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Michigan regional jobless rates drop sharply in June

LANSING, Mich. -- Seasonally unadjusted jobless rates fell notably in all 17 of Michigan's major labor market areas during June, according to data released today from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Despite the monthly declines, regional rates remained far above pre-pandemic levels.

"Regional jobless rates dropped significantly in June, but remained high," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "Industry jobs also recorded substantial monthly gains, especially in the manufacturing and leisure and hospitality sectors."

Michigan's regional unemployment rates ranged from 10.5 to 17.8 percent in June. June jobless rate cuts were significant, ranging from 3.4 to 8.5 percentage points, with a median drop of 6.0 percentage points. The most pronounced jobless rate reduction of 8.5 percentage points occurred in the Flint metropolitan statistical area (MSA). The smallest monthly rate decline occurred in the Ann Arbor MSA.

Jobless rates up significantly over the year

Michigan major area jobless rates remained elevated over the year, with a median increase of 9.2 percentage points. The largest over-the-year unemployment rate jump occurred in the Detroit metro area (+13.4 percentage points), while the smallest over-the-year advance was in the Upper Peninsula (+6.7).

Total employment rose steeply over month, but fell since June 2019

Total employment increased substantially in all of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas in June. Employment advances ranged from 8.7 to 14.4 percent, with a notable median hike of 11.1 percent. The largest over-the-month employment gain occurred in the Detroit MSA.

All Michigan regions registered employment reductions over the year. The Detroit metro area led the way, with a sharp over-the-year employment plunge of 18.2 percent. The Ann Arbor metro area displayed the smallest over-the-year employment decline since June 2019.

Regional labor force levels increase over the month

Workforce levels advanced in all 17 Michigan regions for the second straight month as workers entered the job market after pandemic-generated lows. June increases ranged from 0.6 to 6.1 percent, with a median hike of 3.4 percent. The largest over-the-month labor force advance was seen in the Detroit metro region, while the smallest gain was in the Monroe MSA.

Labor force trends over the year were difficult to evaluate due to the extreme shifts in employment and unemployment levels since June 2019.

Payroll employment advances substantially in June

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan rebounded for the second consecutive month, up by 315,000, or 8.7 percent. On a numerical basis, the largest industry job gain occurred in the state's manufacturing sector (+86,000), as auto and auto supply firms recalled employees from pandemic-related layoffs. The second largest industry job advance was observed in leisure and hospitality (+64,000), as restaurants and tourist-related businesses began to reopen.

Total nonfarm employment moved up significantly in all 14 Michigan metro areas during June. This did not represent growth in jobs, but instead was caused by recalls to jobs lost in April due to the impact of the pandemic. Over-the-month increases ranged from 6.2 to 9.9 percent, with the largest percentage job gain in the Flint MSA.

Michigan's nonfarm job levels plunged over the last year, down by over half a million (-572,000), since June 2019. All 14 metro regions exhibited nonfarm job cuts since June 2019, led by the Monroe MSA (-14.8 percent).

All county jobless rates decreased in June, but rose significantly over year

All 83 Michigan counties had jobless rate reductions in June. The largest percentage point rate cuts were observed in Mackinac (-15.3 percentage points) and Cheboygan (-13.0) counties, but jobless rates remained high here as tourism-related businesses opened somewhat late for the summer. Over the year, all 83 counties displayed unemployment rate increases, led by Wayne County (+15.4 percentage points).

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.

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

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	209,200	197,700	196,500	11,500	5.8%	12,700	6.5%
Employment	187,100	170,300	189,800	16,800	9.9%	-2,700	-1.4%
Unemployment	22,000	27,400	6,700	-5,400	-19.7%	15,300	228.4%
Rate (Percent)	10.5	13.9	3.4	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	65,700	64,900	63,100	800	1.2%	2,600	4.1%
Employment	55,700	50,400	60,300	5,300	10.5%	-4,600	-7.6%
Unemployment	10,000	14,500	2,800	-4,500	-31.0%	7,200	257.1%
Rate (Percent)	15.2	22.3	4.5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	51,600	50,600	50,700	1,000	2.0%	900	1.8%
Employment	44,600	40,500	48,300	4,100	10.1%	-3,700	-7.7%
Unemployment	7,100	10,100	2,500	-3,000	-29.7%	4,600	184.0%
Rate (Percent)	13.7	19.9	4.9	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

(Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)

(Data in Thousands)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,054	1,935	2,159	119	6.1%	-105	-4.9%
Employment	1,687	1,475	2,063	212	14.4%	-376	-18.2%
Unemployment	366	460	96	-94	-20.4%	270	281.3%
Rate (Percent)	17.8	23.8	4.4	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	196,300	193,300	185,200	3,000	1.6%	11,100	6.0%
Employment	164,400	145,600	175,300	18,800	12.9%	-10,900	-6.2%
Unemployment	31,900	47,700	9,900	-15,800	-33.1%	22,000	222.2%
Rate (Percent)	16.2	24.7	5.4	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Grand Rapids - Wyoming MSA (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, Ottawa counties)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	613,800	584,400	589,200	29,400	5.0%	24,600	4.2%
Employment	540,600	484,500	570,100	56,100	11.6%	-29,500	-5.2%
Unemployment	73,200	99,900	19,100	-26,700	-26.7%	54,100	283.2%
Rate (Percent)	11.9	17.1	3.2	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,600	76,800	74,800	1,800	2.3%	3,800	5.1%
Employment	67,300	61,200	71,800	6,100	10.0%	-4,500	-6.3%
Unemployment	11,300	15,500	3,100	-4,200	-27.1%	8,200	264.5%
Rate (Percent)	14.4	20.2	4.1	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	178,700	169,700	169,800	9,000	5.3%	8,900	5.2%
Employment	157,700	143,400	163,300	14,300	10.0%	-5,600	-3.4%
Unemployment	21,000	26,300	6,500	-5,300	-20.2%	14,500	223.1%
Rate (Percent)	11.8	15.5	3.8	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Lansing - East Lansing MSA (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	255,300	247,000	246,600	8,300	3.4%	8,700	3.5%
Employment	226,500	205,900	237,400	20,600	10.0%	-10,900	-4.6%
Unemployment	28,700	41,100	9,200	-12,400	-30.2%	19,500	212.0%
Rate (Percent)	11.2	16.7	3.7	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Midland MSA (Midland County)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	42,400	40,400	41,000	2,000	5.0%	1,400	3.4%
Employment	37,800	34,000	39,400	3,800	11.2%	-1,600	-4.1%
Unemployment	4,600	6,400	1,600	-1,800	-28.1%	3,000	187.5%
Rate (Percent)	10.9	15.8	3.9	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	78,400	77,900	76,200	500	0.6%	2,200	2.9%
Employment	68,000	61,200	73,100	6,800	11.1%	-5,100	-7.0%
Unemployment	10,400	16,700	3,000	-6,300	-37.7%	7,400	246.7%
Rate (Percent)	13.2	21.4	4.0	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,200	83,400	78,900	1,800	2.2%	6,300	8.0%
Employment	70,200	62,700	75,400	7,500	12.0%	-5,200	-6.9%
Unemployment	15,000	20,600	3,600	-5,600	-27.2%	11,400	316.7%
Rate (Percent)	17.6	24.8	4.5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,500	75,700	75,400	3,800	5.0%	4,100	5.4%
Employment	68,600	61,700	72,100	6,900	11.2%	-3,500	-4.9%
Unemployment	10,900	14,000	3,400	-3,100	-22.1%	7,500	220.6%
Rate (Percent)	13.7	18.5	4.5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	91,200	89,000	87,800	2,200	2.5%	3,400	3.9%
Employment	77,900	70,500	83,500	7,400	10.5%	-5,600	-6.7%
Unemployment	13,200	18,500	4,300	-5,300	-28.6%	8,900	207.0%
Rate (Percent)	14.5	20.8	4.9	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Upper Peninsula Labor Market Area (LMA) (15 counties)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	145,700	141,000	138,700	4,700	3.3%	7,000	5.0%
Employment	128,200	117,900	131,300	10,300	8.7%	-3,100	-2.4%
Unemployment	17,500	23,100	7,400	-5,600	-24.2%	10,100	136.5%
Rate (Percent)	12.0	16.4	5.3	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,600	83,400	85,200	3,200	3.8%	1,400	1.6%
Employment	73,800	64,800	80,500	9,000	13.9%	-6,700	-8.3%
Unemployment	12,800	18,600	4,700	-5,800	-31.2%	8,100	172.3%
Rate (Percent)	14.8	22.3	5.5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	163,000	157,500	158,500	5,500	3.5%	4,500	2.8%
Employment	141,700	125,500	151,900	16,200	12.9%	-10,200	-6.7%
Unemployment	21,300	32,000	6,600	-10,700	-33.4%	14,700	222.7%
Rate (Percent)	13.1	20.3	4.2	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,994	4,765	4,971	229	4.8%	23	0.5%
Employment	4,250	3,773	4,759	477	12.6%	-509	-10.7%
Unemployment	744	992	212	-248	-25.0%	532	250.9%
Rate (Percent)	14.9	20.8	4.3	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - June 2020

1	Menominee County	9.0	43	Bay County	13.7
2	Dickinson County	9.5	44	Berrien County	13.7
3	Clinton County	9.8	45	Alcona County	13.8
4	Iron County	9.9	46	Antrim County	13.8
5	Washtenaw County	10.5	47	Livingston County	13.8
6	Gogebic County	10.6	48	Montcalm County	13.8
7	Luce County	10.6	49	Keweenaw County	13.9
8	Midland County	10.9	50	Sanilac County	13.9
9	Barry County	11.0	51	Gladwin County	14.1
10	Ottawa County	11.0	52	Charlevoix County	14.2
11	Leelanau County	11.1	53	Ogemaw County	14.3
12	Alpena County	11.2	54	Wexford County	14.3
13	Gratiot County	11.2	55	Jackson County	14.4
14	Allegan County	11.3	56	Tuscola County	14.4
15	Eaton County	11.4	57	Presque Isle County	14.5
16	Osceola County	11.4	58	Saginaw County	14.5
17	Houghton County	11.5	59	Iosco County	14.7
18	Ingham County	11.6	60	Oakland County	14.7
19	Kalamazoo County	11.6	61	Oceana County	14.7
20	Delta County	11.7	62	Arenac County	15.0
21	Benzie County	11.9	63	Mackinac County	15.0
22	Chippewa County	11.9	64	Ontonagon County	15.0
23	Grand Traverse County	12.0	65	Calhoun County	15.2
24	Isabella County	12.1	66	Kalkaska County	15.2
25	Branch County	12.2	67	Lake County	15.2
26	Schoolcraft County	12.2	68	Otsego County	15.3
27	Ionia County	12.3	69	Crawford County	15.6
28	Kent County	12.3	70	Oscoda County	15.8
29	Huron County	12.4	71	Manistee County	15.9
30	Van Buren County	12.4	72	Roscommon County	16.1
31	Missaukee County	12.6	73	Genesee County	16.2
32	Mason County	12.8	74	Clare County	16.4
33	Shiawassee County	12.8	75	Cheboygan County	16.8
34	Newaygo County	12.9	76	Muskegon County	17.6
35	Cass County	13.0	77	St. Clair County	17.8
36	Lenawee County	13.0	78	Lapeer County	18.0
37	St. Joseph County	13.0	79	Macomb County	18.2
38	Marquette County	13.1	80	Montmorency County	18.8
39	Emmet County	13.2	81	Alger County	19.4
40	Monroe County	13.2	82	Baraga County	19.8
41	Hillsdale County	13.4	83	Wayne County	20.7
42	Mecosta County	13.4			