9
29	Delta County	9.4	71	Montcalm County	12.3
30	Jackson County	9.4	72	Clare County	12.4
31	Branch County	9.5	73	Lapeer County	12.4
32	Monroe County	9.5	74	Wexford County	12.4
33	Antrim County	9.6	75	Alcona County	12.5
34	Saginaw County	9.7	76	Presque Isle County	12.9
35	St. Joseph County	9.7	77	St. Clair County	13.1
36	Van Buren County	9.7	78	Gladwin County	13.3
37	Emmet County	9.8	79	Ontonagon County	13.3
38	Manistee County	9.8	80	Wayne County	13.4
39	Alger County	9.9	81	Montmorency County	14.7
40	Alpena County	9.9	82	Oscoda County	14.7
41	Houghton County	10.0	83	Baraga County	16.3
42	Ionia County	10.0			

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