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June Jobless Rates Increase Slightly in Majority of Michigan's Regional Labor Markets

Majority of Michigan's Local Regions Report June Rates Below U.S.

Lansing – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates in June edged up in 14 of the state's 17 major labor market areas, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment was down slightly over the month in most areas, while labor force levels were mixed.

"Michigan's local labor markets in June were dominated by typical seasonal changes," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "Summer hiring rose significantly in leisure and hospitality services, retail trade and construction. However, those gains were somewhat offset by job cuts in state and local government education."

From May to June, jobless rates increased in 14 regions and declined in three. Rate advances were mainly minor with increases limited to 0.3 of a percentage point or less in 13 of the 14 areas. The exception was a 0.9 of a percentage point unemployment rate hike in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The June jobless rate declined in the Lansing-East Lansing MSA by 0.6 of a percentage point, while the rates in both the Northeast and Northwest Lower Michigan regions edged down by 0.1 of a percentage point over the month. In June, 14 of the 17 major Michigan regions displayed unemployment rates at or below the U.S. seasonally unadjusted rate of 5.1 percent. All major regions in the state registered June unemployment rates below 6.0 percent.

Unemployment Rates Fall Over Year

Since June 2015, jobless rates declined in all of the state's major labor markets. Reductions over the year were in the narrow range of -0.7 to -1.1 percentage points with a median decrease of -0.8 of a percentage point. The largest drops over this period were recorded in the Flint, Muskegon, and Saginaw MSAs along with the Northwest Lower Michigan region.

Total Employment Down Over Month, Up Over Year

From May to June, total employment declined in 12 of Michigan's 17 major regions. Employment reductions ranged from -0.2 to -2.0 percent with a relatively minor median decrease of -0.5 percent. The most pronounced total employment declines were seasonal drops in the Lansing-East Lansing and Ann Arbor MSAs, with reductions of -2.0 and -1.1 percent respectively. Five Michigan areas posted total employment gains in June, with large seasonal increases in the state's three northernmost labor market regions as hiring continued for the summer tourism season.

Since June 2015, total employment advanced in 14 of the 17 regions with a solid median gain of 1.3 percent. The largest over-the-year employment gains were recorded in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn (+3.5%), Ann Arbor (+3.3%), Monroe (+2.3%), and Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+2.1%) MSAs. The Jackson and Midland MSAs along with the Upper Peninsula posted total employment reductions over the year.

Labor Force Levels Mixed Over Month, Year

During June, workforce levels declined in eight regions, increased in seven areas and were essentially unchanged in the Bay and Midland MSAs. Over-the-month workforce reductions were mostly small, with the exception of the Lansing-East Lansing MSA (-2.6%). The next largest drop was posted in the Ann Arbor MSA (-0.8%). The most prominent workforce gains in June were shown in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+2.8%), the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+1.1%), and the Upper Peninsula (+0.6%). Between June 2015 and June 2016, labor force levels increased in eight regions and fell in eight. The workforce in the Muskegon MSA was essentially unchanged over this period.

Typical Seasonal Gain in June Payroll Jobs

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 37,000 or 0.9 percent in June to 4,391,000. Private sector jobs in Michigan rose over the month by 50,000 or 1.3 percent led by a seasonal gain in leisure and hospitality services (+22,000). Other notable private sector job increases occurred in construction (+7,000), trade, transportation and utilities (+7,000) and manufacturing (+7,000).

Government jobs fell in June by 13,000 as seasonal cutbacks took place in state and local government education with the beginning of summer break at area schools and universities. Job cuts in local government education (-6,000) occurred statewide, while job reductions in state government education (-6,000) were most prominent in the Lansing-East Lansing and Ann Arbor MSAs.

From May to June, payroll jobs rose in 12 of the state's 14 metropolitan regions, with a median gain of 0.6 percent. The largest June job advances were recorded in the Saginaw (+1.7%), Niles-Benton Harbor (+1.6%), and Midland (+1.0%) MSAs. Two metro areas, the Lansing-East Lansing (-1.0%) and Ann Arbor (-0.1%) MSAs, reported seasonal job reductions.

From June 2015 to June 2016, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs rose statewide by 99,000 or 2.3 percent. Over-the-year job gains were widespread throughout nearly all major job sectors in the state, and were led by increases in professional and business services (+27,000), leisure and hospitality services (+18,000), education and health services (+14,000), and manufacturing (+10,000).

Since June 2015, payroll jobs were up in 12 metro areas, with a substantial 2.1 percent median advance. The largest percentage job additions were posted in the Ann Arbor (+4.4%), Saginaw (+3.2%), and Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+3.0%) MSAs. Payroll jobs declined over the year in the Jackson MSA, while jobs were essentially unchanged in the Midland MSA.

County Jobless Rates Up Slightly Over Month, Down Over Year

Forty-nine of Michigan's 83 counties recorded jobless rate hikes over the month, while rates declined in 25 counties. The unemployment rates in nine counties were unchanged in June. Most county jobless rate changes were minor in June, with a median increase or decrease of plus or minus 0.2 of a percentage point. Since June 2015, jobless rates fell in 82 counties, with a median reduction of a full percentage point. The unemployment rate in Menominee County was unchanged since June 2015.

*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-15</u>	<u>May-16</u>	<u>Jun-16</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	189,400	195,600	194,100	-0.8%	2.5%
Total Employment	181,400	189,300	187,300	-1.1%	3.3%
Unemployment	8,000	6,300	6,800	7.9%	-15.0%
Rate (percent)	4.2	3.2	3.5		

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BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	65,800	65,800	65,500	-0.5%	-0.5%
Total Employment	62,300	63,000	62,700	-0.5%	0.6%
Unemployment	3,500	2,800	2,900	3.6%	-17.1%
Rate (percent)	5.3	4.2	4.4		

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BAY CITY MSA (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	53,100	52,700	52,700	0.0%	-0.8%
Total Employment	50,000	50,300	50,100	-0.4%	0.2%
Unemployment	3,100	2,500	2,600	4.0%	-16.1%
Rate (percent)	5.8	4.7	5.0		

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DETROIT-WARREN-DEARBORN MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,014	2,055	2,065	0.5%	2.5%
Total Employment	1,881	1,955	1,946	-0.5%	3.5%
Unemployment	134	100	119	19.0%	-11.2%
Rate (percent)	6.6	4.9	5.8		

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FLINT MSA (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	185,900	185,200	184,500	-0.4%	-0.8%
Total Employment	174,500	175,900	175,000	-0.5%	0.3%
Unemployment	11,400	9,300	9,500	2.2%	-16.7%
Rate (percent)	6.2	5.0	5.1		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, Ottawa counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	562,100	570,600	569,500	-0.2%	1.3%
Total Employment	538,800	552,400	550,000	-0.4%	2.1%
Unemployment Rate (percent)	23,300 4.1	18,100 3.2	19,500 3.4	7.7%	-16.3%

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JACKSON MSA (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	74,600	72,800	72,400	-0.5%	-2.9%
Total Employment	70,500	69,600	69,000	-0.9%	-2.1%
Unemployment Rate (percent)	4,100 5.5	3,300 4.5	3,400 4.7	3.0%	-17.1%

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	167,500	168,900	168,400	-0.3%	0.5%
Total Employment	159,100	162,300	161,400	-0.6%	1.4%
Unemployment Rate (percent)	8,400 5.0	6,600 3.9	7,000 4.2	6.1%	-16.7%

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	241,300	248,600	242,200	-2.6%	0.4%
Total Employment	229,500	237,200	232,500	-2.0%	1.3%
Unemployment Rate (percent)	11,900 4.9	11,300 4.6	9,700 4.0	-14.2%	-18.5%

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MIDLAND MSA (Midland County)					
Civilian Labor Force	42,700	42,100	42,100	0.0%	-1.4%
Total Employment	40,500	40,400	40,300	-0.2%	-0.5%
Unemployment Rate (percent)	2,100 5.0	1,700 4.0	1,800 4.3	5.9%	-14.3%

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MONROE MSA					
(Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	77,300	78,900	78,400	-0.6%	1.4%
Total Employment	73,600	76,000	75,300	-0.9%	2.3%
Unemployment	3,600	2,900	3,100	6.9%	-13.9%
Rate (percent)	4.7	3.7	3.9		

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MUSKEGON MSA					
(Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	79,900	79,800	79,900	0.1%	0.0%
Total Employment	75,100	76,100	75,900	-0.3%	1.1%
Unemployment	4,800	3,700	4,000	8.1%	-16.7%
Rate (percent)	6.0	4.7	5.0		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA					
(Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	76,000	75,800	76,100	0.4%	0.1%
Total Employment	72,000	72,500	72,600	0.1%	0.8%
Unemployment	4,000	3,300	3,500	6.1%	-12.5%
Rate (percent)	5.3	4.3	4.6		

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SAGINAW MSA					
(Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	89,800	90,300	90,700	0.4%	1.0%
Total Employment	84,600	86,100	86,300	0.2%	2.0%
Unemployment	5,200	4,200	4,400	4.8%	-15.4%
Rate (percent)	5.8	4.7	4.8		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA					
(15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	143,300	140,400	141,300	0.6%	-1.4%
Total Employment	133,800	132,500	133,200	0.5%	-0.4%
Unemployment	9,400	7,900	8,000	1.3%	-14.9%
Rate (percent)	6.6	5.6	5.7		

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NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	85,900	84,400	85,300	1.1%	-0.7%
Total Employment	80,000	79,400	80,300	1.1%	0.4%
Unemployment	5,900	5,000	5,000	0.0%	-15.3%
Rate (percent)	6.8	6.0	5.9		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	156,800	151,600	155,900	2.8%	-0.6%
Total Employment	148,200	144,700	148,900	2.9%	0.5%
Unemployment	8,600	6,900	7,000	1.4%	-18.6%
Rate (percent)	5.5	4.6	4.5		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)					
Civilian Labor Force	4,808	4,858	4,863	0.1%	1.1%
Total Employment	4,529	4,640	4,623	-0.4%	2.1%
Unemployment	279	218	241	10.6%	-13.6%
Rate (percent)	5.8	4.5	4.9		

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**MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
JUNE 2016**

1	Mackinac County	3.2	43	Wexford County	5.1
2	Ottawa County	3.3	44	Menominee County	5.1
3	Clinton County	3.4	45	Alpena County	5.1
4	Kent County	3.4	46	Genesee County	5.1
5	Washtenaw County	3.5	47	Manistee County	5.2
6	Barry County	3.6	48	Osceola County	5.2
7	Allegan County	3.6	49	Otsego County	5.3
8	Grand Traverse County	3.7	50	Luce County	5.4
9	Eaton County	3.8	51	Sanilac County	5.4
10	Leelanau County	3.8	52	Marquette County	5.4
11	Kalamazoo County	3.9	53	Tuscola County	5.5
12	St. Joseph County	3.9	54	Mecosta County	5.5
13	Monroe County	3.9	55	Antrim County	5.6
14	Ionia County	4.0	56	Macomb County	5.6
15	Lenawee County	4.1	57	Oceana County	5.6
16	Charlevoix County	4.2	58	Iron County	5.7
17	Cheboygan County	4.2	59	Delta County	5.7
18	Ingham County	4.2	60	Houghton County	5.8
19	Cass County	4.2	61	Kalkaska County	5.9
20	Midland County	4.3	62	Gladwin County	6.0
21	Calhoun County	4.4	63	Oscoda County	6.1
22	Huron County	4.5	64	Iosco County	6.2
23	Newaygo County	4.5	65	Lake County	6.2
24	Branch County	4.5	66	Clare County	6.3
25	Mason County	4.5	67	Gogebic County	6.3
26	Livingston County	4.6	68	St. Clair County	6.4
27	Gratiot County	4.6	69	Alcona County	6.5
28	Isabella County	4.6	70	Crawford County	6.5
29	Berrien County	4.6	71	Ogemaw County	6.5
30	Montcalm County	4.7	72	Chippewa County	6.6
31	Oakland County	4.7	73	Alger County	6.7
32	Dickinson County	4.7	74	Lapeer County	6.7
33	Hillsdale County	4.7	75	Wayne County	6.8
34	Shiawassee County	4.7	76	Arenac County	6.9
35	Jackson County	4.7	77	Presque Isle County	7.1
36	Emmet County	4.8	78	Roscommon County	7.1
37	Saginaw County	4.8	79	Ontonagon County	7.3
38	Missaukee County	5.0	80	Baraga County	7.4
39	Bay County	5.0	81	Keweenaw County	7.5
40	Muskegon County	5.0	82	Schoolcraft County	8.1
41	Benzie County	5.1	83	Montmorency County	8.4
42	Van Buren County	5.1			

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