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January Jobless Rates Mixed in Michigan's Regional Labor Markets

Lansing – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates in January increased in eight major labor market regions and declined in seven, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and labor force levels fell seasonally over the month in most areas.

“Weather conditions typically have a large impact on jobs in January,” said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. “During January 2014, although jobs fell seasonally in a number of industries, the unemployment rate changes among Michigan regions were relatively modest. In addition, over the past year jobless rates have fallen in each metro area and county in Michigan.”

From December to January, unemployment rates increased moderately in eight regions, with an average advance of 0.6 of a percentage point. Jobless rates declined slightly in seven areas over the month, with rates edging downward by 0.3 of a percentage point or less. Rates were unchanged in January in both the Grand Rapids-Wyoming and Jackson Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs).

Jobless Rates Down Over Year

Since January 2013, unemployment rates fell in all 17 major regions. Declines ranged from 0.7 to 2.4 percentage points with a median rate reduction of 1.4 percentage points. The largest jobless rate decreases over that period were posted in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Lansing-East Lansing, and Niles-Benton Harbor MSAs, with reductions in these areas of at least 2.0 percentage points. The Ann Arbor and Flint MSAs recorded the smallest over-the-year rate declines of 0.7 and 0.8 of a percentage point, respectively.

Total Employment Down Over Month, Up Over Year

In January, total employment fell seasonally in 15 regions. Over-the-month reductions ranged from 0.3 to 1.2 percent with a median decline of 0.7 percent. Total employment rose slightly in January in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSA along with the Upper Peninsula.

From January 2013 to January 2014, total employment advanced in all 17 Michigan regions. Most gains were strong, with a median hike of 1.7 percent. The largest recorded increases over this period (+2.5 percent) were displayed in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming, Detroit-Warren-Livonia, Niles-Benton Harbor, and Lansing-East Lansing MSAs.

Note: Employment, unemployment and industry job data for all 12 months of 2013 have been recently revised. Estimates for January 2014 are not comparable to previously released data. For newly revised 2013 estimates, go to www.michigan.gov/lmi or call 313-456-3090.

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Labor Force Levels Down Over Month, Mixed Over Year

From December to January, workforce levels declined seasonally in 13 regions and rose slightly in three areas. The labor force level in the Monroe MSA was essentially unchanged over the month. January changes to labor force levels were mostly small.

Over the year, labor force levels rose in nine regions and declined in eight. The median workforce change since January 2013 was a moderate half percent.

Seasonal Drops in Nearly All Industry Sectors Reduce January Payroll Jobs

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan fell by 102,000 or 2.5 percent in January to 4,042,000. Seasonal job cuts were posted in nearly all statewide industry sectors and were led by reductions in trade, transportation and utilities (-30,000), government (-15,000), construction (-12,000), education and health services (-12,000), leisure and hospitality services (-11,000), and professional and business services (-9,000).

From December to January, payroll jobs declined seasonally in all 14 metropolitan areas in the state. The median job decrease over this period was 2.7 percent.

From January 2013 to January 2014, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs increased statewide by 37,000 or 0.9 percent. The bulk of the over-the-year job gains were recorded in manufacturing (+20,000), professional and business services (+12,000), and trade, transportation and utilities (+12,000). The remaining Michigan industry sectors were little changed over this period.

Since January 2013, payroll jobs rose in 12 metropolitan regions with an average advance of 1.7 percent. The largest over-the-year percentage job increases were recorded in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+3.5%), Monroe (+3.1%), and Lansing-East Lansing (+2.5%) MSAs. Overall payroll jobs declined slightly over the year in the Bay City and Flint MSAs.

County Jobless Rates Up Over Month, Down Over Year

Fifty-seven of Michigan's 83 counties recorded unemployment rate advances in January with a median increase of 0.5 of a percentage point. In January, rates fell in 20 counties and were unchanged in six. The over-the-month rate declines were mostly minor.

From January 2013 to January 2014, jobless rates dropped in all 83 of the state's counties. The median decline over this period was 1.6 percentage points.

*Note: Data in this release is **not seasonally adjusted**. Monthly employment and unemployment trends may be impacted by weather conditions or regular seasonal swings in hiring or layoffs. As a result, Michigan **not seasonally adjusted** estimates in this release differ from previously released Michigan **seasonally adjusted** data.*

A breakdown of seasonally unadjusted January workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a listing of county jobless rates for January.

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

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	<u>Jan-13</u>	<u>Dec-13</u>	<u>Jan-14</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA					
(Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	181,700	183,400	181,400	-1.1%	-0.2%
Total Employment	171,300	174,000	172,400	-0.9%	0.6%
Unemployment	10,400	9,500	9,000	-5.3%	-13.5%
Rate (percent)	5.7	5.2	5.0		

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BATTLE CREEK MSA					
(Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	63,800	64,400	64,200	-0.3%	0.6%
Total Employment	58,500	60,100	59,900	-0.3%	2.4%
Unemployment	5,300	4,400	4,300	-2.3%	-18.9%
Rate (percent)	8.3	6.8	6.7		

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BAY CITY MSA					
(Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	51,800	51,300	51,100	-0.4%	-1.4%
Total Employment	46,500	47,100	46,600	-1.1%	0.2%
Unemployment	5,300	4,200	4,600	9.5%	-13.2%
Rate (percent)	10.2	8.2	9.0		

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DETROIT-WARREN-LIVONIA MSA					
(Data in thousands)					
(Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,013	2,026	2,022	-0.2%	0.4%
Total Employment	1,794	1,864	1,849	-0.8%	3.1%
Unemployment	220	163	172	5.5%	-21.8%
Rate (percent)	10.9	8.0	8.5		

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FLINT MSA					
(Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	185,100	184,000	184,200	0.1%	-0.5%
Total Employment	166,000	167,800	166,600	-0.7%	0.4%
Unemployment	19,100	16,200	17,600	8.6%	-7.9%
Rate (percent)	10.3	8.8	9.5		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA (Barry, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	397,300	401,600	404,000	0.6%	1.7%
Total Employment	368,600	378,200	380,600	0.6%	3.3%
Unemployment	28,700	23,400	23,400	0.0%	-18.5%
Rate (percent)	7.2	5.8	5.8		

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HOLLAND - GRAND HAVEN MSA (Ottawa County)					
Civilian Labor Force	129,700	131,200	130,700	-0.4%	0.8%
Total Employment	120,400	123,400	123,200	-0.2%	2.3%
Unemployment	9,400	7,900	7,500	-5.1%	-20.2%
Rate (percent)	7.2	6.0	5.8		

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JACKSON MSA (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	69,800	69,700	69,300	-0.6%	-0.7%
Total Employment	63,200	64,100	63,700	-0.6%	0.8%
Unemployment	6,600	5,600	5,500	-1.8%	-16.7%
Rate (percent)	9.4	8.0	8.0		

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	157,100	157,900	157,200	-0.4%	0.1%
Total Employment	144,000	147,000	146,500	-0.3%	1.7%
Unemployment	13,100	10,900	10,700	-1.8%	-18.3%
Rate (percent)	8.4	6.9	6.8		

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	231,900	234,200	232,900	-0.6%	0.4%
Total Employment	213,000	219,700	218,700	-0.5%	2.7%
Unemployment	18,900	14,500	14,200	-2.1%	-24.9%
Rate (percent)	8.2	6.2	6.1		

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MONROE MSA (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	69,500	69,900	69,900	0.0%	0.6%
Total Employment	62,900	65,100	64,400	-1.1%	2.4%
Unemployment	6,500	4,800	5,500	14.6%	-15.4%
Rate (percent)	9.4	6.9	7.9		

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MUSKEGON - NORTON SHORES MSA (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	81,800	82,700	82,200	-0.6%	0.5%
Total Employment	73,900	75,900	75,700	-0.3%	2.4%
Unemployment	7,900	6,800	6,500	-4.4%	-17.7%
Rate (percent)	9.7	8.2	7.9		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	69,700	70,700	70,000	-1.0%	0.4%
Total Employment	62,600	64,900	64,400	-0.8%	2.9%
Unemployment	7,100	5,800	5,700	-1.7%	-19.7%
Rate (percent)	10.1	8.2	8.1		

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SAGINAW-Saginaw Township North MSA (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	90,100	90,400	89,900	-0.6%	-0.2%
Total Employment	81,300	83,200	82,300	-1.1%	1.2%
Unemployment	8,800	7,200	7,700	6.9%	-12.5%
Rate (percent)	9.7	8.0	8.5		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	144,800	142,700	143,900	0.8%	-0.6%
Total Employment	129,100	129,200	129,900	0.5%	0.6%
Unemployment	15,800	13,500	14,000	3.7%	-11.4%
Rate (percent)	10.9	9.5	9.7		

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NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	83,200	82,700	82,500	-0.2%	-0.8%
Total Employment	71,200	72,500	71,600	-1.2%	0.6%
Unemployment	12,000	10,200	10,900	6.9%	-9.2%
Rate (percent)	14.5	12.3	13.2		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	141,700	141,300	141,000	-0.2%	-0.5%
Total Employment	125,000	127,500	126,800	-0.5%	1.4%
Unemployment	16,700	13,800	14,200	2.9%	-15.0%
Rate (percent)	11.8	9.8	10.1		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)					
Civilian Labor Force	4,652	4,672	4,664	-0.2%	0.3%
Total Employment	4,190	4,311	4,288	-0.5%	2.3%
Unemployment	461	362	376	3.9%	-18.4%
Rate (percent)	9.9	7.7	8.1		

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Note:

The table above contains **seasonally unadjusted** data for Michigan for 2014 and 2013, which should be used in comparison with data for Michigan regions or counties.

DTMB released earlier the **seasonally adjusted** January 2014 unemployment rate for Michigan (7.8 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
JANUARY 2014**

1	Washtenaw County	5.0	43	Leelanau County	9.9
2	Kent County	5.4	44	Iron County	10.0
3	Ottawa County	5.8	45	Mason County	10.0
4	Clinton County	6.0	46	Alpena County	10.1
5	Isabella County	6.0	47	Montcalm County	10.1
6	Kalamazoo County	6.0	48	Otsego County	10.2
7	Ingham County	6.1	49	Luce County	10.5
8	Eaton County	6.2	50	Tuscola County	10.5
9	Barry County	6.5	51	Kalkaska County	10.7
10	Allegan County	6.7	52	Manistee County	10.7
11	Calhoun County	6.7	53	Wexford County	10.7
12	Menominee County	6.9	54	Crawford County	11.0
13	Oakland County	6.9	55	Keweenaw County	11.0
14	St. Joseph County	6.9	56	St. Clair County	11.0
15	Midland County	7.0	57	Charlevoix County	11.1
16	Ionia County	7.2	58	Sanilac County	11.1
17	Dickinson County	7.3	59	Antrim County	11.6
18	Grand Traverse County	7.5	60	Osceola County	11.6
19	Livingston County	7.8	61	Alger County	11.7
20	Marquette County	7.8	62	Benzie County	11.7
21	Branch County	7.9	63	Ogemaw County	11.9
22	Monroe County	7.9	64	Gladwin County	12.0
23	Muskegon County	7.9	65	Lapeer County	12.0
24	Jackson County	8.0	66	Alcona County	12.1
25	Lenawee County	8.0	67	Emmet County	12.1
26	Berrien County	8.1	68	Clare County	12.2
27	Houghton County	8.2	69	Ontonagon County	12.4
28	Cass County	8.3	70	Chippewa County	12.7
29	Macomb County	8.3	71	Oceana County	12.7
30	Saginaw County	8.5	72	Roscommon County	13.0
31	Newaygo County	8.7	73	Missaukee County	13.1
32	Hillsdale County	8.8	74	Lake County	13.3
33	Mecosta County	8.8	75	Baraga County	13.7
34	Gogebic County	8.9	76	Arenac County	13.8
35	Bay County	9.0	77	Iosco County	13.9
36	Gratiot County	9.0	78	Schoolcraft County	14.0
37	Huron County	9.1	79	Oscoda County	14.6
38	Shiawassee County	9.4	80	Montmorency County	16.1
39	Van Buren County	9.4	81	Presque Isle County	17.1
40	Genesee County	9.5	82	Cheboygan County	19.0
41	Wayne County	9.5	83	Mackinac County	22.9
42	Delta County	9.8			

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