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## Michigan's jobless rate unchanged in June

Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.2 percent in June, according to data released today by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget. Total employment inched up by 2,000 while unemployment rose by 3,000 over the month. The state's workforce edged up slightly in June.

Michigan's jobless rate was half a percentage point above the national rate of 3.7 percent.

Over the year, Michigan's jobless rate edged up by two-tenths of a percentage point. The national jobless rate declined by three-tenths of a percentage point since June 2018.

"Michigan's jobless rate has remained in the narrow range of 4.0 to 4.2 percent since October 2018," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives, "Over the month, payroll jobs showed an increase of 5,000, reflecting small gains in many industries."

### ***Monthly Labor Force Trends & Highlights***

- Michigan's June total employment level of 4,748,000 was the highest level recorded in the state since October of 2005.
- Michigan's number of unemployed residents rose for the fourth consecutive month in June. The statewide total unemployment level grew by 6.9 percent since the beginning of 2019.
- Since June 2018, Michigan employment moved up by 46,000 or 1.0 percent, similar to the national rate of growth. The number of Michigan unemployed rose by 12,000, or 6.1 percent, while unemployment declined nationally.
- From June 2018 to June 2019, Michigan's workforce expanded by 57,000, or 1.2 percent, more than double the pace of the U.S. (+0.5 percent).

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**MICHIGAN**  
**Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	June 2018	May 2019	June 2019	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	4,900	4,953	4,957	4	57
Employment	4,702	4,746	4,748	2	46
Unemployment	198	207	210	3	12
Rate (Percent)	4.0	4.2	4.2	xxx	xxx

***Detroit Metropolitan Area's June Jobless Rate Up Over Month***

The Detroit-Warren-Dearborn Metropolitan Statistical Area's (MSA's) seasonally adjusted jobless rate rose by a tenth of a percentage point in June to 4.6 percent. Total employment edged down by 2,000 while unemployment was up by 2,000. The Detroit metro area labor force was little changed in June.

Over the year, the Detroit metro area unemployment rate advanced by six-tenths of a percentage point. Employment increased by 19,000, or 0.9 percent, while total unemployment was higher by 12,000, or 14.0 percent. The Detroit MSA workforce rose by 32,000, or 1.5 percent, over the year.

**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**  
**Labor Force Estimates**

Seasonally Adjusted  
(Data in Thousands)

	June 2018	May 2019	June 2019	Change	
				Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force	2,125	2,156	2,157	1	32
Employment	2,039	2,060	2,058	-2	19
Unemployment	86	96	98	2	12
Rate (Percent)	4.0	4.5	4.6	xxx	xxx

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### ***June Payroll Jobs Increase Slightly***

According to the monthly survey of employers, seasonally adjusted Michigan payroll jobs advanced by 5,000 in June to 4,447,000. Minor job increases were seen in several major industries, with the exception of trade, transportation and utilities (-2,000).

### ***Industry Employment Trends and Highlights***

- After two consecutive months of small employment declines, Michigan payroll jobs increased in June to reach the highest level so far in 2019.
- In June, Michigan's manufacturing sector advanced in employment after three months of job reductions. The industry added 2,000 jobs in June, due to recalls of auto workers on temporary layoff.
- On a numerical basis, Michigan's leisure and hospitality sector added the largest number of jobs over the past year, resulting in a record high job total of 444,000.
- Despite advancing in jobs over the month, Michigan's education and health services sector exhibited the largest over-the-year numeric job decline, down by 6,000 since June 2018.
- Jobs over the year moved up in Michigan by 19,000 or 0.4 percent. This was well below the national over-the-year job gain of 1.5 percent.
- Manufacturing average weekly earnings advanced both over the month and over the year in June.

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**MICHIGAN**  
**Payroll Employment Estimates**  
*Seasonally Adjusted*  
 (Data in Thousands)

	<u>June</u>	<u>May*</u>	<u>June**</u>	CHANGE***	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs	4,428	4,441	4,447	5	19
Natural Resources & Mining	7	7	7	0	0
Construction	171	172	173	1	2
Manufacturing	628	634	636	2	7
Transportation Equipment	191	194	197	3	6
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	792	792	790	-2	-2
Retail Trade	472	465	464	-1	-8
Information	56	58	58	0	2
Financial Activities	219	222	222	0	3
Professional & Business Services	665	663	665	2	0
Education & Health Services	681	674	675	1	-6
Leisure & Hospitality Services	435	443	444	1	9
Other Services	168	170	171	1	3
Government	607	607	607	0	1

\*Final data for May 2019

\*\* Preliminary data for June 2019

\*\*\* Change calculated using unrounded data

**Hours & Earnings for Production Workers**  
*Seasonally Adjusted*

**Manufacturing**

	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	CHANGE	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Average Weekly Earnings	\$924.76	\$929.08	\$938.70	\$9.62	\$13.94
Average Weekly Hours	43.2	42.0	41.7	-0.3	-1.5

**Transportation Equipment**

	<u>June</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	CHANGE	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,185.91	\$1,182.69	\$1,198.93	\$16.24	\$13.02
Average Weekly Hours	48.0	45.4	45.4	0.0	-2.6