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July Jobless Rates Increase Seasonally in All of Michigan's Regional Labor Markets

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

"All of the state's local labor markets reported typical seasonal jobless rate hikes in July," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "Rates increased throughout Michigan due to seasonal staffing cuts in local government education along with temporary layoffs in the state's auto industry due to the annual vacation shutdown/retooling period at a number of plants."

Between June and July, the unemployment rate advances in the 17 areas were mostly significant, with a median increase of a full percentage point. July jobless rate hikes ranged from 0.7 to 1.6 percentage points with the largest rate increases posted in the Monroe (+1.6), Flint (+1.5), and Muskegon (+1.4) Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). In July, major labor market area unemployment rates in Michigan ranged from 4.2 to 6.8 percent. The July U.S. non-seasonally adjusted jobless rate was 4.6 percent.

Unemployment Rates Down Over Year

Since July 2016, jobless rates declined in 13 regions, increased in two areas, and were unchanged in the Battle Creek MSA along with the Northwest Lower Michigan region. Over-the-year rate reductions ranged from -0.1 to -1.9 percentage points with a modest median decrease of only -0.2 of a percentage point. The largest rate declines were recorded in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA (-1.9), the Upper Peninsula (-0.7), and the Jackson MSA (-0.4). Jobless rates rose over the year in the Monroe (+0.7) and Lansing-East Lansing (+0.3) MSAs.

Total Employment Down Over Month, Up Over Year

From June to July, total employment fell in 15 regions. Declines ranged from -0.7 to -2.0 percent with a significant median reduction of -1.6 percent. The largest percentage total employment drops over the month were registered in the Midland (-2.0%) and Battle Creek (-1.9%) metro areas, with three other regions showing a -1.8 percent decline. Total employment increased seasonally in July in the Northwest Lower Michigan region by 0.7 percent, and inched up over the month by 0.1 percent in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA.

Since July 2016, total employment was up in ten regions, declined in six areas, and was unchanged in the Muskegon MSA. The median over-the-year advance was 0.7 percent with the most pronounced gains recorded in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn (+2.3%), Ann Arbor (+1.7%), and Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+1.2%) MSAs. Employment reductions were mostly minor from July 2016 to July 2017 with the exceptions of the Bay City MSA (-1.4%) and the Upper Peninsula (-1.0%).

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Labor Force Levels Down Over Month, Mixed Over Year

During July, moderate seasonal workforce reductions were recorded in 12 regions, ranging from -0.1 to -0.8 percent with a median decline of a half percent. The largest over-the-month labor force cuts occurred in the Bay City (-0.8%), Midland (-0.7%), and Battle Creek (-0.6%) MSAs. July workforce levels rose in five areas, with the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+1.6%) and the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA (+0.9%) displaying the largest percentage advances.

Since July 2016, workforce levels rose in ten areas and fell in seven. Increases ranged from 0.1 to 1.5 percent with the Ann Arbor (+1.5%), Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+1.1%), and Lansing-East Lansing (+1.0%) MSAs leading the way. Labor force levels declined in seven regions since July 2016, with the Upper Peninsula (-1.7%), Bay City MSA (-1.5%), and the Northeast Lower Michigan region (-0.9%) reporting the sharpest decreases.

Seasonal Cuts in July Payroll Jobs

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan fell by 68,000 or 1.5 percent in July to 4,387,000. Public sector jobs declined in July by 35,000 or 5.8 percent in Michigan primarily due to seasonal cutbacks in *Local government education* (-36,000) with the beginning of summer break at area schools.

Private sector jobs in the state dropped over the month by 32,000 or 0.8 percent. Seasonal job cuts were posted in *Professional and business services* (-22,000) and *Manufacturing* (-8,000).

Essentially all of the job reduction in *Professional and business services* occurred in the temporary help sector, while the decline in *Manufacturing* jobs was concentrated in the auto industry due to the annual vacation shutdown/retooling period.

In July, payroll jobs fell in all of the state's 14 major metropolitan areas. Regional drops ranged from -0.5 to -2.5 percent with a median decline of -1.3 percent. The leading over-the-month reductions on a percentage basis were recorded in the Bay City (-2.5%), Monroe (-2.3%), and Battle Creek (-1.8%) metropolitan areas.

Since July 2016, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs rose statewide by 76,000 or 1.8 percent. Thirteen of Michigan's 14 major metropolitan regions recorded job gains over the year led by the Ann Arbor (+2.9%), Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+2.7%), Kalamazoo-Portage (+2.4%), and Jackson (+2.4%) MSAs. Payroll jobs fell over the year in the Bay City MSA (-1.7%).

County Jobless Rates Up Over Month, Down Over Year

All of Michigan's 83 counties registered seasonal unemployment rate increases in July, showing a significant median gain of a full percentage point.

Since July 2016, unemployment rates declined in 58 counties, with a modest median reduction of -0.3 of a percentage point. From July 2016 to July 2017, jobless rates increased moderately in 17 counties, and the rates in eight counties were unchanged.

*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-16</u>	<u>Jun-17</u>	<u>Jul-17</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	189,600	192,900	192,500	-0.2%	1.5%
Total Employment	180,900	186,500	183,900	-1.4%	1.7%
Unemployment	8,700	6,400	8,600	34.4%	-1.1%
Rate (percent)	4.6	3.3	4.5		

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BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	64,900	65,500	65,100	-0.6%	0.3%
Total Employment	61,300	62,600	61,400	-1.9%	0.2%
Unemployment	3,600	2,900	3,600	24.1%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	5.6	4.4	5.6		

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BAY CITY MSA (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	52,400	52,000	51,600	-0.8%	-1.5%
Total Employment	49,200	49,400	48,500	-1.8%	-1.4%
Unemployment	3,200	2,600	3,100	19.2%	-3.1%
Rate (percent)	6.2	4.9	6.0		

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DETROIT-WARREN-DEARBORN MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,098	2,086	2,104	0.9%	0.3%
Total Employment	1,966	2,009	2,011	0.1%	2.3%
Unemployment	133	77	93	20.8%	-30.1%
Rate (percent)	6.3	3.7	4.4		

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FLINT MSA (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	184,000	185,100	184,600	-0.3%	0.3%
Total Employment	171,900	175,800	172,600	-1.8%	0.4%
Unemployment	12,100	9,300	12,000	29.0%	-0.8%
Rate (percent)	6.6	5.0	6.5		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, Ottawa counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	570,000	579,500	576,400	-0.5%	1.1%
Total Employment	545,600	560,900	552,100	-1.6%	1.2%
Unemployment Rate (percent)	24,400 4.3	18,600 3.2	24,200 4.2	30.1%	-0.8%

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JACKSON MSA (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	74,400	75,100	74,900	-0.3%	0.7%
Total Employment	70,200	71,800	70,900	-1.3%	1.0%
Unemployment Rate (percent)	4,200 5.7	3,200 4.3	4,000 5.3	25.0%	-4.8%

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	168,000	169,700	168,700	-0.6%	0.4%
Total Employment	159,400	162,900	160,300	-1.6%	0.6%
Unemployment Rate (percent)	8,600 5.1	6,700 4.0	8,400 5.0	25.4%	-2.3%

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	242,400	245,700	244,800	-0.4%	1.0%
Total Employment	230,400	235,100	232,100	-1.3%	0.7%
Unemployment Rate (percent)	11,900 4.9	10,700 4.3	12,700 5.2	18.7%	6.7%

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MIDLAND MSA (Midland County)					
Civilian Labor Force	41,400	41,500	41,200	-0.7%	-0.5%
Total Employment	39,200	39,900	39,100	-2.0%	-0.3%
Unemployment Rate (percent)	2,200 5.3	1,700 4.0	2,100 5.0	23.5%	-4.5%

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MONROE MSA (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	76,800	77,500	77,400	-0.1%	0.8%
Total Employment	72,700	74,100	72,800	-1.8%	0.1%
Unemployment	4,000	3,400	4,600	35.3%	15.0%
Rate (percent)	5.2	4.3	5.9		

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MUSKEGON MSA (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	78,800	78,300	78,500	0.3%	-0.4%
Total Employment	73,700	74,500	73,700	-1.1%	0.0%
Unemployment	5,100	3,700	4,900	32.4%	-3.9%
Rate (percent)	6.5	4.8	6.2		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	75,500	75,000	75,300	0.4%	-0.3%
Total Employment	71,300	71,700	71,200	-0.7%	-0.1%
Unemployment	4,200	3,300	4,000	21.2%	-4.8%
Rate (percent)	5.5	4.4	5.3		

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SAGINAW MSA (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	89,200	89,500	89,300	-0.2%	0.1%
Total Employment	83,800	85,300	84,000	-1.5%	0.2%
Unemployment	5,400	4,300	5,300	23.3%	-1.9%
Rate (percent)	6.1	4.8	5.9		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	141,600	139,900	139,200	-0.5%	-1.7%
Total Employment	131,900	132,400	130,600	-1.4%	-1.0%
Unemployment	9,700	7,500	8,600	14.7%	-11.3%
Rate (percent)	6.9	5.4	6.2		

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NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	86,500	85,300	85,700	0.5%	-0.9%
Total Employment	80,400	80,500	79,900	-0.7%	-0.6%
Unemployment	6,100	4,800	5,800	20.8%	-4.9%
Rate (percent)	7.1	5.6	6.8		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	159,800	157,000	159,500	1.6%	-0.2%
Total Employment	151,700	150,300	151,300	0.7%	-0.3%
Unemployment	8,200	6,700	8,100	20.9%	-1.2%
Rate (percent)	5.1	4.3	5.1		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)					
Civilian Labor Force	4,892	4,890	4,902	0.2%	0.2%
Total Employment	4,609	4,696	4,660	-0.8%	1.1%
Unemployment	283	195	242	24.1%	-14.5%
Rate (percent)	5.8	4.0	4.9		

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

1	Livingston County	3.1	43	Monroe County	5.9
2	Mackinac County	3.3	44	Saginaw County	5.9
3	Oakland County	3.4	45	Antrim County	6.0
4	Ottawa County	3.9	46	Huron County	6.0
5	Grand Traverse County	4.1	47	Missaukee County	6.0
6	Allegan County	4.1	48	Bay County	6.0
7	Kent County	4.2	49	Manistee County	6.1
8	Macomb County	4.2	50	Otsego County	6.1
9	Clinton County	4.3	51	Marquette County	6.1
10	Leelanau County	4.3	52	Luce County	6.2
11	Barry County	4.5	53	Muskegon County	6.2
12	Washtenaw County	4.5	54	Oceana County	6.3
13	Cheboygan County	4.8	55	Delta County	6.3
14	Kalamazoo County	4.8	56	Wexford County	6.4
15	Lapeer County	4.8	57	Gogebic County	6.4
16	St. Clair County	4.8	58	Kalkaska County	6.5
17	Ionia County	4.8	59	Genesee County	6.5
18	Emmet County	5.0	60	Houghton County	6.7
19	Dickinson County	5.0	61	Gratiot County	6.7
20	Midland County	5.0	62	Mecosta County	6.8
21	Charlevoix County	5.1	63	Alcona County	6.9
22	Eaton County	5.1	64	Gladwin County	6.9
23	Cass County	5.1	65	Alger County	7.1
24	Mason County	5.1	66	Sanilac County	7.1
25	St. Joseph County	5.1	67	Tuscola County	7.1
26	Newaygo County	5.3	68	Chippewa County	7.1
27	Jackson County	5.3	69	Crawford County	7.3
28	Berrien County	5.3	70	Clare County	7.4
29	Menominee County	5.4	71	Ogemaw County	7.4
30	Ingham County	5.5	72	Presque Isle County	7.4
31	Montcalm County	5.5	73	Iosco County	7.5
32	Branch County	5.5	74	Baraga County	7.6
33	Isabella County	5.5	75	Oscoda County	7.6
34	Benzie County	5.6	76	Schoolcraft County	7.7
35	Wayne County	5.6	77	Arenac County	7.8
36	Calhoun County	5.6	78	Keweenaw County	8.0
37	Iron County	5.7	79	Ontonagon County	8.1
38	Van Buren County	5.7	80	Osceola County	8.2
39	Lenawee County	5.9	81	Roscommon County	8.3
40	Alpena County	5.9	82	Lake County	8.7
41	Hillsdale County	5.9	83	Montmorency County	9.2
42	Shiawassee County	5.9			

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