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June Unemployment Rates Up Slightly in Majority of Michigan Regional Labor Markets

Lansing – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates in June edged up seasonally in 14 of the state's 17 major labor market areas, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and workforce levels increased over the month in most regions.

"June 2018 was very typical for Michigan's job market. Workforce levels swelled throughout the state as many individuals entered the labor market seeking seasonal employment," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "Most of Michigan's local labor markets in mid-2018 continued to show slight improvement over last year."

During June, the unemployment rate increases in the 14 regions were moderate and ranged from 0.3 to 0.7 of a percentage point with a median advance of 0.4 of a percentage point. The largest over-the-month jobless rate hikes occurred in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn (+0.7), Muskegon (+0.6) and Lansing-East Lansing (+0.6) Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). The unemployment rate in the Northwest Lower Michigan region declined in June by 0.1 of a percentage point while the rates in the Northeast Lower Michigan region and the Upper Peninsula were unchanged. In June, regional unemployment rates in Michigan ranged from 3.3 to 5.9 percent. The June Michigan non-seasonally adjusted jobless rate was 4.3 percent, while the national unadjusted rate was 4.2 percent.

Unemployment Rates Down Over Year

Since June 2017, jobless rates declined in 16 of the 17 Michigan regions. Rate reductions over the year ranged from 0.1 to 1.0 percentage point with a moderate median decline of 0.4 of a percentage point. The most pronounced rate decreases were posted in the Lansing-East Lansing (-1.0) and Battle Creek (-0.6) MSAs. The unemployment rate in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA rose slightly by 0.3 of a percentage point since June 2017.

Total Employment Up Over Month, Year

From May to June, total employment levels advanced in 12 regions and fell in four areas. Employment was essentially unchanged over the month in the Kalamazoo-Portage MSA. Total employment gains ranged from 0.3 to 4.3 percent with the largest percentage increases displayed in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+4.3%), the Upper Peninsula (+1.8%) and the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+1.5%) as hiring continued for the summer tourism season. Combined, these three areas accounted for an employment gain of nearly 10,000 in June. Employment reductions in the four regions were mostly minor with the exception of a 3.3 percent seasonal employment drop in the Lansing-East Lansing MSA.

Since June 2017, total employment was up in 15 areas with a solid median increase of 1.0 percent. The largest gains over the year were recorded in the Ann Arbor (+2.6%), Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+1.8%) and Monroe (+1.6%) MSAs. Over-the-year total employment decreases were registered in the Niles-Benton Harbor (-1.1%) and Muskegon (-0.5%) MSAs.

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Labor Force Levels Up Over Month, Year

In June, workforce levels rose seasonally in 15 regions with growth ranging from 0.3 to 4.1 percent, and a median increase of 1.1 percent. The state's three northernmost areas posted the largest over-the-month percentage gains. The Lansing-East Lansing metro area (-2.7%) recorded a sizable seasonal reduction, while the Jackson MSA (-0.1%) reported a minor workforce decline in June.

Since June 2017, labor force levels advanced in 13 regions, declined in two areas and were unchanged in the Battle Creek and Midland MSAs. Over-the-year increases were wide-ranging from 0.1 to 2.3 percent with a moderate median gain of 0.7 percent. Reductions were recorded in the Niles-Benton Harbor (-1.3%) and Muskegon (-0.6%) MSAs.

Seasonal and Tourism-Related Hiring Continue in June

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 35,000 or 0.8 percent in June to 4,490,000. Private sector jobs in the state rose by 47,000 or 1.2 percent over the month led by seasonal job gains in *Leisure and hospitality services* (+18,000), *Construction* (+8,000) and *Trade, transportation and utilities* (+8,000).

Government jobs dropped in June as seasonal cutbacks occurred in *State government education* (-11,000) and *Local government education* (-6,000) with the beginning of summer break at area schools and universities.

In June, payroll jobs advanced in 12 of the state's 14 metro regions with increases ranging from 0.2 to 1.7 percent and a median rise of 1.1 percent. Metro regions with the most prominent over-the-month job gains on a percentage basis included the Niles-Benton Harbor (+1.7%), Saginaw (+1.4%) and Muskegon (+1.2%) MSAs. June job reductions were posted in the Lansing-East Lansing (-3.2%) and Jackson (-0.5%) metro areas.

Since June 2017, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs rose statewide by 61,000 or 1.4 percent. Twelve of Michigan's 14 metro regions displayed job gains over this period led by the Ann Arbor (+2.9%), Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+1.8%) and Monroe (+1.6%) MSAs. Over-the-year job reductions were recorded in the Muskegon (-1.6%) and Niles-Benton Harbor (-1.1%) metro regions.

County Jobless Rates Up Over Month, Down Over Year

Sixty of Michigan's 83 counties recorded minor seasonal unemployment rate increases in June, with a median advance of 0.4 of a percentage point. Twenty-one counties registered unemployment rate declines in June, while the rates in two counties were unchanged. In June, 20 Michigan counties displayed unemployment rates below the national non-seasonally adjusted rate of 4.2 percent. All Michigan counties in June reported unemployment rates below eight percent.

Since June 2017, unemployment rates declined in 71 counties, with a median reduction of a half percentage point. Jobless rates increased slightly in eight counties over the year, while the rates in four counties were unchanged since June 2017.

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

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

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	<u>Jun-17</u>	<u>May-18</u>	<u>Jun-18</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	193,000	194,900	197,400	1.3%	2.3%
Total Employment	185,500	189,000	190,400	0.7%	2.6%
Unemployment	7,500	6,000	7,000	16.7%	-6.7%
Rate (percent)	3.9	3.1	3.5		

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BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	64,400	64,000	64,400	0.6%	0.0%
Total Employment	61,200	61,400	61,600	0.3%	0.7%
Unemployment	3,300	2,600	2,900	11.5%	-12.1%
Rate (percent)	5.1	4.1	4.5		

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BAY CITY MSA (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	51,400	50,900	51,600	1.4%	0.4%
Total Employment	48,600	48,500	49,000	1.0%	0.8%
Unemployment	2,900	2,400	2,600	8.3%	-10.3%
Rate (percent)	5.6	4.7	5.1		

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DETROIT-WARREN-DEARBORN MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,110	2,117	2,128	0.5%	0.9%
Total Employment	2,024	2,040	2,035	-0.2%	0.5%
Unemployment	86	78	93	19.2%	8.1%
Rate (percent)	4.1	3.7	4.4		

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FLINT MSA (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	186,500	184,800	186,600	1.0%	0.1%
Total Employment	176,000	176,100	177,100	0.6%	0.6%
Unemployment	10,500	8,700	9,500	9.2%	-9.5%
Rate (percent)	5.6	4.7	5.1		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, Ottawa counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	579,600	586,600	588,300	0.3%	1.5%
Total Employment	558,500	569,500	568,800	-0.1%	1.8%
Unemployment	21,100	17,100	19,500	14.0%	-7.6%
Rate (percent)	3.6	2.9	3.3		

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JACKSON MSA (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	74,800	75,400	75,300	-0.1%	0.7%
Total Employment	71,200	72,500	71,900	-0.8%	1.0%
Unemployment	3,600	2,900	3,300	13.8%	-8.3%
Rate (percent)	4.8	3.9	4.4		

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	168,400	169,000	169,800	0.5%	0.8%
Total Employment	160,800	162,900	162,900	0.0%	1.3%
Unemployment	7,600	6,100	7,000	14.8%	-7.9%
Rate (percent)	4.5	3.6	4.1		

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	247,100	254,400	247,600	-2.7%	0.2%
Total Employment	235,100	245,900	237,900	-3.3%	1.2%
Unemployment	12,100	8,500	9,700	14.1%	-19.8%
Rate (percent)	4.9	3.3	3.9		

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MIDLAND MSA (Midland County)					
Civilian Labor Force	41,200	40,900	41,200	0.7%	0.0%
Total Employment	39,300	39,300	39,500	0.5%	0.5%
Unemployment	1,900	1,600	1,700	6.3%	-10.5%
Rate (percent)	4.6	3.9	4.2		

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MONROE MSA					
(Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	77,200	77,400	78,000	0.8%	1.0%
Total Employment	73,400	74,300	74,600	0.4%	1.6%
Unemployment	3,800	3,100	3,400	9.7%	-10.5%
Rate (percent)	4.9	4.0	4.4		

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MUSKEGON MSA					
(Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	80,300	78,600	79,800	1.5%	-0.6%
Total Employment	76,100	75,100	75,700	0.8%	-0.5%
Unemployment	4,200	3,600	4,100	13.9%	-2.4%
Rate (percent)	5.2	4.5	5.1		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA					
(Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	76,200	74,400	75,200	1.1%	-1.3%
Total Employment	72,500	71,300	71,700	0.6%	-1.1%
Unemployment	3,700	3,100	3,500	12.9%	-5.4%
Rate (percent)	4.8	4.2	4.7		

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SAGINAW MSA					
(Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	88,500	87,600	88,900	1.5%	0.5%
Total Employment	83,700	83,600	84,500	1.1%	1.0%
Unemployment	4,800	4,000	4,400	10.0%	-8.3%
Rate (percent)	5.4	4.6	5.0		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA					
(15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	140,300	137,900	140,500	1.9%	0.1%
Total Employment	132,000	130,300	132,700	1.8%	0.5%
Unemployment	8,400	7,600	7,700	1.3%	-8.3%
Rate (percent)	6.0	5.5	5.5		

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NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	85,300	84,200	85,500	1.5%	0.2%
Total Employment	79,900	79,300	80,500	1.5%	0.8%
Unemployment	5,400	5,000	5,100	2.0%	-5.6%
Rate (percent)	6.3	5.9	5.9		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	157,300	152,400	158,700	4.1%	0.9%
Total Employment	149,700	145,500	151,700	4.3%	1.3%
Unemployment	7,500	6,900	7,000	1.4%	-6.7%
Rate (percent)	4.8	4.5	4.4		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)					
Civilian Labor Force	4,917	4,926	4,952	0.5%	0.7%
Total Employment	4,698	4,739	4,738	0.0%	0.9%
Unemployment	219	187	214	14.4%	-2.3%
Rate (percent)	4.5	3.8	4.3		

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**MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
JUNE 2018**

1	Ottawa County	3.1	43	Saginaw County	5.0
2	Kent County	3.3	44	Antrim County	5.1
3	Livingston County	3.3	45	Emmet County	5.1
4	Mackinac County	3.3	46	Kalkaska County	5.1
5	Oakland County	3.4	47	Missaukee County	5.1
6	Allegan County	3.4	48	Bay County	5.1
7	Clinton County	3.5	49	Genesee County	5.1
8	Grand Traverse County	3.5	50	Muskegon County	5.1
9	Washtenaw County	3.5	51	Otsego County	5.2
10	Barry County	3.6	52	Van Buren County	5.2
11	Eaton County	3.7	53	Marquette County	5.3
12	Ionia County	3.7	54	Iron County	5.4
13	St. Joseph County	3.7	55	Sanilac County	5.4
14	Kalamazoo County	3.8	56	Wayne County	5.4
15	Leelanau County	3.9	57	Alpena County	5.4
16	Dickinson County	3.9	58	Manistee County	5.5
17	Branch County	3.9	59	Mecosta County	5.5
18	Cheboygan County	4.0	60	Gladwin County	5.6
19	Ingham County	4.1	61	Oceana County	5.6
20	Macomb County	4.1	62	Gogebic County	5.7
21	Midland County	4.2	63	Delta County	5.7
22	Cass County	4.3	64	Clare County	5.8
23	Hillsdale County	4.3	65	Houghton County	5.8
24	Shiawassee County	4.3	66	Tuscola County	5.9
25	Charlevoix County	4.4	67	Crawford County	6.1
26	Menominee County	4.4	68	Alcona County	6.3
27	Lenawee County	4.4	69	Luce County	6.3
28	Jackson County	4.4	70	Oscoda County	6.3
29	Monroe County	4.4	71	Iosco County	6.4
30	Montcalm County	4.5	72	Arenac County	6.5
31	Osceola County	4.5	73	Baraga County	6.7
32	Mason County	4.5	74	Chippewa County	6.7
33	Isabella County	4.5	75	Lake County	6.8
34	Calhoun County	4.5	76	Ogemaw County	6.8
35	St. Clair County	4.6	77	Presque Isle County	6.8
36	Wexford County	4.7	78	Alger County	6.9
37	Gratiot County	4.7	79	Schoolcraft County	7.2
38	Berrien county	4.7	80	Keweenaw County	7.3
39	Lapeer County	4.8	81	Roscommon County	7.4
40	Newaygo County	4.8	82	Montmorency County	7.8
41	Huron County	4.9	83	Ontonagon County	7.9
42	Benzie County	5.0			

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