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## **Michigan regional unemployment rates little changed in June**

**LANSING, Mich.** – Not seasonally adjusted jobless rates were largely unchanged in most of Michigan’s 17 labor market areas during June, according to data released today from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

Rate reductions were largest in the Monroe metro area and the Upper Peninsula and Northeast Michigan regions. However, jobless rates in June were unchanged in seven regions, and seven other major Michigan regions had jobless rate changes of 0.2 percentage points or less.

“Michigan regional jobless rates displayed little change in June,” said Wayne Rourke, associate director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. “However, both employment levels and nonfarm job counts rose in most metro areas over the month.”

Michigan major area jobless rates had a minor median decrease of a tenth of a percentage point over the month. The largest rate reductions occurred in the Monroe metropolitan statistical area (MSA) (-0.6 percentage points), the Northeast Lower Michigan region (-0.4 percentage points), and the Upper Peninsula (-0.4 percentage points). The Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, and Detroit metro areas all recorded minor jobless rate increases in June.

### **Regional jobless rates drop significantly over the year**

Unemployment rates fell sharply in all 17 of Michigan’s major labor market regions over the year, as June 2020 rates were high due to pandemic-related job cuts. Rate decreases over the year ranged from 4.0 to 13.9 percentage points, with a median rate drop of 5.4 percentage points.

Regional jobless rates remained above June 2019 levels. All 17 labor market areas had rate increases since June 2019, with a median rate hike of 1.6 percentage points. The largest rate jump was in the Muskegon region (+3.5 percentage points).

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

Employment levels advanced in 14 regions during June. Increases ranged from 0.2 to 2.3 percent, with a median rise of 0.8 percent. Northeast Lower Michigan led the way with the highest monthly percentage employment advance (+2.3 percent). The Lansing and Ann Arbor regions displayed minor employment reductions over the month, and the Battle Creek MSA employment total remained unchanged. Total employment rebounded over the year in 12 Michigan regions, with a median increase of 1.2 percent. Employment moved down in the Bay City and Lansing MSAs and remained unchanged in the Battle Creek, Jackson, and Monroe metro areas since June 2020.

Despite over-the-year advances, employment totals remained below pre-pandemic June 2019 levels, with a median drop of 5.8 percent over the two-year period. The largest reduction occurred in the Muskegon metro area.

### **Labor force levels up over month, down over year**

Regional workforce levels moved up in 14 Michigan areas during June, with a median gain of 0.7 percent. The largest percent labor force advance in June was seasonal and occurred in the Upper Peninsula. Workforce levels decreased slightly in the Ann Arbor and Lansing MSAs and remained unchanged in the Battle Creek region.

All 17 Michigan regions registered labor force decreases over the year, with a median decline of 5.0 percent. These reductions since June 2020 were led by the Muskegon MSA (-7.4 percent).

### **Nonfarm employment edges up in June**

The monthly survey of employers indicated that not seasonally adjusted Michigan payroll jobs increased in June by 51,000, or 1.2 percent, to 4,199,000. Job gains occurred in most major industries, led by the leisure and hospitality sector (+25,000).

Nonfarm jobs increased in 12 metro regions during June, with a median advance of 1.3 percent. The largest percentage employment gain was in the Muskegon metro area. Payroll jobs edged down seasonally in the Ann Arbor region and remained unchanged in the Battle Creek MSA.

Statewide payroll employment recovered by 290,000 over the year, or 7.4 percent, reflecting the recall of workers from pandemic-related layoffs since June 2020. All 14 metro regions had job recalls since June 2020, with a median employment increase of 6.3 percent. However, jobs in Michigan metro areas remain well below June 2019 levels.

**County jobless rates down over month and year**

Forty-four Michigan counties displayed jobless rate reductions in June, while 14 counties had rate increases and 25 county rates were unchanged. Over the year, all 83 counties recorded unemployment rate decreases.

**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 June workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a ranking of county jobless rates for June.

**Note to editors:** Please ensure that the source for state unemployment rates reads “Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.”

**Ann Arbor MSA (Washtenaw County)**

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	188,900	189,300	196,100	-400	-0.2%	-7,200	-3.7%
Employed	180,000	180,500	178,000	-500	-0.3%	2,000	1.1%
Unemployed	8,900	8,700	18,100	200	2.3%	-9,200	-50.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.6	9.2	0.1	XXX	-4.5	XXX

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**Battle Creek MSA (Calhoun County)**

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	60,500	60,500	64,700	0	0.0%	-4,200	-6.5%
Employed	56,400	56,400	56,400	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	4,100	4,100	8,200	0	0.0%	-4,100	-50.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.8	12.7	0.0	XXX	-5.9	XXX

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**Bay City MSA (Bay County)**

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	48,600	48,200	51,600	400	0.8%	-3,000	-5.8%
Employed	45,700	45,300	45,900	400	0.9%	-200	-0.4%
Unemployed	2,900	2,900	5,800	0	0.0%	-2,900	-50.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.1	11.2	-0.1	XXX	-5.2	XXX

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**Detroit-Warren-Dearborn MSA**

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

(Data in Thousands)

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	2,038	2,028	2,104	10	0.5%	-66	-3.1%
Employed	1,940	1,936	1,712	4	0.2%	228	13.3%
Unemployed	98	93	393	5	5.4%	-295	-75.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.6	18.7	0.2	XXX	-13.9	XXX

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**Flint MSA (Genesee County)**

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	178,400	177,300	188,000	1,100	0.6%	-9,600	-5.1%
Employed	165,100	164,100	161,800	1,000	0.6%	3,300	2.0%
Unemployed	13,400	13,300	26,100	100	0.8%	-12,700	-48.7%
Unemployment Rate	7.5	7.5	13.9	0.0	XXX	-6.4	XXX

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

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	573,100	570,700	595,700	2,400	0.4%	-22,600	-3.8%
Employed	545,800	543,600	535,400	2,200	0.4%	10,400	1.9%
Unemployed	27,300	27,100	60,300	200	0.7%	-33,000	-54.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.8	10.1	0.0	XXX	-5.3	XXX

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**Jackson MSA (Jackson County)**

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	72,400	72,100	77,400	300	0.4%	-5,000	-6.5%
Employed	68,100	67,900	68,100	200	0.3%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	4,300	4,300	9,300	0	0.0%	-5,000	-53.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.9	12.0	0.0	XXX	-6.1	XXX

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

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	164,200	163,300	171,800	900	0.6%	-7,600	-4.4%
Employed	155,100	154,400	154,500	700	0.5%	600	0.4%
Unemployed	9,000	8,800	17,300	200	2.3%	-8,300	-48.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.4	10.1	0.1	XXX	-4.6	XXX

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

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	236,600	237,000	249,900	-400	-0.2%	-13,300	-5.3%
Employed	223,500	223,700	226,300	-200	-0.1%	-2,800	-1.2%
Unemployed	13,100	13,300	23,700	-200	-1.5%	-10,600	-44.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.6	9.5	-0.1	XXX	-4.0	XXX

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**Midland MSA** (Midland County)

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	39,600	39,300	41,000	300	0.8%	-1,400	-3.4%
Employed	37,700	37,400	37,200	300	0.8%	500	1.3%
Unemployed	1,900	1,900	3,800	0	0.0%	-1,900	-50.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.9	9.2	0.0	XXX	-4.3	XXX

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**Monroe MSA** (Monroe County)

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	73,000	72,900	77,000	100	0.1%	-4,000	-5.2%
Employed	68,500	68,000	68,500	500	0.7%	0	0.0%
Unemployed	4,500	4,900	8,500	-400	-8.2%	-4,000	-47.1%
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.7	11.0	-0.6	XXX	-4.9	XXX

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**Muskegon MSA (Muskegon County)**

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	75,900	74,600	82,000	1,300	1.7%	-6,100	-7.4%
Employed	69,900	68,700	69,600	1,200	1.7%	300	0.4%
Unemployed	6,000	5,900	12,400	100	1.7%	-6,400	-51.6%
Unemployment Rate	7.9	7.9	15.1	0.0	XXX	-7.2	XXX

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

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	72,800	71,600	76,600	1,200	1.7%	-3,800	-5.0%
Employed	68,600	67,500	67,600	1,100	1.6%	1,000	1.5%
Unemployed	4,200	4,100	9,000	100	2.4%	-4,800	-53.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.7	11.7	0.0	XXX	-6.0	XXX

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**Saginaw MSA (Saginaw County)**

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	83,600	83,000	87,900	600	0.7%	-4,300	-4.9%
Employed	77,700	77,100	77,100	600	0.8%	600	0.8%
Unemployed	5,900	5,900	10,900	0	0.0%	-5,000	-45.9%
Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.1	12.4	-0.1	XXX	-5.4	XXX

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

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	134,800	132,200	138,700	2,600	2.0%	-3,900	-2.8%
Employed	127,400	124,600	124,400	2,800	2.2%	3,000	2.4%
Unemployed	7,300	7,600	14,300	-300	-3.9%	-7,000	-49.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.8	10.3	-0.4	XXX	-4.9	XXX

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**Northeast Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	82,400	80,900	86,700	1,500	1.9%	-4,300	-5.0%
Employed	76,900	75,200	76,200	1,700	2.3%	700	0.9%
Unemployed	5,500	5,700	10,500	-200	-3.5%	-5,000	-47.6%
Unemployment Rate	6.6	7.0	12.1	-0.4	XXX	-5.5	XXX

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**Northwest Lower Michigan LMA**

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

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	149,900	147,900	157,500	2,000	1.4%	-7,600	-4.8%
Employed	141,600	139,600	140,000	2,000	1.4%	1,600	1.1%
Unemployed	8,200	8,300	17,500	-100	-1.2%	-9,300	-53.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.5	5.6	11.1	-0.1	XXX	-5.6	XXX

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**Michigan** (Data in Thousands)

	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Month		Over the Year	
				Numeric	Percent	Numeric	Percent
Civilian Labor Force	4,753	4,726	4,954	27	0.6%	-201	-4.1%
Employed	4,501	4,480	4,251	21	0.5%	250	5.9%
Unemployed	251	247	703	4	1.6%	-452	-64.3%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.2	14.2	0.1	XXX	-8.9	XXX

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**Michigan counties ranked by unemployment rate - June 2021**

1	Livingston County	3.1	43	Iron County	5.7
2	Mackinac County	3.4	44	Montcalm County	5.7
3	Oakland County	3.6	45	Wexford County	5.8
4	Lapeer County	4.2	46	Chippewa County	5.9
5	Ottawa County	4.3	47	Ingham County	5.9
6	Menominee County	4.4	48	Jackson County	5.9
7	St. Clair County	4.4	49	Tuscola County	5.9
8	Clinton County	4.5	50	Bay County	6.0
9	Macomb County	4.5	51	Sanilac County	6.0
10	Barry County	4.6	52	Mason County	6.1
11	Cheboygan County	4.7	53	Monroe County	6.1
12	Washtenaw County	4.7	54	Van Buren County	6.1
13	Allegan County	4.8	55	Wayne County	6.2
14	Dickinson County	4.8	56	Mecosta County	6.5
15	Grand Traverse County	4.8	57	Alcona County	6.6
16	Kent County	4.9	58	Antrim County	6.6
17	Midland County	4.9	59	Oceana County	6.6
18	Cass County	5.0	60	Crawford County	6.7
19	Ionia County	5.0	61	Kalkaska County	6.7
20	Leelanau County	5.0	62	Keweenaw County	6.7
21	Branch County	5.1	63	Otsego County	6.7
22	Gogebic County	5.2	64	Calhoun County	6.8
23	Marquette County	5.2	65	Gladwin County	6.8
24	Eaton County	5.3	66	Iosco County	6.8
25	Houghton County	5.3	67	Luce County	6.8
26	Emmet County	5.4	68	Manistee County	6.8
27	Isabella County	5.4	69	Presque Isle County	6.9
28	Kalamazoo County	5.4	70	Saginaw County	7.0
29	Missaukee County	5.4	71	Baraga County	7.1
30	Shiawassee County	5.4	72	Ogemaw County	7.2
31	Alpena County	5.5	73	Schoolcraft County	7.4
32	Benzie County	5.5	74	Clare County	7.5
33	Charlevoix County	5.5	75	Genesee County	7.5
34	Huron County	5.5	76	Alger County	7.7
35	Lenawee County	5.5	77	Lake County	7.8
36	St. Joseph County	5.5	78	Arenac County	7.9
37	Newaygo County	5.6	79	Muskegon County	7.9
38	Osceola County	5.6	80	Ontonagon County	8.0
39	Berrien County	5.7	81	Oscoda County	8.5
40	Delta County	5.7	82	Montmorency County	8.7
41	Gratiot County	5.7	83	Roscommon County	8.7
42	Hillsdale County	5.7			