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## Regional Michigan jobless rates rise in July

**LANSING, Mich.** – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates rose in 16 of Michigan’s 17 labor market areas over the month, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

“Unemployment rate increases throughout Michigan’s regions were typical for the month of July,” said Wayne Rourke, labor market information director for the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics. “Regular annual payroll reductions in education and the state’s auto industry contributed to over-the-month jobless rate hikes.”

Michigan regional unemployment rates ranged from 4.4 to 6.8 percent in July, with a median rate gain of 0.6 percentage points. The largest over-the-month rate gains occurred in the Monroe and Detroit metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) at 1.7 and 1.2 percentage points, respectively.

All 17 Michigan labor market areas demonstrated unemployment rate gains over the year, with a median rate increase of 0.9 percentage points. The Monroe and Detroit MSAs each exhibited the largest over-the-year rate gain of 2.4 percentage points.

### **Total employment up over month and year**

Employment advanced in 11 Michigan areas over the month, with a median increase of 0.6 percent. The largest over-the-month employment gain occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+2.7 percent). Employment fell in six regions during July, led by the Jackson metro area (-0.7 percent).

Thirteen Michigan regions exhibited employment advances over the year, with a median gain of 0.8 percent. Three Michigan labor market areas experienced employment decreases over the year, and employment remained unchanged in the Muskegon MSA since July 2023.

### **Regional workforce levels up over month and year**

Labor force levels increased in 16 Michigan regions over the month, with a median gain of 0.8 percent. The largest over-the-month workforce gain occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+2.9 percent).

All 17 Michigan regions demonstrated workforce increases over the year, with a median advance of 1.6 percent. The Monroe metro area demonstrated the largest over-the-year labor force gain of 3.5 percent.

### **Regional payroll employment recedes seasonally in July**

According to the monthly survey of employers, Michigan not seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs fell by 55,000, or 1.2 percent, during July. The largest over-the-month employment reductions occurred in the government (-27,000), professional and business services (-20,000), and manufacturing (-6,000) sectors. The majority of the manufacturing job declines occurred in the auto industry as a result of the annual retooling period in July.

Payroll jobs fell in 13 Michigan metro areas over the month, with a median decline of 1.3 percent. The Monroe MSA exhibited the largest decrease in nonfarm jobs over the month (-2.7 percent). Payroll employment was unchanged in the Midland metro area during July.

Michigan total nonfarm employment advanced by 42,000, or 0.9 percent, over the year. Eight metro areas demonstrated payroll gains during this period, while six regions exhibited nonfarm employment reductions. The largest over-the-year increase in payroll jobs occurred in the Lansing MSA (+2.0 percent).

### **County jobless rates up over month and year**

Seventy-five Michigan counties displayed unemployment rate gains over the month, with a median increase of 0.5 percentage points. All 83 Michigan counties exhibited unemployment rate increases 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. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	204,500	201,800	202,000	2,700	1.3%	2,500	1.2%
Employed	194,600	193,200	194,000	1,400	0.7%	600	0.3%
Unemployed	9,900	8,600	7,900	1,300	15.1%	2,000	25.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.2	3.9	0.6	XXX	0.9	XXX

**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	63,200	62,900	62,100	300	0.5%	1,100	1.8%
Employed	59,200	59,400	59,100	-200	-0.3%	100	0.2%
Unemployed	4,000	3,400	3,100	600	17.6%	900	29.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.3	5.5	5.0	0.8	XXX	1.3	XXX

**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	51,100	50,800	50,300	300	0.6%	800	1.6%
Employed	48,100	48,000	47,700	100	0.2%	400	0.8%
Unemployed	3,000	2,800	2,600	200	7.1%	400	15.4%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.4	5.1	0.6	XXX	0.9	XXX

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,230	2,184	2,214	46	2.1%	16	0.7%
Employed	2,089	2,071	2,124	18	0.9%	-35	-1.6%
Unemployed	142	113	90	29	25.7%	52	57.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.4	5.2	4.0	1.2	XXX	2.4	XXX

**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	190,400	188,600	185,400	1,800	1.0%	5,000	2.7%
Employed	178,000	177,700	175,300	300	0.2%	2,700	1.5%
Unemployed	12,300	11,000	10,100	1,300	11.8%	2,200	21.8%
Unemployment Rate	6.5	5.8	5.4	0.7	XXX	1.1	XXX

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

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	619,900	617,100	611,000	2,800	0.5%	8,900	1.5%
Employed	592,400	592,300	588,400	100	0.0%	4,000	0.7%
Unemployed	27,500	24,700	22,600	2,800	11.3%	4,900	21.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.0	3.7	0.4	XXX	0.7	XXX

**Jackson MSA (Jackson County)**

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,200	76,200	74,900	0	0.0%	1,300	1.7%
Employed	72,100	72,600	71,500	-500	-0.7%	600	0.8%
Unemployed	4,100	3,600	3,400	500	13.9%	700	20.6%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.8	4.6	0.6	XXX	0.8	XXX

**Kalamazoo - Portage MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)**

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	172,300	172,200	171,100	100	0.1%	1,200	0.7%
Employed	163,500	164,100	163,600	-600	-0.4%	-100	-0.1%
Unemployed	8,900	8,100	7,500	800	9.9%	1,400	18.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.7	4.4	0.4	XXX	0.7	XXX

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

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	258,800	258,300	250,800	500	0.2%	8,000	3.2%
Employed	246,000	245,200	240,100	800	0.3%	5,900	2.5%
Unemployed	12,700	13,100	10,700	-400	-3.1%	2,000	18.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.1	4.3	-0.2	XXX	0.6	XXX

**Midland MSA (Midland County)**

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	42,000	41,600	41,100	400	1.0%	900	2.2%
Employed	39,900	39,600	39,300	300	0.8%	600	1.5%
Unemployed	2,100	2,000	1,700	100	5.0%	400	23.5%
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.9	4.2	0.2	XXX	0.9	XXX

**Monroe MSA (Monroe County)**

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,600	79,500	77,900	1,100	1.4%	2,700	3.5%
Employed	75,100	75,400	74,400	-300	-0.4%	700	0.9%
Unemployed	5,500	4,100	3,500	1,400	34.1%	2,000	57.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.8	5.1	4.4	1.7	XXX	2.4	XXX

**Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)**

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	82,700	82,000	81,800	700	0.9%	900	1.1%
Employed	77,700	77,600	77,700	100	0.1%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	5,000	4,400	4,100	600	13.6%	900	22.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	5.3	5.0	0.7	XXX	1.0	XXX

**Niles - Benton Harbor MSA (Berrien County)**

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,900	76,600	76,200	300	0.4%	700	0.9%
Employed	72,500	72,600	72,700	-100	-0.1%	-200	-0.3%
Unemployed	4,300	4,000	3,500	300	7.5%	800	22.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.3	4.6	0.3	XXX	1.0	XXX

**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,000	85,500	84,800	500	0.6%	1,200	1.4%
Employed	80,400	80,600	80,100	-200	-0.2%	300	0.4%
Unemployed	5,600	5,000	4,700	600	12.0%	900	19.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.5	5.8	5.6	0.7	XXX	0.9	XXX

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

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	142,400	141,300	140,400	1,100	0.8%	2,000	1.4%
Employed	134,200	133,400	133,400	800	0.6%	800	0.6%
Unemployed	8,300	7,800	7,100	500	6.4%	1,200	16.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.5	5.0	0.3	XXX	0.8	XXX

**Northeast Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	90,700	89,600	88,000	1,100	1.2%	2,700	3.1%
Employed	84,700	84,200	83,000	500	0.6%	1,700	2.0%
Unemployed	6,000	5,500	5,000	500	9.1%	1,000	20.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.1	5.6	0.5	XXX	1.0	XXX

**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	165,700	161,100	163,000	4,600	2.9%	2,700	1.7%
Employed	157,900	153,800	156,200	4,100	2.7%	1,700	1.1%
Unemployed	7,800	7,300	6,800	500	6.8%	1,000	14.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.5	4.2	0.2	XXX	0.5	XXX

**Michigan (Data in Thousands)**

	Jul. 2024	Jun. 2024	Jul. 2023	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	5,143	5,074	5,072	69	1.4%	71	1.4%
Employed	4,843	4,819	4,854	24	0.5%	-11	-0.2%
Unemployed	299	254	218	45	17.7%	81	37.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.0	4.3	0.8	XXX	1.5	XXX



**Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - July 2024**

1	Mackinac County	3.7	43	Muskegon County	6.0
2	Grand Traverse County	3.8	44	Sanilac County	6.0
3	Livingston County	4.0	45	Delta County	6.1
4	Ottawa County	4.1	46	Gratiot County	6.1
5	Leelanau County	4.2	47	Manistee County	6.1
6	Allegan County	4.3	48	Chippewa County	6.2
7	Clinton County	4.4	49	Hillsdale County	6.2
8	Kent County	4.4	50	Isabella County	6.2
9	Benzie County	4.5	51	Macomb County	6.2
10	Barry County	4.7	52	Calhoun County	6.3
11	Oakland County	4.7	53	St. Joseph County	6.3
12	Charlevoix County	4.8	54	Tuscola County	6.3
13	Washtenaw County	4.8	55	Iron County	6.4
14	Eaton County	4.9	56	Oceana County	6.4
15	Kalamazoo County	5.0	57	Wexford County	6.4
16	Antrim County	5.1	58	Genesee County	6.5
17	Branch County	5.1	59	Gogebic County	6.5
18	Emmet County	5.1	60	Iosco County	6.5
19	Ingham County	5.1	61	Keweenaw County	6.5
20	Menominee County	5.1	62	Luce County	6.5
21	Midland County	5.1	63	Saginaw County	6.5
22	Newaygo County	5.1	64	Lenawee County	6.7
23	Kalkaska County	5.3	65	Crawford County	6.8
24	Marquette County	5.3	66	Monroe County	6.8
25	Jackson County	5.4	67	Ogemaw County	6.8
26	Mason County	5.4	68	Gladwin County	6.9
27	Cheboygan County	5.5	69	Baraga County	7.1
28	Huron County	5.5	70	Mecosta County	7.1
29	Alpena County	5.6	71	Arenac County	7.2
30	Berrien County	5.6	72	Alger County	7.3
31	Cass County	5.6	73	Osceola County	7.4
32	Houghton County	5.6	74	Schoolcraft County	7.4
33	Van Buren County	5.6	75	Presque Isle County	7.6
34	Missaukee County	5.7	76	Roscommon County	7.8
35	St. Clair County	5.7	77	Lake County	7.9
36	Shiawassee County	5.7	78	Montmorency County	8.0
37	Lapeer County	5.8	79	Ontonagon County	8.0
38	Otsego County	5.8	80	Alcona County	8.1
39	Dickinson County	5.9	81	Clare County	8.2
40	Bay County	6.0	82	Wayne County	8.2
41	Ionia County	6.0	83	Oscoda County	8.3
42	Montcalm County	6.0			