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Labor force gains push June jobless rates up in most Michigan regions

Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates rose in 16 of Michigan's 17 regional labor markets during the month of June, according to data from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget. Total employment and total labor force levels moved up in most regions over the month.

"Regional jobless rates were up in June due to residents entering the summer job market" said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives, "With continued seasonal hiring in several industries, June nonfarm jobs increased in most Michigan metro areas."

Regional jobless rate hikes during June ranged from 0.1 to 0.8 percentage points with a median gain of six-tenths of a percentage point. The Lansing-East Lansing metropolitan statistical area (MSA) as well as the Niles-Benton Harbor MSA exhibited the largest monthly jobless rate advances (+0.8). The Flint metro area was the only Michigan region with a decline in the unemployment rate over the month, edging down by two-tenths of a percentage point.

June Unemployment Rates Stable Over the Year

Since June of 2018, jobless rates were little changed in Michigan regions. The Saginaw, Upper Peninsula, and Flint regions all registered slight jobless rate increases over the year. Rate changes over-the-year were in a narrow range from the Flint MSA (+0.3 percentage points) to Muskegon (-0.4 percentage points).

Employment Up in June in Most Regions

From May to June, total employment rose in 14 Michigan regions and declined in two. Employment was unchanged in the Ann Arbor MSA. Total employment gains ranged from 0.1 to 4.6 percent with the largest percent increase in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+4.6%), as hiring continued for the summer tourism season. The Battle Creek metro area had a minor reduction in employment (-0.2%) while the Lansing-East Lansing MSA exhibited a more pronounced seasonal decline of 2.2 percent.

Total employment rose since June 2018 in 16 areas, led on a percentage basis by the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+2.1%). The Midland MSA was the only region to record an employment decrease over the year (-0.3%).

Workforce Levels Advance Over Month and Year

During the month of June, labor force levels moved up in 16 regions and declined seasonally in the Lansing-East Lansing MSA (-1.5%). Workforce increases ranged from 0.1 to 5.2 percent with a notable median advance of 1.3 percent. The Northwest Lower Michigan region recorded the largest percentage workforce addition of 5.2 percent.

Sixteen regions registered labor force advances over the past year. Increases ranged from 0.2 to 2.1 percent with a median rise of 0.9 percent. The Flint MSA recorded the largest workforce level gain, up by 2.1 percent since June 2018. The Midland MSA was the only region with a reduction in labor force over the year, edging down by 0.2 percent.

Leisure and Hospitality Sector Leads Seasonal Hiring in June

The monthly survey of employers indicated that unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan rose by 36,000, or 0.8 percent in June to 4,509,000. Job gains were seen in many statewide industries, led by leisure and hospitality (+4.2%). The only two employment declines of note were recorded in government (-1.7%) and education and health services (-0.4%), with the onset of summer break at public and private educational institutions.

Nonfarm jobs advanced in 12 Michigan metro areas in June. Job gains ranged from 0.1 to 3.2 percent, led by the Flint MSA (+3.2%) which experienced recalls of auto workers on temporary layoff. Lansing-East Lansing was the only region with an employment cut over the month (-2.3%), and jobs in the Ann Arbor metro area remained unchanged.

Over the year, Michigan seasonally unadjusted employment rose by 24,000, or 0.5 percent. Ten regions exhibited job increases over this period, led on a percentage basis by the Flint MSA (+1.4%). Job levels edged down in three regions over the year, led by the Midland MSA (-1.0%).

County Jobless Rates Up Over Month and Mixed Over Year

Seventy-seven of Michigan's 83 counties recorded jobless rate increases in June with a median advance of six-tenths of a percentage point. Only six counties registered monthly unemployment rate reductions. Over the year, unemployment rates edged up in 50 counties, declined in 39, and remained unchanged in 11.

*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 and regional unemployment rates reads "Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget."

	<u>Jun-18</u>	<u>May-19</u>	<u>Jun-19</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	194,300	195,400	196,700	0.7%	1.2%
Total Employment	187,400	189,800	189,800	0.0%	1.3%
Unemployment	6,900	5,600	6,900	23.2%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	3.6	2.9	3.5		

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BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	64,000	63,900	64,400	0.8%	0.6%
Total Employment	61,100	61,500	61,400	-0.2%	0.5%
Unemployment	2,900	2,400	2,900	20.8%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	4.5	3.8	4.5		

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BAY CITY MSA (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	51,200	50,400	51,300	1.8%	0.2%
Total Employment	48,600	48,200	48,700	1.0%	0.2%
Unemployment	2,600	2,200	2,600	18.2%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	5.0	4.3	5.0		

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DETROIT-WARREN-DEARBORN MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,141	2,140	2,157	0.8%	0.7%
Total Employment	2,045	2,048	2,060	0.6%	0.7%
Unemployment	96	92	98	6.5%	2.1%
Rate (percent)	4.5	4.3	4.5		

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FLINT MSA (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	184,900	184,300	188,700	2.4%	2.1%
Total Employment	175,500	174,000	178,500	2.6%	1.7%
Unemployment	9,400	10,300	10,300	0.0%	9.6%
Rate (percent)	5.1	5.6	5.4		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, Ottawa counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	590,200	590,500	595,400	0.8%	0.9%
Total Employment	570,900	574,300	575,600	0.2%	0.8%
Unemployment	19,300	16,200	19,800	22.2%	2.6%
Rate (percent)	3.3	2.7	3.3		

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JACKSON MSA (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	75,500	75,900	76,600	0.9%	1.5%
Total Employment	72,200	73,400	73,500	0.1%	1.8%
Unemployment	3,300	2,600	3,200	23.1%	-3.0%
Rate (percent)	4.3	3.4	4.1		

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	170,500	170,500	171,800	0.8%	0.8%
Total Employment	163,700	164,800	165,000	0.1%	0.8%
Unemployment	6,900	5,700	6,800	19.3%	-1.4%
Rate (percent)	4.0	3.3	3.9		

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	246,300	252,600	248,900	-1.5%	1.1%
Total Employment	236,700	244,800	239,300	-2.2%	1.1%
Unemployment	9,600	7,800	9,600	23.1%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	3.9	3.1	3.9		

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MIDLAND MSA (Midland County)					
Civilian Labor Force	41,500	41,000	41,400	1.0%	-0.2%
Total Employment	39,800	39,600	39,700	0.3%	-0.3%
Unemployment	1,700	1,400	1,700	21.4%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	4.2	3.4	4.0		

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MONROE MSA (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	76,600	77,200	77,300	0.1%	0.9%
Total Employment	73,300	74,100	74,200	0.1%	1.2%
Unemployment	3,400	3,100	3,100	0.0%	-8.8%
Rate (percent)	4.4	4.0	4.1		

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MUSKEGON MSA (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	80,900	79,400	81,100	2.1%	0.2%
Total Employment	76,900	76,300	77,400	1.4%	0.7%
Unemployment	4,000	3,100	3,700	19.4%	-7.5%
Rate (percent)	5.0	3.9	4.6		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	75,500	74,900	76,100	1.6%	0.8%
Total Employment	72,000	72,100	72,600	0.7%	0.8%
Unemployment	3,500	2,800	3,500	25.0%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	4.6	3.8	4.6		

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SAGINAW MSA (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	87,900	87,200	88,600	1.6%	0.8%
Total Employment	83,500	83,200	84,100	1.1%	0.7%
Unemployment	4,400	4,000	4,500	12.5%	2.3%
Rate (percent)	5.0	4.6	5.1		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	139,800	137,000	140,700	2.7%	0.6%
Total Employment	132,200	130,300	133,000	2.1%	0.6%
Unemployment	7,600	6,700	7,700	14.9%	1.3%
Rate (percent)	5.4	4.9	5.5		

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NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	85,200	83,900	86,300	2.9%	1.3%
Total Employment	80,200	79,700	81,400	2.1%	1.5%
Unemployment	5,000	4,200	4,900	16.7%	-2.0%
Rate (percent)	5.9	5.0	5.7		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN					
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	157,400	152,600	160,500	5.2%	2.0%
Total Employment	150,500	146,800	153,600	4.6%	2.1%
Unemployment	6,900	5,800	6,900	19.0%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	4.4	3.8	4.3		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)					
Civilian Labor Force	4,960	4,953	5,006	1.1%	0.9%
Total Employment	4,745	4,759	4,788	0.6%	0.9%
Unemployment	216	195	219	12.3%	1.4%
Rate (percent)	4.3	3.9	4.4		

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MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - June 2019

1	Ottawa County	3.2	43	Alpena County	4.9
2	Clinton County	3.3	44	Sanilac County	4.9
3	Kent County	3.3	45	Van Buren County	4.9
4	Allegan County	3.4	46	Bay County	5.0
5	Grand Traverse County	3.4	47	Cass County	5.0
6	Leelanau County	3.4	48	Missaukee County	5.0
7	Livingston County	3.4	49	Otsego County	5.0
8	Mackinac County	3.4	50	Saginaw County	5.1
9	Barry County	3.5	51	Kalkaska County	5.2
10	Washtenaw County	3.5	52	Mecosta County	5.2
11	Ionia County	3.6	53	Wexford County	5.2
12	Eaton County	3.7	54	Delta County	5.3
13	Kalamazoo County	3.7	55	Oceana County	5.3
14	Oakland County	3.7	56	Crawford County	5.4
15	Cheboygan County	3.9	57	Genesee County	5.4
16	Menominee County	3.9	58	Lapeer County	5.4
17	Lenawee County	4.0	59	Wayne County	5.4
18	Midland County	4.0	60	Manistee County	5.5
19	Charlevoix County	4.1	61	Marquette County	5.5
20	Ingham County	4.1	62	Tuscola County	5.5
21	Jackson County	4.1	63	Iron County	5.6
22	Monroe County	4.1	64	Luce County	5.8
23	Branch County	4.2	65	Gladwin County	5.9
24	Dickinson County	4.3	66	Houghton County	5.9
25	Macomb County	4.4	67	Gogebic County	6.0
26	Montcalm County	4.4	68	Iosco County	6.1
27	Calhoun County	4.5	69	Schoolcraft County	6.2
28	Hillsdale County	4.5	70	Alcona County	6.3
29	Huron County	4.5	71	Clare County	6.3
30	Isabella County	4.5	72	Chippewa County	6.4
31	Osceola County	4.5	73	Ogemaw County	6.4
32	St. Joseph County	4.5	74	Presque Isle County	6.4
33	Berrien County	4.6	75	Oscoda County	6.5
34	Muskegon County	4.6	76	Arenac County	6.6
35	Newaygo County	4.6	77	Lake County	6.7
36	Shiawassee County	4.6	78	Ontonagon County	6.8
37	Antrim County	4.7	79	Baraga County	6.9
38	Benzie County	4.7	80	Roscommon County	7.2
39	Emmet County	4.7	81	Alger County	7.3
40	Gratiot County	4.7	82	Montmorency County	7.3
41	Mason County	4.8	83	Keweenaw County	8.4
42	St. Clair County	4.8			