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# **January Jobless Rates Up Seasonally in All Michigan Regional Labor Markets**

*Lansing* – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates in January rose in all of the state’s 17 major labor market areas, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment fell seasonally over the month in most regions, while workforce levels increased in nearly all areas.

“Michigan’s local markets recorded very typical seasonal trends in January as job levels declined and unemployment rates advanced,” said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. “Over the year, payroll jobs rose in the majority of the state’s regions and workforce levels continued to increase in all major areas.”

From December to January, unemployment rates advanced in all 17 regions, with increases ranging from 0.7 to 1.9 percentage points, and a median gain of 1.1 percentage points. The largest over-the-month rate advances were posted in the Northeast and Northwest Lower Michigan regions, with rate hikes of 1.9 and 1.5 percentage points respectively. Three other areas recorded January rate increases of 1.4 percentage points. In January, six of the 17 Michigan regions displayed unemployment rates at or below the national seasonally unadjusted rate of 5.1 percent.

### ***Unemployment Rates Up Over Year***

Since January 2016, jobless rates rose in 16 regions. Rate increases ranged from 0.2 to 1.1 percentage points with a moderate median advance of a half percentage point. The largest over-the-year jobless rate hikes occurred in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+1.1), the Upper Peninsula (+0.8), and the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) (+0.8). The unemployment rate in the Lansing-East Lansing MSA was unchanged over the year.

### ***Total Employment Down Over Month, Up Over Year***

From December to January, total employment fell seasonally in 14 regions. Over-the-month reductions ranged from -0.3 to -1.4 percent, with a median decline of -0.8 percent. Total employment increased slightly in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming and Muskegon MSAs in January, while the employment level in the Lansing-East Lansing MSA was essentially unchanged.

Since January 2016 total employment rose in 16 regions, with the areas displaying a solid 1.3 percent median gain. The most pronounced over-the-year increases were posted in the Kalamazoo-Portage, Grand Rapids-Wyoming, and Lansing-East Lansing MSAs, with employment levels up by around 3.0 percent each. Total employment was down slightly over the year in the Midland MSA.

**Note:** Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all 12 months of 2016 have been recently revised. Payroll job data by industry was revised for 2015 and 2016. Estimates for January 2017 are not comparable to previously released data. For newly revised estimates, go to [www.michigan.gov/lmi](http://www.michigan.gov/lmi) or call 313-456-3090.

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### **Labor Force Levels Up Over Month, Year**

During January, workforce levels rose moderately in 16 state regions and declined in the Ann Arbor MSA (-0.6%). Labor force increases over the month ranged from 0.1 to 1.4 percent, with the largest advances posted in the Muskegon and Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSAs along with the Northeast Lower Michigan region.

Between January 2016 and January 2017, labor force levels were up in all 17 regions, recording a solid 1.7 percent median growth rate.

### **Seasonal Drop in January Payroll Jobs**

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan fell by 77,000 or 1.8 percent in January to 4,302,000. Typical seasonal job cuts over the month were registered in trade, transportation and utilities (-26,000), government (-15,000), construction (-9,000), education and health services (-9,000), professional and business services (-7,000), and leisure and hospitality services (-6,000).

Within trade, transportation and utilities, retail trade jobs fell by 17,000 in January as merchants cut seasonal jobs with the end of the holiday shopping period. Within education and health services, 7,000 of the job reduction was due to temporary declines in private education, while jobs were cut in both local and state government education as local schools and universities were not fully staffed after the holiday break.

In January, payroll jobs declined in all of the state's 14 major metropolitan regions. Regional job cuts ranged from -1.0 to -3.2 percent, with a median reduction of -2.2 percent. The largest January job declines were reported in the Ann Arbor (-3.2%), Saginaw (-3.1%), and Midland (-2.7%) MSAs.

Since January 2016, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs rose statewide by 87,000 or 2.1 percent. All major industry sectors in the state recorded job gains since January 2016, and were led by increases in professional and business services (+23,000), leisure and hospitality services (+15,000), government (+14,000), education and health services (+9,000), and financial activities (+7,000).

Since January 2016, payroll jobs increased in nine of the 14 Michigan metro areas, for a 1.8 percent median advance. The largest over-the-year percentage job gains were displayed in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming, Kalamazoo-Portage, and Lansing-East Lansing MSAs. Payroll jobs declined over the year in the Monroe, Jackson, Muskegon, Midland, and Saginaw MSAs.

### **County Jobless Rates Up Over Month, Year**

Eighty of Michigan's 83 counties recorded seasonal jobless rate jumps in January with a median increase of 1.3 percentage points.

Since January 2016, unemployment rates rose in 76 counties, with a moderate median increase of 0.6 of a percentage point. Unemployment rates declined in three counties over the year, while the rates were unchanged in four.

*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 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."*

	<u>Jan-16</u>	<u>Dec-16</u>	<u>Jan-17</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>ANN ARBOR MSA</b> (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	188,000	193,600	192,500	-0.6%	2.4%
Total Employment	182,200	188,300	185,900	-1.3%	2.0%
Unemployment	5,800	5,300	6,600	24.5%	13.8%
Rate (percent)	3.1	2.7	3.4		

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	<u>Jan-16</u>	<u>Dec-16</u>	<u>Jan-17</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>BATTLE CREEK MSA</b> (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	63,600	64,500	64,700	0.3%	1.7%
Total Employment	60,600	61,800	61,400	-0.6%	1.3%
Unemployment	3,000	2,700	3,300	22.2%	10.0%
Rate (percent)	4.7	4.2	5.1		

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<b>BAY CITY MSA</b> (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	51,700	52,000	52,500	1.0%	1.5%
Total Employment	48,700	49,400	49,100	-0.6%	0.8%
Unemployment	2,900	2,600	3,300	26.9%	13.8%
Rate (percent)	5.7	4.9	6.3		

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<b>DETROIT-WARREN-DEARBORN MSA</b> <b>(Data in thousands)</b> (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,031	2,068	2,083	0.7%	2.6%
Total Employment	1,922	1,969	1,954	-0.8%	1.7%
Unemployment	109	99	128	29.3%	17.4%
Rate (percent)	5.4	4.8	6.2		

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<b>FLINT MSA</b> (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	181,300	182,700	183,400	0.4%	1.2%
Total Employment	170,700	173,600	172,100	-0.9%	0.8%
Unemployment	10,600	9,100	11,300	24.2%	6.6%
Rate (percent)	5.9	5.0	6.2		

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<b>GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA</b> (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, Ottawa counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	557,500	568,600	575,500	1.2%	3.2%
Total Employment	538,400	551,500	554,000	0.5%	2.9%
Unemployment	19,000	17,100	21,600	26.3%	13.7%
Rate (percent)	3.4	3.0	3.7		

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<b>JACKSON MSA</b> (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	73,500	73,700	74,100	0.5%	0.8%
Total Employment	69,900	70,600	70,100	-0.7%	0.3%
Unemployment	3,600	3,100	3,900	25.8%	8.3%
Rate (percent)	4.9	4.2	5.3		

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<b>KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA</b> (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	164,100	169,000	170,000	0.6%	3.6%
Total Employment	157,000	162,400	161,800	-0.4%	3.1%
Unemployment	7,100	6,600	8,200	24.2%	15.5%
Rate (percent)	4.3	3.9	4.8		

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<b>LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA</b> (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	242,900	247,400	249,900	1.0%	2.9%
Total Employment	232,400	239,100	239,100	0.0%	2.9%
Unemployment	10,500	8,200	10,800	31.7%	2.9%
Rate (percent)	4.3	3.3	4.3		

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<b>MIDLAND MSA</b> (Midland County)					
Civilian Labor Force	40,800	40,900	41,000	0.2%	0.5%
Total Employment	38,900	39,100	38,800	-0.8%	-0.3%
Unemployment	2,000	1,700	2,200	29.4%	10.0%
Rate (percent)	4.9	4.2	5.4		

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<b>MONROE MSA</b> (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	76,100	76,200	76,400	0.3%	0.4%
Total Employment	72,700	73,500	72,900	-0.8%	0.3%
Unemployment	3,300	2,700	3,500	29.6%	6.1%
Rate (percent)	4.4	3.5	4.6		

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<b>MUSKEGON MSA</b> (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	76,400	75,900	77,000	1.4%	0.8%
Total Employment	72,400	72,300	72,500	0.3%	0.1%
Unemployment	3,900	3,600	4,500	25.0%	15.4%
Rate (percent)	5.2	4.7	5.8		

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<b>NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA</b> (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	71,800	72,900	73,400	0.7%	2.2%
Total Employment	68,200	69,600	69,200	-0.6%	1.5%
Unemployment	3,600	3,400	4,200	23.5%	16.7%
Rate (percent)	5.1	4.6	5.7		

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<b>SAGINAW MSA</b> (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	88,400	88,800	88,900	0.1%	0.6%
Total Employment	83,500	84,700	83,600	-1.3%	0.1%
Unemployment	4,900	4,100	5,300	29.3%	8.2%
Rate (percent)	5.5	4.6	6.0		

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<b>UPPER PENINSULA LMA</b> (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	138,100	138,100	139,500	1.0%	1.0%
Total Employment	128,300	128,900	128,500	-0.3%	0.2%
Unemployment	9,800	9,100	11,000	20.9%	12.2%
Rate (percent)	7.1	6.6	7.9		

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<b>NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN</b>					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	80,700	81,900	83,000	1.3%	2.9%
Total Employment	73,500	75,100	74,500	-0.8%	1.4%
Unemployment	7,300	6,700	8,400	25.4%	15.1%
Rate (percent)	9.0	8.2	10.1		

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<b>NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN</b>					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	144,300	147,800	148,200	0.3%	2.7%
Total Employment	135,000	139,600	137,700	-1.4%	2.0%
Unemployment	9,200	8,200	10,400	26.8%	13.0%
Rate (percent)	6.4	5.5	7.0		

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<b>MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	4,751	4,831	4,864	0.7%	2.4%
Total Employment	4,509	4,615	4,588	-0.6%	1.8%
Unemployment	242	215	276	28.4%	14.0%
Rate (percent)	5.1	4.5	5.7		

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**MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
JANUARY 2017**

1	Washtenaw County	3.4	43	Wexford County	6.8
2	Ottawa County	3.5	44	Alpena County	6.8
3	Kent County	3.6	45	Osceola County	7.1
4	Clinton County	4.0	46	Van Buren County	7.1
5	Kalamazoo County	4.2	47	Charlevoix County	7.2
6	St. Joseph County	4.3	48	Sanilac County	7.2
7	Barry County	4.4	49	Wayne County	7.2
8	Eaton County	4.4	50	Missaukee County	7.5
9	Ingham County	4.4	51	St. Clair County	7.6
10	Allegan County	4.5	52	Tuscola County	7.6
11	Ionia County	4.6	53	Mason County	7.7
12	Monroe County	4.6	54	Gladwin County	7.8
13	Oakland County	4.8	55	Iron County	7.8
14	Isabella County	4.8	56	Delta County	7.8
15	Livingston County	5.0	57	Luce County	8.0
16	Lenawee County	5.0	58	Manistee County	8.1
17	Calhoun County	5.1	59	Antrim County	8.3
18	Grand Traverse County	5.2	60	Oscoda County	8.4
19	Cass County	5.3	61	Crawford County	8.6
20	Branch County	5.3	62	Baraga County	8.8
21	Jackson County	5.3	63	Clare County	8.8
22	Dickinson County	5.4	64	Lapeer County	8.9
23	Hillsdale County	5.4	65	Benzie County	9.0
24	Midland County	5.4	66	Emmet County	9.0
25	Newaygo County	5.6	67	Alcona County	9.1
26	Berrien County	5.7	68	Kalkaska County	9.1
27	Montcalm County	5.8	69	Lake County	9.2
28	Muskegon County	5.8	70	Ontonagon County	9.3
29	Saginaw County	6.0	71	Iosco County	9.4
30	Macomb County	6.1	72	Keweenaw County	9.5
31	Menominee County	6.1	73	Chippewa County	9.8
32	Gogebic County	6.1	74	Ogemaw County	9.9
33	Gratiot County	6.1	75	Oceana County	10.2
34	Shiawassee County	6.1	76	Alger County	10.7
35	Genesee County	6.2	77	Arenac County	10.9
36	Mecosta County	6.3	78	Roscommon County	11.5
37	Bay County	6.3	79	Schoolcraft County	11.6
38	Huron County	6.4	80	Presque Isle County	12.5
39	Otsego County	6.4	81	Montmorency County	12.9
40	Leelanau County	6.5	82	Cheboygan County	17.9
41	Houghton County	6.6	83	Mackinac County	21.1
42	Marquette County	6.7			

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