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# **June Unemployment Rates Up Seasonally in All of Michigan's Regional Labor Markets**

*Lansing* – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates in June 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 advanced in most regions over the month.

"Typical seasonal patterns dominated Michigan's local labor markets in June," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "However, the majority of Michigan's regional labor markets continue to show improvement so far in 2017, with all of the state's metropolitan regions and 52 of 83 counties displaying June jobless rates of 5.0 percent or below."

Between May and June, the jobless rate increases in the 17 areas were mainly minor, with a median hike of 0.4 of a percentage point. The largest rate advance of a full percentage point was posted in the Lansing-East Lansing Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Six state regions recorded the next largest unemployment rate gain of a half percentage point. The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA along with the Northwest Lower Michigan region registered the smallest rate increase of 0.1 of a percentage point. In June, 11 of the state's major areas along with the state (4.0 percent) displayed unemployment rates below the U.S. non-seasonally adjusted rate of 4.5 percent.

### ***Unemployment Rates Down Over Year***

Since June 2016, jobless rates fell in 16 regions, while the rate in the Monroe MSA was unchanged over the year. Unemployment rate reductions from June 2016 to June 2017 ranged from -0.1 to -2.0 percentage points with a moderate median decline of -0.6 of a percentage point. The most pronounced rate decreases over this period were recorded in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA (-2.0), the Northeast Lower Michigan region (-0.8), and the Upper Peninsula (-0.8).

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

From May to June, total employment rose in 14 regions and declined in three. Over-the-month employment gains were wide-ranging from 0.1 to 4.1 percent with a median rise of 0.8 percent. The state's three northernmost regions displayed the largest June growth on a percentage basis, with gains posted in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+4.1%), the Upper Peninsula (+2.2%), and the Northeast Lower Michigan region (+1.8%), as hiring continued for the summer tourism season. These three areas accounted for a combined employment increase of 10,100 over the month. Large seasonal total employment reductions in June were registered in the Lansing-East Lansing MSA (-2.2%), and the Ann Arbor MSA (-1.0%), while the employment count in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA (-0.2%) edged down slightly over the month.

Since June 2016, total employment increased in ten regions, declined in five areas, and was unchanged in the Monroe MSA and the Northeast Lower Michigan region. The largest percentage gains in employment over this period were reported in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn (+2.7%), Kalamazoo-Portage (+1.8%), Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+1.4%), and the Lansing-East Lansing

(+1.4%) MSAs. Over-the-year employment reductions were mostly minor with the largest declines recorded in the Bay City MSA (-0.6%) and the Upper Peninsula (-0.5%).

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

During June, seasonal workforce additions occurred in 14 areas with a significant median gain of 1.3 percent. The state's three northernmost regions posted the largest percentage gains ranging from 2.0 to 4.1 percent, and were followed by notable increases in the Saginaw (+1.9%) and Niles-Benton Harbor (+1.8%) MSAs. Labor force levels declined during June in the Lansing-East Lansing (-1.2%), Ann Arbor (-0.5%), and Detroit-Warren-Dearborn (-0.1%) MSAs. Since June 2016, workforce levels declined in nine areas and rose in eight. Gains and reductions were confined to plus or minus 1.3 percent, with the largest additions posted in the Lansing-East Lansing, Kalamazoo-Portage, and Grand Rapids-Wyoming MSAs. The largest workforce decreases since June 2016 were shown in the Upper Peninsula and the Muskegon MSA.

### ***Seasonal and Tourism-Related Hiring Continue in June***

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 32,000 or 0.7 percent in May to 4,451,000. Private sector jobs in the state rose by 45,000 or 1.2 percent over the month led by seasonal job gains in *Leisure and hospitality services* (+18,000), *Trade, transportation and utilities* (+11,000), *Construction* (+5,000), and *Professional and business services* (+4,000).

*Government* jobs fell in June as seasonal cutbacks occurred in *State government education* (-12,000) and *Local government education* (-7,000) with the beginning of summer break at area schools and universities. Job cuts in *Local government education* took place statewide, while job reductions in *State government education* were most prominent in the Lansing-East Lansing and Ann Arbor MSAs.

In June, payroll jobs rose in 11 of the state's 14 major metropolitan areas. Area job hikes ranged from +0.3 to +2.4 percent with a median gain of +0.9 percent. The Saginaw (+2.4%), Bay City (+1.7%), and Niles-Benton Harbor (+1.7%) metro areas led the over-the-month percentage increases. Jobs in the Midland MSA were unchanged in June, while seasonal job declines were posted in the Lansing-East Lansing (-2.3%) and Ann Arbor (-1.3%) MSAs.

Since June 2016, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs rose statewide by 83,000 or 1.9 percent. All major industry sectors in Michigan reported over-the-year job gains or were steady. Over this period, payroll jobs rose in 11 of the 14 Michigan metro areas, with regional additions ranging from 0.3 percent to 3.2 percent, while showing a significant median advance of 1.5 percent. The most prominent over-the-year job increases were recorded in the Kalamazoo-Portage (+3.2%), Grand Rapids-Wyoming (+2.3%), and Detroit-Warren-Dearborn (+2.2%) MSAs. The largest over-the-year job reductions were registered in the Muskegon (-0.8%) and Bay City (-0.8%) MSAs.

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

Sixty-three of Michigan's 83 counties posted moderate jobless rate advances in June, twelve counties recorded reductions, and eight counties reported no change. Since June 2016, unemployment rates declined in 79 counties, with a median decrease of -0.7 of a percentage point. Jobless rates in Monroe and Ingham counties were unchanged over the year, while the rates in Eaton and Ontonagon counties edged up slightly since June 2016.

*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."*

	<u>Jun-16</u>	<u>May-17</u>	<u>Jun-17</u>	% change month	% change year
<b>ANN ARBOR MSA</b> (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	190,000	191,700	190,800	-0.5%	0.4%
Total Employment	182,500	186,200	184,400	-1.0%	1.0%
Unemployment	7,500	5,500	6,400	16.4%	-14.7%
Rate (percent)	3.9	2.9	3.4		

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<b>BATTLE CREEK MSA</b> (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	65,300	65,000	65,500	0.8%	0.3%
Total Employment	62,100	62,400	62,600	0.3%	0.8%
Unemployment	3,100	2,600	2,900	11.5%	-6.5%
Rate (percent)	4.8	3.9	4.4		

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<b>BAY CITY MSA</b> (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	52,700	51,400	52,100	1.4%	-1.1%
Total Employment	49,800	49,000	49,500	1.0%	-0.6%
Unemployment	2,900	2,400	2,600	8.3%	-10.3%
Rate (percent)	5.5	4.6	4.9		

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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	2,075	2,089	2,086	-0.1%	0.5%
Total Employment	1,956	2,013	2,009	-0.2%	2.7%
Unemployment	118	75	77	2.7%	-34.7%
Rate (percent)	5.7	3.6	3.7		

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<b>FLINT MSA</b> (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	185,000	183,200	185,300	1.1%	0.2%
Total Employment	174,700	174,900	175,900	0.6%	0.7%
Unemployment	10,400	8,300	9,300	12.0%	-10.6%
Rate (percent)	5.6	4.5	5.0		

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<b>GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA</b> (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, Ottawa counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	574,000	575,600	579,000	0.6%	0.9%
Total Employment	552,400	559,500	560,300	0.1%	1.4%
Unemployment	21,600	16,100	18,600	15.5%	-13.9%
Rate (percent)	3.8	2.8	3.2		

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<b>JACKSON MSA</b> (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	75,600	74,400	75,000	0.8%	-0.8%
Total Employment	71,800	71,600	71,700	0.1%	-0.1%
Unemployment	3,800	2,800	3,200	14.3%	-15.8%
Rate (percent)	5.0	3.8	4.3		

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<b>KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA</b> (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	167,900	167,800	169,800	1.2%	1.1%
Total Employment	160,200	161,800	163,100	0.8%	1.8%
Unemployment	7,700	6,000	6,800	13.3%	-11.7%
Rate (percent)	4.6	3.6	4.0		

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<b>LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA</b> (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	243,400	249,600	246,600	-1.2%	1.3%
Total Employment	232,700	241,300	235,900	-2.2%	1.4%
Unemployment	10,700	8,300	10,700	28.9%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	4.4	3.3	4.3		

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<b>MIDLAND MSA</b> (Midland County)					
Civilian Labor Force	41,700	41,200	41,500	0.7%	-0.5%
Total Employment	39,700	39,600	39,800	0.5%	0.3%
Unemployment	2,000	1,600	1,700	6.3%	-15.0%
Rate (percent)	4.7	3.8	4.1		

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<b>MONROE MSA</b> (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	77,500	76,900	77,400	0.7%	-0.1%
Total Employment	74,100	73,900	74,100	0.3%	0.0%
Unemployment	3,400	3,000	3,400	13.3%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	4.4	3.9	4.4		

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<b>MUSKEGON MSA</b> (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	79,300	77,300	78,300	1.3%	-1.3%
Total Employment	74,900	73,900	74,600	0.9%	-0.4%
Unemployment	4,300	3,400	3,700	8.8%	-14.0%
Rate (percent)	5.5	4.4	4.8		

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<b>NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA</b> (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	75,800	73,900	75,200	1.8%	-0.8%
Total Employment	72,000	71,000	71,900	1.3%	-0.1%
Unemployment	3,800	2,900	3,300	13.8%	-13.2%
Rate (percent)	5.1	3.9	4.4		

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<b>SAGINAW MSA</b> (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	89,500	88,000	89,700	1.9%	0.2%
Total Employment	84,700	84,100	85,500	1.7%	0.9%
Unemployment	4,800	3,900	4,300	10.3%	-10.4%
Rate (percent)	5.3	4.4	4.7		

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<b>UPPER PENINSULA LMA</b> (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	141,600	136,600	139,800	2.3%	-1.3%
Total Employment	132,900	129,500	132,300	2.2%	-0.5%
Unemployment	8,800	7,100	7,500	5.6%	-14.8%
Rate (percent)	6.2	5.2	5.4		

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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	86,000	83,600	85,300	2.0%	-0.8%
Total Employment	80,500	79,100	80,500	1.8%	0.0%
Unemployment	5,500	4,500	4,800	6.7%	-12.7%
Rate (percent)	6.4	5.4	5.6		

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<b>NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN</b> (Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	157,400	150,700	156,900	4.1%	-0.3%
Total Employment	149,700	144,300	150,200	4.1%	0.3%
Unemployment	7,700	6,400	6,700	4.7%	-13.0%
Rate (percent)	4.9	4.2	4.3		

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<b>MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	4,877	4,869	4,890	0.4%	0.3%
Total Employment	4,626	4,689	4,694	0.1%	1.5%
Unemployment	251	180	195	8.3%	-22.3%
Rate (percent)	5.2	3.7	4.0		

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**MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
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1	Livingston County	2.7	43	Muskegon County	4.8
2	Mackinac County	2.9	44	Van Buren County	4.9
3	Oakland County	2.9	45	Gratiot County	4.9
4	Ottawa County	3.0	46	Bay County	4.9
5	Kent County	3.2	47	Antrim County	5.0
6	Allegan County	3.2	48	Benzie County	5.0
7	Grand Traverse County	3.4	49	Missaukee County	5.0
8	Washtenaw County	3.4	50	Otsego County	5.0
9	Barry County	3.5	51	Alpena County	5.0
10	Clinton County	3.5	52	Genesee County	5.0
11	Leelanau County	3.6	53	Manistee County	5.1
12	Macomb County	3.6	54	Sanilac County	5.1
13	Kalamazoo County	3.7	55	Osceola County	5.2
14	Ionia County	3.7	56	Marquette County	5.2
15	St. Joseph County	3.8	57	Iron County	5.3
16	Cheboygan County	3.9	58	Oceana County	5.4
17	St. Clair County	3.9	59	Kalkaska County	5.5
18	Cass County	4.0	60	Gladwin County	5.6
19	Menominee County	4.1	61	Tuscola County	5.6
20	Branch County	4.1	62	Mecosta County	5.6
21	Midland County	4.1	63	Delta County	5.6
22	Charlevoix County	4.2	64	Alcona County	5.7
23	Lapeer County	4.2	65	Houghton County	5.7
24	Dickinson County	4.2	66	Gogebic County	5.7
25	Eaton County	4.3	67	Clare County	6.0
26	Newaygo County	4.3	68	Crawford County	6.0
27	Lenawee County	4.3	69	Luce County	6.0
28	Mason County	4.3	70	Ogemaw County	6.1
29	Jackson County	4.3	71	Alger County	6.2
30	Montcalm County	4.4	72	Arenac County	6.2
31	Hillsdale County	4.4	73	Iosco County	6.2
32	Calhoun County	4.4	74	Oscoda County	6.2
33	Monroe County	4.4	75	Presque Isle County	6.4
34	Berrien County	4.4	76	Chippewa County	6.4
35	Huron County	4.5	77	Lake County	6.6
36	Wayne County	4.5	78	Roscommon County	6.8
37	Emmet County	4.6	79	Schoolcraft County	6.9
38	Ingham County	4.6	80	Baraga County	7.4
39	Isabella County	4.6	81	Keweenaw County	7.7
40	Shiawassee County	4.6	82	Ontonagon County	7.8
41	Saginaw County	4.7	83	Montmorency County	7.9
42	Wexford County	4.8			

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