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### **Michigan's January Unemployment Rate Unchanged**

*Lansing* – Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 8.9 percent in January was unchanged over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB). Both total employment and the workforce rose slightly over the month by 4,000 as the number of unemployed in the state was unchanged.

The Michigan jobless rate in January 2013 was three-tenths of a percentage point below the state's revised January 2012 rate of 9.2 percent. The national jobless rate decreased by four-tenths of a percentage point over this period. The state's unemployment rate in January was one percentage point above the national rate of 7.9 percent. The U.S. jobless rate increased over the month by one-tenth of a percentage point.

"After a recovery period in 2010 from the national recession, and strong gains posted in 2011, Michigan's labor market stabilized in 2012," said Rick Waclawek, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "The manufacturing sector led the way with sustained job gains over the past year."

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

- Michigan's monthly jobless rates moved slightly downward by four-tenths of a percentage point from the 2012 high of 9.3 percent posted from June to August.
- With the annual revision process, Michigan's 2012 annual unemployment rate was revised slightly upward by two-tenths of a percentage point from 8.9 to 9.1 percent. The state's 2011 annual rate was also revised slightly, from 10.3 to 10.4 percent.
- After being essentially flat for most of the first half of 2012, Michigan's labor force trended downward in the second half. From May through December, the state's workforce declined by 25,000 or 0.5 percent.
- From January 2012 to January 2013, the number of unemployed in Michigan declined moderately by 15,000 or 3.5 percent. The number of unemployed nationwide declined by a similar 3.3 percent over the same period.

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**Note:** The data in this release reflects recently revised historical estimates. Seasonally adjusted labor force estimates for 2008-2012 for Michigan and for the Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA were revised. Previously published data should be replaced with this new series. In addition, this release reflects revised seasonally adjusted payroll job data for 2012. For newly revised data, go to [www.michigan.gov/lmi](http://www.michigan.gov/lmi) or contact DTMB at 313-456-3090.

**MICHIGAN  
Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,667	4,640	4,644	4	-23
Employment	4,238	4,227	4,231	4	-7
Unemployment	429	414	414	0	-15
Rate (Percent)	9.2	8.9	8.9	xxx	xxx

***Detroit Metropolitan Area's January Jobless Rate Edges Downward***

The Detroit-Warren-Livonia Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA's) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in January declined slightly over the month by one-tenth of a percentage point to 10.6 percent. In January, the region's total employment level moved upward by 4,000 as the number of unemployed declined slightly by 2,000. With the annual revision process, the metro area's 2012 annual unemployment rate was revised upward from 10.2 percent to 10.5 percent. The MSA's 2011 rate was also adjusted upward, from 11.5 to 11.6 percent. The Detroit MSA's jobless rate was little changed from June 2012 through January 2013, remaining in the narrow range of 10.6 to 10.7 percent.

From January 2012 to January 2013, the Detroit metropolitan area's jobless rate increased by three-tenths of a percentage point. Over that period, the number of unemployed in the area rose by 7,000 while total employment was little changed.

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

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	2,004	2,009	2,012	3	8
Employment	1,797	1,794	1,798	4	1
Unemployment	206	215	213	-2	7
Rate (Percent)	10.3	10.7	10.6	xxx	xxx

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### ***January Payroll Jobs Increase***

According to the monthly survey of employers, seasonally adjusted Michigan payroll jobs increased in January by 27,000 to 4,055,000. Some of this monthly job change may be overstated due to the difficult nature of the seasonal adjustment process in certain sectors in January. Over the month job additions were posted in trade, transportation and utilities (+7,000), leisure and hospitality services (+6,000), and government (+5,000). Construction recorded a lesser advance of 3,000, while manufacturing, education and health services and other services reported minor gains. The state's remaining major industry sectors were little changed over the month.

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

- With newly revised data, Michigan recorded over-the-year job gains of about 100,000 in early 2012, but this moderated to an over-the-year gain of about 44,000 jobs by late 2012.
- Manufacturing jobs reported a minor gain in January, continuing the steady upward growth pattern seen throughout the past several years.
- Even with a moderate increase from December to January, government jobs remain down over the year. This sector recorded steady declines in the first half of 2012, but stabilized in the second half.
- Education and health services (that comprises private education services along with health care) recorded moderate job gains throughout the past year. This continued the steady growth pattern this sector has recorded since 1999. No other major sector in Michigan has shown sustained job advances over this period (which included two recessionary periods).
- Since January 2012, payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 48,000 or 1.2 percent. Over this period, manufacturing led the job gains, advancing by 20,000. More moderate job additions were recorded in trade, transportation and utilities (+11,000), leisure and hospitality services (+7,000), professional and business services (+6,000), and education and health services (+5,000). Other services posted a 4,000 gain since January 2012, while government jobs were down 3,000. The state's remaining sectors were little changed.
- Seasonally adjusted average weekly hours and earnings of production workers in manufacturing increased over the month as well as over the year.

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**MICHIGAN**  
**Payroll Employment Estimates**

*Seasonally Adjusted*

(Data in Thousands)

	<u>January</u>	<u>December*</u>	<u>January**</u>	<u>CHANGE***</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4008	4029	4055	27	48
Natural Resources & Mining	8	8	8	0	0
Construction	129	125	128	3	-1
Manufacturing	529	547	549	2	20
Transportation Equipment	153	160	161	1	9
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	728	731	738	7	11
Retail Trade	450	449	454	5	4
Information	53	52	52	0	-1
Financial Activities	194	196	195	-1	1
Professional & Business Services	570	576	576	0	6
Education & Health Services	629	632	634	2	5
Leisure & Hospitality Services	386	387	393	6	7
Other Services	168	169	172	2	4
Government	615	607	612	5	-3

\* Final data for December

\*\* Preliminary data for January

\*\*\* Change calculated using unrounded data

**Hours & Earnings for Production Workers**

*Seasonally Adjusted*

**Manufacturing**

	<u>January</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Average Weekly Earnings	\$902.92	\$892.37	\$916.22	\$23.85	\$13.30
Average Weekly Hours	43.5	43.6	44.4	0.8	0.9

**Transportation Equipment**

Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,260.49	\$1,232.75	\$1,267.14	\$34.39	\$6.65
Average Weekly Hours	44.6	46.0	47.8	1.8	3.2

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