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## Michigan regional jobless rates fall in July

**LANSING, Mich.** -- Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates declined in all 17 of Michigan's major labor market areas during July, according to data released today from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

"Michigan regional jobless rates were down in July, although total employment levels showed only modest change in many regions in July," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "Industry jobs also edged up over the month as the number of unemployed workers in tourism-related businesses continued to moderate."

### Employment and unemployment trends over the month and year

July employment levels were relatively stable among major Michigan regions. Several regions had a monthly job change of less than 0.5 percent. The highest July employment gains were in the Detroit metro area and in northern Michigan. Labor force levels and jobless rates declined in July, although unemployment rates remained well above year-ago levels.

### Recent pandemic-related regional labor market trends - May through July 2020

Michigan regions had particularly sharp July changes in unemployment levels, which were difficult to evaluate. The impact of the pandemic on employment trends can be better seen by a comparison of data for May through July 2020 with pre-pandemic values in February 2020.

### Jobless rates up substantially since February

Michigan average regional jobless rates for the three-month period between May and July ranged from 11.6 to 18.5 percent. These regional jobless rates jumped sharply since February by 6.7 to 14.7 percentage points. The largest rate gain occurred in the Muskegon metropolitan statistical area (MSA), while the smallest rate advance was seen in the Upper Peninsula region.

### Total employment down since February

Employment levels in all of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas receded since February. Reductions ranged from 2.1 to 19.5 percent, with a median decline of 9.6 percent. The most pronounced employment loss was observed in the Detroit MSA.

## **Regional jobless rates up over year, labor force levels mixed**

Michigan major area jobless rates rose significantly since July 2019, with a median gain of 4.3 percentage points. The most notable over-the-year unemployment rate advance occurred in the Muskegon metro area, with a rate increase of 7.4 percentage points between July 2019 and July 2020.

Sixteen Michigan regions demonstrated employment reductions over the year, led by the Detroit MSA (-11.6 percent).

Nine labor market areas exhibited workforce declines over the past year, led by the Detroit MSA (-6.9 percent). Eight regions had labor force advances. The most pronounced workforce gain was observed in the Ann Arbor MSA, with an increase of 3.1 percent over the year.

## **Payroll employment edges up in July**

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan rose slightly over the month by 38,000, or 1.0 percent, to 3,927,000. Minor job gains were seen in most statewide industries. The largest over-the-month increase in nonfarm employment occurred in the state's leisure and hospitality sector, with an addition of 30,000 jobs. Government was the only industry to exhibit a substantial seasonal job cut over the month (-30,000).

Total nonfarm employment advanced in ten Michigan metro areas in July. Over-the-month job hikes were minor, ranging from 0.2 to 2.3 percent, with the largest percentage job gain occurring in the Bay City MSA. The Lansing and Monroe metro regions exhibited minor reductions in payroll jobs, while the Battle Creek and Midland area employment levels remained unchanged in July.

Michigan's nonfarm job levels dropped sharply over the year, plunging by 484,000 since July 2019. All 14 metro regions exhibited nonfarm employment declines over the year, led by the Monroe MSA (-14.9 percent).

## **County jobless rates down over month, up over year**

All 83 Michigan counties exhibited jobless rate reductions over the month, led by Alger County (-9.3 percentage points). Over the year, all 83 counties registered unemployment rate advances.

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**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."

**Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)**

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	203,300	207,900	197,100	-4,600	-2.2%	6,200	3.1%
Employment	187,200	185,700	189,000	1,500	0.8%	-1,800	-1.0%
Unemployment	16,100	22,200	8,200	-6,100	-27.5%	7,900	96.3%
Rate (Percent)	7.9	10.7	4.2	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	62,000	65,600	62,600	-3,600	-5.5%	-600	-1.0%
Employment	55,300	55,600	59,400	-300	-0.5%	-4,100	-6.9%
Unemployment	6,700	10,000	3,300	-3,300	-33.0%	3,400	103.0%
Rate (Percent)	10.9	15.3	5.2	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	49,800	51,600	50,500	-1,800	-3.5%	-700	-1.4%
Employment	45,000	44,500	47,800	500	1.1%	-2,800	-5.9%
Unemployment	4,700	7,100	2,700	-2,400	-33.8%	2,000	74.1%
Rate (Percent)	9.5	13.7	5.4	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

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

(Data in Thousands)

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,042	2,051	2,193	-9	-0.4%	-151	-6.9%
Employment	1,836	1,682	2,076	154	9.2%	-240	-11.6%
Unemployment	206	368	116	-162	-44.0%	90	77.6%
Rate (Percent)	10.1	18.0	5.3	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	186,200	197,000	184,600	-10,800	-5.5%	1,600	0.9%
Employment	164,300	165,000	173,300	-700	-0.4%	-9,000	-5.2%
Unemployment	21,900	32,000	11,200	-10,100	-31.6%	10,700	95.5%
Rate (Percent)	11.8	16.2	6.1	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	592,100	613,400	584,100	-21,300	-3.5%	8,000	1.4%
Employment	542,600	539,600	561,400	3,000	0.6%	-18,800	-3.3%
Unemployment	49,500	73,800	22,800	-24,300	-32.9%	26,700	117.1%
Rate (Percent)	8.4	12.0	3.9	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Jackson MSA (Jackson County)**

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,300	79,100	74,100	-3,800	-4.8%	1,200	1.6%
Employment	67,700	67,700	70,400	0	0.0%	-2,700	-3.8%
Unemployment	7,600	11,400	3,600	-3,800	-33.3%	4,000	111.1%
Rate (Percent)	10.1	14.4	4.9	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	171,300	177,700	168,100	-6,400	-3.6%	3,200	1.9%
Employment	156,300	156,500	160,400	-200	-0.1%	-4,100	-2.6%
Unemployment	15,000	21,200	7,700	-6,200	-29.2%	7,300	94.8%
Rate (Percent)	8.7	11.9	4.6	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	243,600	253,500	244,700	-9,900	-3.9%	-1,100	-0.4%
Employment	223,000	224,500	233,400	-1,500	-0.7%	-10,400	-4.5%
Unemployment	20,600	28,900	11,300	-8,300	-28.7%	9,300	82.3%
Rate (Percent)	8.4	11.4	4.6	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Midland MSA (Midland County)**

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	40,200	41,800	40,500	-1,600	-3.8%	-300	-0.7%
Employment	37,000	37,100	38,700	-100	-0.3%	-1,700	-4.4%
Unemployment	3,200	4,600	1,800	-1,400	-30.4%	1,400	77.8%
Rate (Percent)	7.9	11.1	4.5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Monroe MSA (Monroe County)**

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,800	77,700	76,000	-3,900	-5.0%	-2,200	-2.9%
Employment	67,000	67,300	71,700	-300	-0.4%	-4,700	-6.6%
Unemployment	6,800	10,400	4,300	-3,600	-34.6%	2,500	58.1%
Rate (Percent)	9.2	13.4	5.7	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)**

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	80,300	85,400	79,000	-5,100	-6.0%	1,300	1.6%
Employment	70,000	70,200	74,700	-200	-0.3%	-4,700	-6.3%
Unemployment	10,200	15,100	4,300	-4,900	-32.5%	5,900	137.2%
Rate (Percent)	12.8	17.7	5.4	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	76,500	79,300	75,000	-2,800	-3.5%	1,500	2.0%
Employment	68,900	68,300	71,300	600	0.9%	-2,400	-3.4%
Unemployment	7,600	11,000	3,700	-3,400	-30.9%	3,900	105.4%
Rate (Percent)	9.9	13.8	5.0	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	86,900	90,900	87,300	-4,000	-4.4%	-400	-0.5%
Employment	77,800	77,600	82,300	200	0.3%	-4,500	-5.5%
Unemployment	9,200	13,300	4,900	-4,100	-30.8%	4,300	87.8%
Rate (Percent)	10.6	14.6	5.7	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	142,700	146,200	139,100	-3,500	-2.4%	3,600	2.6%
Employment	131,000	128,700	131,000	2,300	1.8%	0	0.0%
Unemployment	11,700	17,600	8,100	-5,900	-33.5%	3,600	44.4%
Rate (Percent)	8.2	12.0	5.8	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Northeast Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	83,800	86,800	85,800	-3,000	-3.5%	-2,000	-2.3%
Employment	75,200	74,000	80,400	1,200	1.6%	-5,200	-6.5%
Unemployment	8,600	12,800	5,400	-4,200	-32.8%	3,200	59.3%
Rate (Percent)	10.2	14.8	6.3	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	160,800	163,600	161,500	-2,800	-1.7%	-700	-0.4%
Employment	146,800	142,200	154,400	4,600	3.2%	-7,600	-4.9%
Unemployment	14,000	21,400	7,100	-7,400	-34.6%	6,900	97.2%
Rate (Percent)	8.7	13.1	4.4	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Michigan (Data in Thousands)**

	July 2020	June 2020	July 2019	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,872	4,988	4,995	-116	-2.3%	-123	-2.5%
Employment	4,409	4,240	4,743	169	4.0%	-334	-7.0%
Unemployment	463	748	253	-285	-38.1%	210	83.0%
Rate (Percent)	9.5	15.0	5.1	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

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**Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - July 2020**

1	Menominee County	6.6	43	Newaygo County	8.9
2	Mackinac County	6.8	44	St. Clair County	8.9
3	Clinton County	7.1	45	Sanilac County	9.0
4	Dickinson County	7.1	46	Mason County	9.1
5	Leelanau County	7.1	47	Schoolcraft County	9.1
6	Livingston County	7.1	48	Monroe County	9.2
7	Ottawa County	7.5	49	St. Joseph County	9.3
8	Allegan County	7.6	50	Bay County	9.5
9	Huron County	7.8	51	Montcalm County	9.5
10	Iron County	7.8	52	Tuscola County	9.6
11	Osceola County	7.8	53	Alcona County	9.7
12	Barry County	7.9	54	Macomb County	9.8
13	Graiot County	7.9	55	Berrien County	9.9
14	Ionia County	7.9	56	Keweenaw County	9.9
15	Midland County	7.9	57	Arenac County	10.0
16	Washtenaw County	7.9	58	Cass County	10.0
17	Benzie County	8.0	59	Presque Isle County	10.0
18	Delta County	8.0	60	Alger County	10.1
19	Gogebic County	8.1	61	Cheboygan County	10.1
20	Grand Traverse County	8.1	62	Iosco County	10.1
21	Luce County	8.1	63	Jackson County	10.1
22	Marquette County	8.1	64	Ogemaw County	10.1
23	Oakland County	8.1	65	Otsego County	10.1
24	Isabella County	8.2	66	Wexford County	10.1
25	Eaton County	8.3	67	Gladwin County	10.2
26	Emmet County	8.4	68	Kalkaska County	10.2
27	Charlevoix County	8.5	69	Ontonagon County	10.4
28	Houghton County	8.5	70	Oceana County	10.6
29	Alpena County	8.6	71	Saginaw County	10.6
30	Shiawassee County	8.6	72	Calhoun County	10.9
31	Hillsdale County	8.7	73	Crawford County	11.2
32	Kalamazoo County	8.7	74	Manistee County	11.2
33	Kent County	8.7	75	Oscoda County	11.6
34	Antrim County	8.8	76	Lake County	11.7
35	Branch County	8.8	77	Clare County	11.8
36	Lenawee County	8.8	78	Genesee County	11.8
37	Missaukee County	8.8	79	Roscommon County	11.8
38	Van Buren County	8.8	80	Wayne County	12.4
39	Chippewa County	8.9	81	Muskegon County	12.8
40	Ingham County	8.9	82	Baraga County	12.9
41	Lapeer County	8.9	83	Montmorency County	13.2
42	Mecosta County	8.9			