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## **Regional unemployment rates up seasonally in July**

Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates moved up in all 17 of Michigan's regional labor markets in July, according to data from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget. Total employment and workforce levels declined in most regions over the month.

"Jobless rate increases throughout Michigan were typical for the month of July" said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives, "The continuation of seasonal job cuts in education and temporary layoffs in Michigan's auto industry both contributed to regional over-the-month jobless rate hikes."

During July, the unemployment rate increases in the 17 regions ranged from 0.1 to 1.6 percentage points with a median advance of six-tenths of a percentage point. The most pronounced over-the-month jobless rate gains occurred in the Monroe (+1.6), Muskegon (+0.8), and Detroit-Warren Dearborn (+0.8) metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs). The statewide non-seasonally adjusted jobless rate in July was 5.1 percent, while the national unadjusted rate was 4.0 percent.

### **July Jobless Rates Up Over Year**

Since July 2018, unemployment rates rose in 15 of the 17 Michigan regions. Rate advances ranged from 0.1 to 0.8 percentage points, with the most prominent increase occurring in the Monroe MSA (+0.8). Flint was the only metro region to exhibit a minor over-the-year jobless rate reduction (-0.1). The Saginaw MSA jobless rate remained unchanged since July 2018.

### **Total Employment Down Over Month, Up Over Year**

Between June and July, total employment fell in 15 regions and advanced in two. Employment declines ranged from 0.7 to 3.1 percent with a notable median drop of 1.7 percent. The largest percentage reduction occurred in the Jackson MSA (-3.1%). Employment advances over the month occurred in the Northwest Lower Michigan region (+1.0%) and the Detroit MSA (+1.2%).

Since July 2018, total employment moved up in 12 regions, with the largest hike recorded in the Detroit MSA (+1.7%). Three regions exhibited small employment cuts over the year, led by the Battle Creek MSA (-0.5%). Employment levels in Midland and Niles-Benton Harbor remained unchanged since July 2018.

### **Workforce Levels Decline Over Month, Rise Over Year**

Labor force levels fell in 15 regions during July. Declines ranged from 0.1 to 2.4 percent with a median reduction of 0.9 percent. The Jackson MSA exhibited the largest workforce level drop over the month (-2.4%). Both the Northwest Lower Michigan region and the Detroit MSA demonstrated labor force advances since June, up by 1.1 percent and 2.0 percent, respectively.

Since July 2018, 14 regions exhibited labor force hikes. Increases ranged from 0.2 to 2.0 percent with a median rise of 0.8 percent. The Detroit MSA recorded the largest over-the-year workforce gain of 2.0 percent. The Battle Creek and Bay City MSAs were the only Michigan regions to exhibit labor force declines over the year, receding by 0.2 percent each. The Midland region labor force was unchanged from July 2018.

### **Seasonal Cuts in July Payroll Employment**

The monthly survey of employers indicated that unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan fell by 77,000, or 1.7 percent in July to 4,431,000. Nonfarm employment declines were seen in the majority of statewide industries, led on a percentage basis by the government sector (-5.7%) as summer break continued for many schools.

Payroll jobs fell in all 14 Michigan metro regions in July. Job declines ranged from 0.8 to 3.2 percent and were led by the Jackson (-3.2%) and Monroe (-2.8%) MSAs.

Since July 2018, Michigan seasonally unadjusted employment rose by 30,000 or 0.7 percent. Twelve regions demonstrated job gains over this period. The Bay City region was the only metro area to exhibit a job decline over the year (-0.8%). Job levels in the Battle Creek metro area remained unchanged since July 2018.

### **County Jobless Rates Up Over Month and Year**

Seventy-six of Michigan's 83 counties recorded jobless rate increases in July with a median advance of six-tenths of a percentage point. Four counties had monthly jobless rate declines, while three remained unchanged. Over the year, unemployment rates edged up in 65 counties, declined in eight, and remained unchanged in 10.

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

	<u>Jul-18</u>	<u>Jun-19</u>	<u>Jul-19</u>	% change month	% change Year
<b>ANN ARBOR MSA</b> (Washtenaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	193,500	196,600	194,600	-1.0%	0.6%
Total Employment	185,800	189,800	186,300	-1.8%	0.3%
Unemployment	7,700	6,900	8,300	20.3%	7.8%
Rate (percent)	4.0	3.5	4.2		

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<b>BATTLE CREEK MSA</b> (Calhoun County)					
Civilian Labor Force	63,200	64,300	63,100	-1.9%	-0.2%
Total Employment	60,100	61,300	59,800	-2.4%	-0.5%
Unemployment	3,100	2,900	3,300	13.8%	6.5%
Rate (percent)	4.8	4.6	5.2		

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<b>BAY CITY MSA</b> (Bay County)					
Civilian Labor Force	50,900	51,200	50,800	-0.8%	-0.2%
Total Employment	48,200	48,600	48,000	-1.2%	-0.4%
Unemployment	2,700	2,600	2,800	7.7%	3.7%
Rate (percent)	5.3	5.0	5.5		

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<b>DETROIT-WARREN-DEARBORN MSA</b> <b>(Data in thousands)</b> (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	2,158	2,158	2,202	2.0%	2.0%
Total Employment	2,051	2,061	2,086	1.2%	1.7%
Unemployment	107	98	116	18.4%	8.4%
Rate (percent)	5.0	4.5	5.3		

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<b>FLINT MSA</b> (Genesee County)					
Civilian Labor Force	183,700	188,600	185,700	-1.5%	1.1%
Total Employment	172,300	178,200	174,400	-2.1%	1.2%
Unemployment	11,300	10,300	11,400	10.7%	0.9%
Rate (percent)	6.2	5.5	6.1		

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<b>GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA</b> (Barry, Kent, Montcalm, Ottawa counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	582,800	595,400	588,200	-1.2%	0.9%
Total Employment	561,800	575,700	565,200	-1.8%	0.6%
Unemployment	21,000	19,700	23,000	16.8%	9.5%
Rate (percent)	3.6	3.3	3.9		

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<b>JACKSON MSA</b> (Jackson County)					
Civilian Labor Force	73,800	76,500	74,700	-2.4%	1.2%
Total Employment	70,300	73,300	71,000	-3.1%	1.0%
Unemployment	3,400	3,200	3,700	15.6%	8.8%
Rate (percent)	4.6	4.2	4.9		

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<b>KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA</b> (Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	169,100	171,700	170,100	-0.9%	0.6%
Total Employment	161,800	165,000	162,300	-1.6%	0.3%
Unemployment	7,300	6,800	7,800	14.7%	6.8%
Rate (percent)	4.3	3.9	4.6		

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<b>LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA</b> (Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	245,000	248,800	247,200	-0.6%	0.9%
Total Employment	234,100	239,200	235,800	-1.4%	0.7%
Unemployment	10,900	9,600	11,400	18.8%	4.6%
Rate (percent)	4.4	3.9	4.6		

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<b>MIDLAND MSA</b> (Midland County)					
Civilian Labor Force	40,800	41,400	40,800	-1.4%	0.0%
Total Employment	39,000	39,700	39,000	-1.8%	0.0%
Unemployment	1,800	1,700	1,800	5.9%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	4.4	4.0	4.5		

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<b>MONROE MSA</b> (Monroe County)					
Civilian Labor Force	75,900	77,400	76,800	-0.8%	1.2%
Total Employment	72,200	74,200	72,500	-2.3%	0.4%
Unemployment	3,700	3,200	4,400	37.5%	18.9%
Rate (percent)	4.9	4.1	5.7		

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<b>MUSKEGON MSA</b> (Muskegon County)					
Civilian Labor Force	80,200	81,200	80,500	-0.9%	0.4%
Total Employment	75,900	77,500	76,200	-1.7%	0.4%
Unemployment	4,300	3,700	4,400	18.9%	2.3%
Rate (percent)	5.3	4.6	5.4		

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<b>NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA</b> (Berrien County)					
Civilian Labor Force	75,200	76,200	75,500	-0.9%	0.4%
Total Employment	71,700	72,700	71,700	-1.4%	0.0%
Unemployment	3,600	3,500	3,800	8.6%	5.6%
Rate (percent)	4.7	4.6	5.0		

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<b>SAGINAW MSA</b> (Saginaw County)					
Civilian Labor Force	87,800	88,700	88,000	-0.8%	0.2%
Total Employment	82,800	84,200	82,900	-1.5%	0.1%
Unemployment	5,000	4,500	5,000	11.1%	0.0%
Rate (percent)	5.7	5.1	5.7		

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<b>UPPER PENINSULA LMA</b> (15 counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	139,400	140,700	139,700	-0.7%	0.2%
Total Employment	132,000	133,000	131,500	-1.1%	-0.4%
Unemployment	7,400	7,700	8,300	7.8%	12.2%
Rate (percent)	5.3	5.5	5.9		

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<b>NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN</b> (Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	85,800	86,300	86,200	-0.1%	0.5%
Total Employment	80,700	81,400	80,800	-0.7%	0.1%
Unemployment	5,100	4,900	5,500	12.2%	7.8%
Rate (percent)	6.0	5.7	6.4		

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<b>NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN</b> (Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford counties)					
Civilian Labor Force	160,700	160,500	162,300	1.1%	1.0%
Total Employment	153,800	153,700	155,200	1.0%	0.9%
Unemployment	6,900	6,800	7,200	5.9%	4.3%
Rate (percent)	4.3	4.3	4.4		

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<b>MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)</b>					
Civilian Labor Force	4,963	5,007	5,025	0.4%	1.2%
Total Employment	4,725	4,788	4,770	-0.4%	1.0%
Unemployment	237	218	254	16.5%	7.2%
Rate (percent)	4.8	4.4	5.1		

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**MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - July 2019**

1	Mackinac County	3.5	43	Kalkaska County	5.5
2	Leelanau County	3.6	44	St. Clair County	5.5
3	Grand Traverse County	3.7	45	Marquette County	5.6
4	Livingston County	3.7	46	Sanilac County	5.6
5	Ottawa County	3.7	47	Manistee County	5.7
6	Clinton County	3.8	48	Monroe County	5.7
7	Allegan County	3.9	49	Oceana County	5.7
8	Kent County	3.9	50	Saginaw County	5.7
9	Barry County	4.1	51	Iron County	5.8
10	Oakland County	4.1	52	Luce County	5.8
11	Charlevoix County	4.2	53	Mecosta County	5.8
12	Washtenaw County	4.2	54	Alpena County	5.9
13	Cheboygan County	4.3	55	Crawford County	5.9
14	Kalamazoo County	4.4	56	Delta County	5.9
15	Midland County	4.5	57	Genesee County	6.1
16	Eaton County	4.6	58	Lapeer County	6.1
17	Emmet County	4.6	59	Dickinson County	6.2
18	Benzie County	4.8	60	Houghton County	6.2
19	Osceola County	4.8	61	Tuscola County	6.2
20	Antrim County	4.9	62	Gogebic County	6.4
21	Ingham County	4.9	63	Gratiot County	6.4
22	Jackson County	4.9	64	Chippewa County	6.5
23	Berrien County	5.0	65	Gladwin County	6.5
24	Ionia County	5.0	66	Iosco County	6.5
25	Lenawee County	5.0	67	Otsego County	6.5
26	Macomb County	5.0	68	Wayne County	6.5
27	Menominee County	5.0	69	St. Joseph County	6.6
28	Missaukee County	5.0	70	Schoolcraft County	6.6
29	Branch County	5.1	71	Arenac County	6.7
30	Mason County	5.1	72	Clare County	6.7
31	Newaygo County	5.1	73	Alcona County	6.8
32	Wexford County	5.1	74	Ogemaw County	6.8
33	Calhoun County	5.2	75	Alger County	7.0
34	Hillsdale County	5.2	76	Baraga County	7.0
35	Isabella County	5.2	77	Presque Isle County	7.1
36	Huron County	5.3	78	Ontonagon County	7.3
37	Montcalm County	5.3	79	Keweenaw County	7.4
38	Shiawassee County	5.3	80	Lake County	7.4
39	Van Buren County	5.3	81	Roscommon County	7.5
40	Muskegon County	5.4	82	Montmorency County	7.8
41	Bay County	5.5	83	Oscoda County	8.1
42	Cass County	5.5			