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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 in all of the state's 17 major labor market areas, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. Total employment and labor force levels declined in the majority of regions over the month.

"Michigan's regional labor markets displayed typical seasonal trends in July," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "Jobless rates increased throughout the state due to summer staffing adjustments in local government education and due to temporary layoffs in the state's auto industry coinciding with the annual vacation shutdown/retooling period at some plants."

From June to July, jobless rates increased seasonally in all 17 major labor market regions in the state. Rate hikes ranged from 0.2 to 0.9 of a percentage point with a median advance of a half percentage point. The largest rate increase over the month of 0.9 of a percentage point occurred in the Muskegon Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The next largest gain of 0.8 of a percentage point was registered in both the Flint and Monroe MSAs. The smallest rate increase of 0.2 of a percentage point took place in the Northwest Lower Michigan region. In July, all major areas in the state reported unemployment rates of 6.5 percent or lower, while nine Michigan regions displayed rates below the national seasonally unadjusted rate of 5.1 percent.

Unemployment Rates Fall Over Year

Since July 2015, jobless rates declined in all of the state's major labor markets. Reductions over the year ranged from -0.6 to -1.3 percentage points with a median decrease of -0.9 of a percentage point. The most pronounced percentage point drops over this period were recorded in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn (-1.3), Flint (-1.1), and Saginaw (-1.1) MSAs.

Total Employment Down Over Month, Up Over Year

From June to July, total employment declined seasonally in 14 of Michigan's 17 major regions. Employment reductions were wide ranging from -0.1 to -2.1 percent with a relatively significant median decrease of -1.2 percent. The leading employment reductions over the month were recorded in the Flint (-2.1%) and Ann Arbor (-1.4%) MSAs, with three other areas posting declines of -1.3 percent. Total employment was down only slightly in July in the Northeast Lower Michigan region (-0.1%) and the Upper Peninsula (-0.3%). Total employment rose over the month in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+1.0%), along with the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn (+0.7%) and Niles-Benton Harbor (+0.1%) MSAs.

Since July 2015, total employment advanced in 15 of the 17 regions with a strong median gain of 1.9 percent. The largest over-the-year employment additions were recorded in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn (+4.2%), Ann Arbor (+2.8%), and Kalamazoo-Portage (+2.4%) MSAs. The Jackson MSA (-1.0%) along with the Upper Peninsula (-0.4%) posted total employment reductions over the year.

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Labor Force Levels Down Over Month, Mixed Over Year

During July, workforce levels declined over the month in 12 regions. Most reductions were minor, with a median decrease of -0.4 percent. The most prominent labor force drops occurred in the Flint (-1.2%), Ann Arbor (-0.8%), and Battle Creek (-0.8%) MSAs. Workforce levels increased in July in five areas, with the largest gain of 1.3 percent registered in the Northwest Lower Michigan region. Between July 2015 and July 2016, labor force levels rose in nine regions and declined in seven areas, while the workforce level in the Bay City MSA was essentially unchanged. Over-the-year increases showed a median advance of 1.4 percent, while declining areas recorded a relatively minor median reduction of -0.6 percent.

Seasonal Cuts Drive July Payroll Jobs Downward

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan dropped by 60,000 or 1.4 percent in July to 4,331,000. Public sector jobs in Michigan fell by 34,000 or 5.9 percent in July primarily due to seasonal cutbacks in local government education (-37,000) with the beginning of summer break at area schools.

Private sector jobs in the state declined by 26,000 or 0.7 percent over the month. Seasonal job cuts were recorded in professional and business services (-14,000) and manufacturing (-7,000). The vast majority of job reductions in professional and business services occurred in the temporary help sector. The decline in manufacturing jobs was concentrated in the auto industry due to the annual vacation shutdown/retooling period.

From June to July, payroll jobs decreased in 13 of the state's 14 metropolitan regions, with a median reduction of 1.5 percent. The biggest job decrease on a percentage basis was recorded in the Flint MSA (-2.5%). The next largest July declines were posted in the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, Jackson, Midland, and Monroe MSAs, each registering a 1.6 percent drop. Payroll jobs were up slightly over the month in the Niles-Benton Harbor MSA (+0.2%).

From July 2015 to July 2016, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs rose statewide by 107,000 or 2.5 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 (+32,000), leisure and hospitality services (+19,000), and education and health services (+18,000).

Since July 2015, payroll jobs increased in 13 metro areas, with a significant 2.6 percent median advance. The largest percentage job gains were occurred in the Ann Arbor (+4.2%), Monroe (+3.6%), and Kalamazoo-Portage (+3.5%) MSAs. Payroll jobs declined over the year in the Jackson MSA.

County Jobless Rates Up Over Month, Down Over Year

Seventy-eight of Michigan's 83 counties recorded seasonal jobless rate increases in July. The rates in two counties declined slightly over the month, while three counties reported no change. Since July 2015, jobless rates fell in 81 counties, with a median reduction of a full percentage point. The unemployment rate in Menominee County rose over the year by 0.8 of a percentage point due to layoffs in manufacturing, while the rate in Mackinac County edged up by 0.1 of a percentage point.

*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-15</u>	<u>Jun-16</u>	<u>Jul-16</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	188,600	194,200	192,700	-0.8%	2.2%
Total Employment	179,800	187,400	184,800	-1.4%	2.8%
Unemployment	8,800	6,800	7,800	14.7%	-11.4%
Rate (percent)	4.7	3.5	4.1		

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	<u>Jul-15</u>	<u>Jun-16</u>	<u>Jul-16</u>	% change month	% change year
BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	65,200	65,600	65,100	-0.8%	-0.2%
Total Employment	61,300	62,700	61,900	-1.3%	1.0%
Unemployment	3,900	2,900	3,300	13.8%	-15.4%
Rate (percent)	6.0	4.4	5.0		

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BAY CITY MSA (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	52,600	52,700	52,600	-0.2%	0.0%
Total Employment	49,400	50,000	49,700	-0.6%	0.6%
Unemployment	3,300	2,600	2,900	11.5%	-12.1%
Rate (percent)	6.3	5.0	5.5		

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DETROIT-WARREN-DEARBORN MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,031	2,068	2,088	1.0%	2.8%
Total Employment	1,882	1,948	1,961	0.7%	4.2%
Unemployment	150	119	127	6.7%	-15.3%
Rate (percent)	7.4	5.8	6.1		

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FLINT MSA (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	183,300	184,500	182,200	-1.2%	-0.6%
Total Employment	170,200	175,000	171,300	-2.1%	0.6%
Unemployment	13,100	9,500	11,000	15.8%	-16.0%
Rate (percent)	7.1	5.2	6.0		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, Ottawa counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	557,900	568,500	566,000	-0.4%	1.5%
Total Employment	532,800	549,000	544,100	-0.9%	2.1%
Unemployment	25,000	19,500	21,900	12.3%	-12.4%
Rate (percent)	4.5	3.4	3.9		

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JACKSON MSA (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	73,500	72,500	72,000	-0.7%	-2.0%
Total Employment	68,900	69,100	68,200	-1.3%	-1.0%
Unemployment	4,600	3,400	3,800	11.8%	-17.4%
Rate (percent)	6.3	4.7	5.3		

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	165,700	168,800	168,100	-0.4%	1.4%
Total Employment	156,600	161,800	160,400	-0.9%	2.4%
Unemployment	9,100	7,000	7,700	10.0%	-15.4%
Rate (percent)	5.5	4.1	4.6		

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	239,200	242,200	241,900	-0.1%	1.1%
Total Employment	226,300	232,500	231,200	-0.6%	2.2%
Unemployment	12,800	9,700	10,700	10.3%	-16.4%
Rate (percent)	5.4	4.0	4.4		

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MIDLAND MSA (Midland County)					
Civilian Labor Force	42,000	42,100	41,800	-0.7%	-0.5%
Total Employment	39,700	40,300	39,800	-1.2%	0.3%
Unemployment	2,300	1,800	2,000	11.1%	-13.0%
Rate (percent)	5.4	4.3	4.7		

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MONROE MSA (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	76,900	78,300	78,000	-0.4%	1.4%
Total Employment	72,700	75,300	74,300	-1.3%	2.2%
Unemployment	4,200	3,100	3,700	19.4%	-11.9%
Rate (percent)	5.4	3.9	4.7		

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MUSKEGON MSA (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	79,100	80,200	79,900	-0.4%	1.0%
Total Employment	73,900	76,200	75,300	-1.2%	1.9%
Unemployment	5,200	4,000	4,600	15.0%	-11.5%
Rate (percent)	6.6	4.9	5.8		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	76,000	76,200	76,500	0.4%	0.7%
Total Employment	71,600	72,600	72,700	0.1%	1.5%
Unemployment	4,400	3,500	3,800	8.6%	-13.6%
Rate (percent)	5.7	4.6	5.0		

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SAGINAW MSA (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	89,200	90,600	90,200	-0.4%	1.1%
Total Employment	83,400	86,300	85,300	-1.2%	2.3%
Unemployment	5,800	4,400	4,900	11.4%	-15.5%
Rate (percent)	6.5	4.8	5.4		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	143,700	141,200	141,600	0.3%	-1.5%
Total Employment	133,400	133,200	132,800	-0.3%	-0.4%
Unemployment	10,300	8,000	8,800	10.0%	-14.6%
Rate (percent)	7.2	5.7	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	86,100	85,300	85,700	0.5%	-0.5%
Total Employment	79,900	80,200	80,100	-0.1%	0.3%
Unemployment	6,200	5,000	5,600	12.0%	-9.7%
Rate (percent)	7.2	5.9	6.5		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	158,700	155,800	157,800	1.3%	-0.6%
Total Employment	149,700	148,900	150,400	1.0%	0.5%
Unemployment	9,000	7,000	7,300	4.3%	-18.9%
Rate (percent)	5.7	4.5	4.7		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)					
Civilian Labor Force	4,806	4,865	4,877	0.2%	1.5%
Total Employment	4,498	4,625	4,614	-0.2%	2.6%
Unemployment	308	240	263	9.6%	-14.6%
Rate (percent)	6.4	4.9	5.4		

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

1	Mackinac County	3.6	43	Iron County	5.6
2	Ottawa County	3.6	44	Missaukee County	5.6
3	Grand Traverse County	3.8	45	Antrim County	5.7
4	Kent County	3.8	46	Hillsdale County	5.8
5	Leelanau County	3.8	47	Muskegon County	5.8
6	Clinton County	3.9	48	Oceana County	5.9
7	Allegan County	3.9	49	Wexford County	5.9
8	Washtenaw County	4.1	50	Marquette County	5.9
9	Barry County	4.2	51	Macomb County	6.0
10	Eaton County	4.2	52	Otsego County	6.0
11	Charlevoix County	4.3	53	Mecosta County	6.0
12	Kalamazoo County	4.4	54	Genesee County	6.0
13	Cheboygan County	4.5	55	Kalkaska County	6.1
14	Livingston County	4.6	56	Sanilac County	6.1
15	Ionia County	4.6	57	Houghton County	6.2
16	Ingham County	4.7	58	Osceola County	6.2
17	Mason County	4.7	59	St. Clair County	6.5
18	St. Joseph County	4.7	60	Tuscola County	6.5
19	Midland County	4.7	61	Gogebic County	6.6
20	Monroe County	4.7	62	Delta County	6.6
21	Emmet County	4.8	63	Lapeer County	6.8
22	Oakland County	4.8	64	Menominee County	6.8
23	Cass County	4.9	65	Chippewa County	6.8
24	Lenawee County	4.9	66	Alger County	6.9
25	Benzie County	5.0	67	Iosco County	6.9
26	Newaygo County	5.0	68	Oscoda County	6.9
27	Isabella County	5.0	69	Alcona County	7.0
28	Calhoun County	5.0	70	Gladwin County	7.1
29	Berrien County	5.0	71	Lake County	7.1
30	Branch County	5.2	72	Ogemaw County	7.1
31	Huron County	5.3	73	Keweenaw County	7.2
32	Montcalm County	5.3	74	Arenac County	7.3
33	Dickinson County	5.3	75	Clare County	7.3
34	Shiawassee County	5.3	76	Crawford County	7.3
35	Jackson County	5.3	77	Wayne County	7.4
36	Luce County	5.4	78	Roscommon County	7.6
37	Manistee County	5.4	79	Baraga County	8.0
38	Van Buren County	5.4	80	Ontonagon County	8.0
39	Saginaw County	5.4	81	Presque Isle County	8.0
40	Gratiot County	5.5	82	Schoolcraft County	8.2
41	Alpena County	5.5	83	Montmorency County	8.9
42	Bay County	5.5			

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