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Michigan regional unemployment rates increase in July

LANSING, Mich. – Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates increased in 14 of Michigan’s 17 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Michigan regional labor markets exhibited typical jobless rate hikes during July,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director of the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Seasonal job cuts in the state’s government sector contributed to payroll employment decreases across most metro areas.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 3.8 to 5.8 percent in July, with a median jobless rate increase of 0.1 percentage points over the month. Only the Upper Peninsula (-0.1 percentage points) exhibited an unemployment rate decrease during the month, while both the Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA) and the Northwest Lower Michigan region saw no change in rate since June.

Since July 2022, jobless rates receded in 16 Michigan labor market areas, with a median rate reduction of 0.5 percentage points. The largest over-the-year rate decrease occurred in the Lansing MSA (-1.6 percentage points).

Regional employment levels down over month, up over year

Employment decreased in 14 Michigan labor market areas over the month, with a median reduction of 0.5 percent. The largest decrease was seen in the Lansing metro area (-0.8 percent). Total employment rose in three Michigan regions, with the greatest over-the-month change observed in the Detroit MSA (+1.4 percent).

Employment advanced in all 17 Michigan regions over the year, with a median increase of 3.2 percent. The most prominent over-the-year employment gain occurred in the Ann Arbor MSA (+5.3 percent).

Regional labor force levels down over month, up over year

Labor force levels decreased in 14 Michigan regions over the month, with a median decline of 0.4 percent. Three Michigan regions demonstrated workforce advances in July, led by the Detroit MSA (+1.7 percent).

All 17 Michigan regions exhibited labor force advances over the year, with a median increase of 2.7 percent. The Ann Arbor MSA demonstrated the largest over-the-year workforce gain of 4.8 percent.

Regional payroll jobs decrease in July

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted payroll employment receded by 50,000, or 1.1 percent, over the month. Job reductions primarily occurred in Michigan's government (-27,000) and professional and business services (-21,000) sectors.

Thirteen Michigan metro areas demonstrated jobs reductions over the month, with a median decrease of 0.8 percent. The largest over-the-month job decline of 1.7 percent occurred in the Monroe MSA. Total nonfarm jobs in the Midland MSA inched up 0.3 percent in July.

Michigan total payroll employment rose by 75,000, or 1.7 percent, over the year. All 14 metro areas demonstrated employment advances over the year, with a median increase of 1.9 percent.

County unemployment rates mixed over month, down over year

Fifty-one Michigan counties exhibited jobless rate increases between June and July. Eighteen counties displayed rate decreases over the month, and 14 county unemployment rates were unchanged. Jobless rates fell in 66 counties over the year.

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 not seasonally adjusted July workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking 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."

Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	203,500	204,100	194,200	-600	-0.3%	9,300	4.8%
Employed	195,400	196,200	185,500	-800	-0.4%	9,900	5.3%
Unemployed	8,100	7,900	8,700	200	2.5%	-600	-6.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.9	4.5	0.1	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	61,600	61,700	60,400	-100	-0.2%	1,200	2.0%
Employed	58,500	58,700	57,000	-200	-0.3%	1,500	2.6%
Unemployed	3,200	3,000	3,400	200	6.7%	-200	-5.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.9	5.6	0.2	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Bay City MSA (Bay County)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	50,700	50,900	49,600	-200	-0.4%	1,100	2.2%
Employed	48,100	48,300	46,800	-200	-0.4%	1,300	2.8%
Unemployed	2,600	2,600	2,800	0	0.0%	-200	-7.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.1	5.7	0.1	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,187	2,151	2,121	36	1.7%	66	3.1%
Employed	2,101	2,072	2,043	29	1.4%	58	2.8%
Unemployed	86	79	78	7	8.9%	8	10.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.7	3.7	0.2	XXX	0.2	XXX

Flint MSA (Genesee County)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	184,600	185,200	180,200	-600	-0.3%	4,400	2.4%
Employed	174,400	175,200	168,800	-800	-0.5%	5,600	3.3%
Unemployed	10,200	10,000	11,400	200	2.0%	-1,200	-10.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.4	6.4	0.2	XXX	-0.8	XXX

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

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	607,300	609,500	583,800	-2,200	-0.4%	23,500	4.0%
Employed	584,200	587,000	560,200	-2,800	-0.5%	24,000	4.3%
Unemployed	23,000	22,500	23,700	500	2.2%	-700	-3.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.7	4.1	0.1	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Jackson MSA (Jackson County)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,000	76,400	73,500	-400	-0.5%	2,500	3.4%
Employed	72,500	73,000	69,700	-500	-0.7%	2,800	4.0%
Unemployed	3,500	3,400	3,800	100	2.9%	-300	-7.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.4	5.2	0.2	XXX	-0.6	XXX

Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	170,700	171,800	165,900	-1,100	-0.6%	4,800	2.9%
Employed	163,000	164,200	158,000	-1,200	-0.7%	5,000	3.2%
Unemployed	7,700	7,600	7,900	100	1.3%	-200	-2.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.4	4.8	0.1	XXX	-0.3	XXX

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

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	249,300	250,900	241,500	-1,600	-0.6%	7,800	3.2%
Employed	238,400	240,300	227,100	-1,900	-0.8%	11,300	5.0%
Unemployed	10,900	10,600	14,400	300	2.8%	-3,500	-24.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.2	6.0	0.2	XXX	-1.6	XXX

Midland MSA (Midland County)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	41,600	41,500	40,600	100	0.2%	1,000	2.5%
Employed	39,800	39,700	38,700	100	0.3%	1,100	2.8%
Unemployed	1,800	1,800	2,000	0	0.0%	-200	-10.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.3	4.8	0.0	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Monroe MSA (Monroe County)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,400	76,900	74,400	-500	-0.7%	2,000	2.7%
Employed	72,900	73,400	70,100	-500	-0.7%	2,800	4.0%
Unemployed	3,500	3,500	4,200	0	0.0%	-700	-16.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.5	5.7	0.1	XXX	-1.1	XXX

Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	79,500	79,700	78,100	-200	-0.3%	1,400	1.8%
Employed	75,300	75,700	73,600	-400	-0.5%	1,700	2.3%
Unemployed	4,200	4,000	4,500	200	5.0%	-300	-6.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.0	5.7	0.2	XXX	-0.5	XXX

Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,500	75,600	73,200	-100	-0.1%	2,300	3.1%
Employed	71,900	72,100	69,500	-200	-0.3%	2,400	3.5%
Unemployed	3,600	3,500	3,700	100	2.9%	-100	-2.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.6	5.1	0.1	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	85,200	85,400	83,100	-200	-0.2%	2,100	2.5%
Employed	80,400	80,700	77,800	-300	-0.4%	2,600	3.3%
Unemployed	4,800	4,700	5,300	100	2.1%	-500	-9.4%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.5	6.3	0.1	XXX	-0.7	XXX

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

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	136,800	137,700	135,800	-900	-0.7%	1,000	0.7%
Employed	129,600	130,400	128,300	-800	-0.6%	1,300	1.0%
Unemployed	7,200	7,200	7,500	0	0.0%	-300	-4.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.3	5.5	-0.1	XXX	-0.3	XXX

Northeast Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,900	87,200	85,000	-300	-0.3%	1,900	2.2%
Employed	81,800	82,200	79,700	-400	-0.5%	2,100	2.6%
Unemployed	5,000	5,000	5,300	0	0.0%	-300	-5.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.7	6.2	0.1	XXX	-0.4	XXX

Northwest Lower Michigan LMA

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

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	162,100	160,300	157,500	1,800	1.1%	4,600	2.9%
Employed	155,200	153,400	150,400	1,800	1.2%	4,800	3.2%
Unemployed	6,900	6,900	7,100	0	0.0%	-200	-2.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.3	4.5	0.0	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Michigan (Data in Thousands)

	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,025	5,000	4,879	25	0.5%	146	3.0%
Employed	4,808	4,793	4,659	15	0.3%	149	3.2%
Unemployed	216	207	220	9	4.3%	-4	-1.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.1	4.5	0.2	XXX	-0.2	XXX

Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - July 2023

1	Livingston County	2.8	43	Marquette County	5.1
2	Oakland County	3.2	44	Oceana County	5.1
3	Grand Traverse County	3.4	45	Otsego County	5.1
4	Mackinac County	3.4	46	Van Buren County	5.1
5	Leelanau County	3.6	47	Bay County	5.2
6	Ottawa County	3.6	48	Muskegon County	5.2
7	Allegan County	3.8	49	Alpena County	5.3
8	Clinton County	3.8	50	Gogebic County	5.3
9	Kent County	3.8	51	Manistee County	5.3
10	Macomb County	3.8	52	Delta County	5.4
11	St. Clair County	3.8	53	Iosco County	5.4
12	Lapeer County	3.9	54	Isabella County	5.4
13	Barry County	4.0	55	Missaukee County	5.4
14	Washtenaw County	4.0	56	Osceola County	5.4
15	Charlevoix County	4.1	57	St. Joseph County	5.4
16	Eaton County	4.1	58	Sanilac County	5.4
17	Dickinson County	4.2	59	Houghton County	5.5
18	Ionia County	4.2	60	Luce County	5.5
19	Benzie County	4.3	61	Chippewa County	5.6
20	Kalamazoo County	4.3	62	Crawford County	5.6
21	Midland County	4.3	63	Genesee County	5.6
22	Branch County	4.5	64	Saginaw County	5.6
23	Emmet County	4.6	65	Tuscola County	5.6
24	Ingham County	4.6	66	Wexford County	5.6
25	Jackson County	4.6	67	Iron County	5.7
26	Mason County	4.6	68	Mecosta County	6.0
27	Menominee County	4.6	69	Gladwin County	6.1
28	Monroe County	4.6	70	Presque Isle County	6.2
29	Newaygo County	4.6	71	Ogemaw County	6.3
30	Antrim County	4.7	72	Arenac County	6.4
31	Berrien County	4.7	73	Alcona County	6.5
32	Cheboygan County	4.8	74	Alger County	6.7
33	Huron County	4.8	75	Baraga County	6.7
34	Wayne County	4.8	76	Lake County	6.7
35	Hillsdale County	4.9	77	Keweenaw County	6.8
36	Montcalm County	5.0	78	Clare County	6.9
37	Shiawassee County	5.0	79	Montmorency County	6.9
38	Calhoun County	5.1	80	Schoolcraft County	7.0
39	Cass County	5.1	81	Ontonagon County	7.3
40	Gratiot County	5.1	82	Roscommon County	7.4
41	Kalkaska County	5.1	83	Oscoda County	7.5
42	Lenawee County	5.1			