REGIONAL LABOR MARKET UPDATE FOR JULY 2019: MID-MICHIGAN AND NORTHEAST MICHIGAN

AUGUST 22, 2019

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR THE MONTH

- Government jobs decreased in local MSAs this month. The seasonal decline is typical for July.
- Although every local MSA had an increase in their respective jobless rates, none increased as much as the statewide rate.
- Jobless rates rose in all 22 nonmetro counties of Mid-Michigan and Northeast Michigan in July.

- At 35,200 total jobs, Bay City had the lowest payroll employment for July since 1992.
- Total nonfarm jobs in Flint are 2.3
 percent higher (+3,200 jobs) over
 the month. At 142,200 Flint has
 the most jobs in the month of July
 since 2007.

Jobless Rates Up Seasonally in Local Metro Areas

July brought a typical increase in Mid-Michigan metro area jobless rates. Every local area had rate growth of at least 0.5 percentage points, but none rose as much as the statewide advance of 0.7 percentage points. Each metro region recorded growth in the number of unemployed, but also had reductions in the total number of people in the labor force.

The Flint metro area had a jobless rate increase of 0.6 percentage points this month. This came with 2.1 percent reduction (-3,800) in the number of employed. At 6.1 percent, Flint continues to have the highest jobless rate of any MSA in the state (**Figures 1, 2, and 7**).

At 4.5 percent, Midland had the lowest jobless rate of any MSA in Mid-Michigan. This rate also ranked as the third lowest rate of any MSA in the state. This is an improvement from June when Midland' jobless rate ranked 5th statewide compared to other regions. Of the four local MSAs, Bay City had the next lowest July jobless rate of 5.5 percent while Saginaw registered a rate of 5.7 percent (**Figures 1, 2, and 7**).

Over the year, jobless rates remained stable in the local MSAs. Bay City and Midland recorded jobless rate bumps of 0.2 and 0.1 respectively. Saginaw remained level and Flint dropped 0.1 percentage points. The state had a small increase of 0.3 percentage points over the year (Figure 7).

Jobless rates rose in all 22 non-metro counties of Mid-Michigan and Northeast Michigan in July. Rate advancement varied across the counties from 0.2 (Arenac) to 1.7 (Gratiot) percentage points. The three highest rates in the state this month were all in the northeast portion of the lower peninsula: Oscoda (8.1 percent), Montmorency (7.8 percent), and Roscommon (7.5 percent).

Over the year, 15 of the 22 local non-metro counties had increases in their jobless rate. Most movements were very modest. Crawford and Otsego's labor forces each added 150 people. Shiawassee County grew by 300 and St. Clair County had a labor force increase of 1,675 individuals (Appendix 1).



"Payroll jobs are down this month in all local metro regions due to seasonal losses in *Government* jobs. Jobless rates rose in all 22 local non-metro counties over the month with mixed outcomes over the year.

- EVAN LINSKEY, ECONOMIC ANALYST

Payroll Jobs Decreased Seasonally in Mid-Michigan MSAs

FLINT METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Over the month, *Total nonfarm* payroll jobs dropped 2,500 (-1.7 percent) in Flint. *Goods producing* industries remained stable moving down only 100 (-0.5 percent) while *Service providing* industries fell 2,400 jobs (-1.9 percent). *Professional and business* services dropped 700 jobs while *Educational and health services* regressed 800 jobs. The largest mover over the month was *Government*, down 1,100 jobs, typical of the season.

Even with this sizable monthly drop, *Government* jobs sit 300 higher than July of 2018. *Manufacturing* recorded the largest total growth over the year adding 1,300. *Total nonfarm* jobs in Flint are 2.3 percent higher (+3,200 jobs) since last July **(Figure 8)**.

SAGINAW METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Saginaw payroll jobs inched down 1.0 percent this month (-900 jobs). *Service providing* industries dropped 1,000 this month with the majority (-700) coming out of *Government*. This is seasonally typical as some school employees are off payrolls for summer break. No other industry shifted more than +/-100.

Over the year, Saginaw grew by a modest 600 jobs (+0.7 percent). *Leisure and hospitality* showed the largest gains over the year adding 600 jobs (+6.5 percent). *Goods producing* industries added 1.3 percent **(Figure 8)**.

BAY CITY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

Bay City jobs declined for the first month since March. Like the other local MSAs, Bay City had the largest decline in *Government* (-300 jobs) of any industry.

Over the year Bay City was also down 300 jobs. *Trade, transportation, and utilities* recorded the most movement over the year dropping 300 jobs (-3.9 percent). At 35,200 total jobs, Bay City has the lowest number of total jobs in July since 1992 **(Figure 8).**

MIDLAND METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

The Midland MSA receded 600 total jobs this month, but 500 of those came from the seasonal movement in *Government* (-16.1 percent).

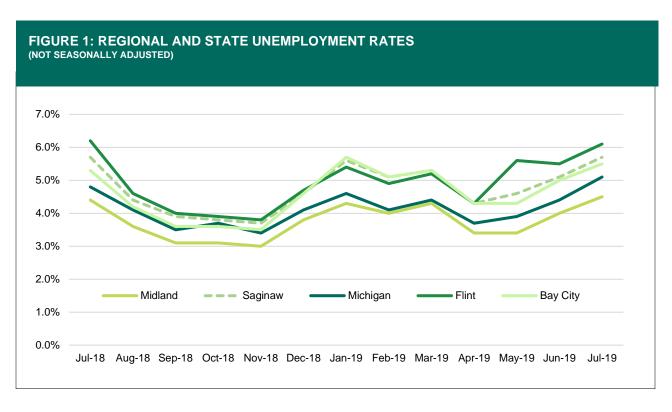
Midland's payroll employment advanced by 300 jobs (+0.8 percent) over the year. The *Goods Producing* sector climbed 600, while the *Service Providing* industries slid 300 since July 2018. *Government* jobs remained flat over the year **(Figure 8)**.

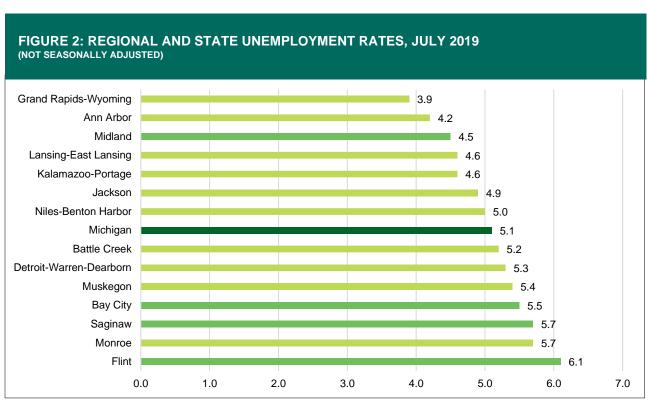
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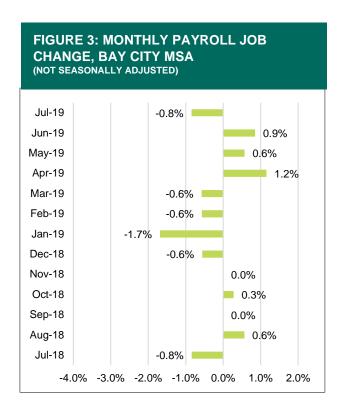


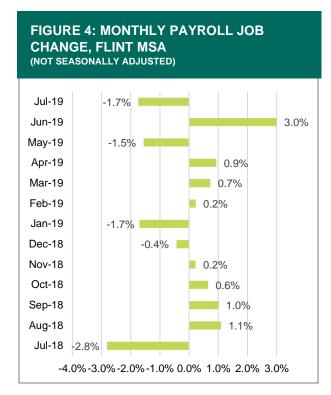
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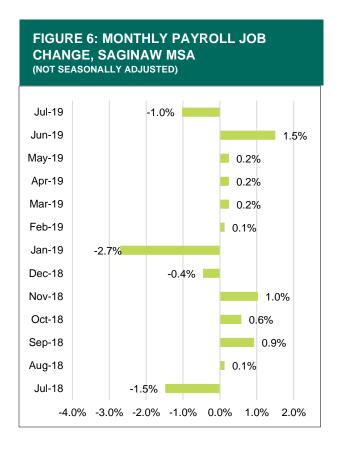


FIGURE 7: REGIONAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, PRELIMINARY)									
	JULY 2019	JUNE 2019	JULY 2018		IE MONTH PERCENT		HE YEAR PERCENT		
BAY CITY MSA (BAY	COUNTY)								
Labor Force	50,800	51,200	50,900	-400	-0.8%	-100	-0.2%		
Employment	48,000	48,600	48,200	-600	-1.2%	-200	-0.4%		
Unemployment	2,800	2,600	2,700	200	7.7%	100	3.7%		
Jobless Rate	5.5%	5.0%	5.3%	0.5		0.2			
FLINT MSA (GENESE	E COUNTY)								
Labor Force	185,700	188,600	183,700	-2,900	-1.5%	2,000	1.1%		
Employment	174,400	178,200	172,300	-3,800	-2.1%	2,100	1.2%		
Unemployment	11,400	10,300	11,300	1,100	10.7%	100	0.9%		
Jobless Rate	6.1%	5.5%	6.2%	0.6		-0.1			
MIDLAND MSA (MIDL	AND COUNTY)								
Labor Force	40,800	41,400	40,800	-600	-1.4%	0	0.0%		
Employment	39,000	39,700	39,000	-700	-1.8%	0	0.0%		
Unemployment	1,800	1,700	1,800	100	5.9%	0	0.0%		
Jobless Rate	4.5%	4.0%	4.4%	0.5		0.1			
SAGINAW MSA (SAGI	INAW COUNTY)								
Labor Force	88,000	88,700	87,800	-700	-0.8%	200	0.2%		
Employment	82,900	84,200	82,800	-1,300	-1.5%	100	0.1%		
Unemployment	5,000	4,500	5,000	500	11.1%	0	0.0%		
Jobless Rate	5.7%	5.1%	5.7%	0.6		0.0			
MICHIGAN									
Labor Force	5,025,000	5,007,000	4,963,000	18,000	0.4%	62,000	1.2%		
Employment	4,770,000	4,788,000	4,725,000	-18,000	-0.4%	45,000	1.0%		
Unemployment	254,000	218,000	237,000	36,000	16.5%	17,000	7.2%		
Jobless Rate	5.1%	4.4%	4.8%	0.7		0.3			

FIGURE 8: REGIONAL PAYROLL JOBS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, PRELIMINARY) JULY **JULY OVER THE MONTH OVER THE YEAR JUNE** 2019 2019 2018 LEVEL PERCENT LEVEL PERCENT **BAY CITY MSA (BAY COUNTY) Total Nonfarm** 35,200 35,500 35,500 -300 -0.8% -300 -0.8% Goods Producing 5,900 6,000 5,800 -100 100 1.7% -1.7% Mining, Logging and Construction 1,400 1,400 1,400 0 0.0% 0 0.0% -100 -2.2% 100 Manufacturing 4,500 4,600 4,400 2.3% Service Providing 29,300 29,500 29,700 -200 -0.7% -400 -1.3% Trade, Transportation, 7,300 7,300 7,600 0 0.0% -300 -3.9% and Utilities Retail Trade 4,900 4,900 5,000 0 0.0% -100 -2.0% 400 0.0% 0.0% Information 400 400 O 0 Financial Activities 1,300 1,300 1,400 0.0% -100 -7.1% Professional and 2,800 2,800 2,700 0 0.0% 100 3.7% **Business Services** Educational and Health 6,500 6,400 6,700 100 -200 -3.0% 1.6% Services Leisure and Hospitality 4,600 4,600 4,500 0 0.0% 100 2.2% Other Services 1,200 1,200 1,300 0 0.0% -100 -7.7% Government 5.200 5.500 5,100 -300 -5.5% 100 2.0% FLINT MSA (GENESEE COUNTY) Total Nonfarm 142,200 144,700 139,000 -2,500 -1.7% 3,200 2.3% Goods Producing 19,500 19,600 18,000 -100 -0.5% 1,500 8.3% Mining, Logging and 6,400 6,200 6,200 200 3.2% 200 3.2% Construction 11.0% Manufacturing 13,100 13,400 11,800 -300 -2.2% 1,300 Service Providing 122,700 125,100 121,000 -2,400 -1.9% 1,700 1.4% Trade, Transportation, 29,800 29,600 29,300 200 0.7% 500 1.7% and Utilities Retail Trade 19,500 20,200 300 -400 -2.0% 19.800 1.5% Information 3,800 3,800 3,800 0 0.0% 0 0.0% Financial Activities 6,100 6,000 6,100 100 1.7% 0 0.0% Professional and 17,000 17,700 16,200 -700 -4.0% 800 4.9% **Business Services** Educational and Health 25,900 26,700 26,600 -800 -3.0% -700 -2.6% Services **Educational Services** 2,500 2,800 2,100 -300 -10.7% 400 19.0% Health Care and Social 23,400 23,900 24,500 -500 -2.1% -1,100 -4.5% Assistance Leisure and Hospitality 16,400 16,500 15,700 -100 -0.6% 700 4.5% Other Services 5,600 5,600 5,500 0.0% 100 1.8% Government 18,100 19,200 17,800 -1,100 -5.7% 300 1.7%

FIGURE 8: REGIONAL PAYROLL JOBS (CONTINUED) (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, PRELIMINARY) **JULY JUNE JULY OVER THE MONTH OVER THE YEAR** 2019 2019 2018 LEVEL PERCENT LEVEL PERCENT MIDLAND MSA (MIDLAND COUNTY) 38,500 300 0.8% Total Nonfarm 37,900 37,600 -600 -1.6% 6.8% Goods Producing 9,400 9,400 8,800 0 0.0% 600 -1.0% Service Providing 28,500 29,100 28,800 -600 -2.1% -300 Government 2,600 3,100 2,600 -500 -16.1% 0 0.0% SAGINAW MSA (SAGINAW COUNTY) 88,700 -900 -1.0% 600 Total Nonfarm 87,800 87,200 0.7% Goods Producing 15,900 15,800 15,700 100 0.6% 200 1.3% Mining, Logging and 3,400 3,300 3,300 3.0% 100 3.0% 100 Construction Manufacturing 12,500 12,500 12,400 0 0.0% 100 0.8% Service Providing 71,900 72,900 71,500 -1,000 -1.4% 400 0.6% Trade, Transportation, 16,800 16,900 16,600 -100 -0.6% 200 1.2% and Utilities Retail Trade 12,000 12,000 11,800 0 0.0% 200 1.7% Information 1,300 1,300 1,400 0 0.0% -100 -7.1% Financial Activities 3,700 3,700 3,700 0 0.0% 0 0.0% Professional and 11,300 11,400 11,200 -100 -0.9% 100 0.9% **Business Services** Educational and Health 15,800 15,900 15,900 -100 -0.6% -100 -0.6% Services Leisure and Hospitality 9,800 9,700 9,200 100 1.0% 600 6.5% Other Services 3,100 3,200 3,300 -100 -3.1% -200 -6.1% 10,100 10,800 10,200 -700 -6.5% -100 -1.0% Government

	JULY 2019	JUNE 2019	JULY 2018		E MONTH PERCENT		THE YEAR PERCENT
ALCONA							
Labor Force	4,000	4,000	4,025	0	0.0%	-25	-0.6%
Employment	3,725	3,750	3,775	-25	-0.7%	-50	-1.3%
Unemployment	275	250	250	25	10.0%	25	10.0%
Jobless Rate	6.8%	6.4%	6.2%	0.4		0.6	
ALPENA							
Labor Force	13,225	13,450	13,300	-225	-1.7%	-75	-0.6%
Employment	12,450	12,800	12,575	-350	-2.7%	-125	-1.0%
Unemployment	775	650	725	125	19.2%	50	6.9%
Jobless Rate	5.9%	4.9%	5.4%	1.0		0.5	
ARENAC							
Labor Force	6,200	6,250	6,225	-50	-0.8%	-25	-0.4%
Employment	5,775	5,850	5,775	-75	-1.3%	0	0.0%
Unemployment	425	400	425	25	6.2%	0	0.0%
Jobless Rate	6.7%	6.5%	6.9%	0.2		-0.2	
CHEBOYGAN							
Labor Force	11,725	11,475	11,650	250	2.2%	75	0.6%
Employment	11,225	11,050	11,150	175	1.6%	75	0.7%
Unemployment	500	450	475	50	11.1%	25	5.3%
Jobless Rate	4.3%	3.8%	4.1%	0.5		0.2	
CLARE							
Labor Force	12,000	12,150	11,950	-150	-1.2%	50	0.4%
Employment	11,200	11,375	11,200	-175	-1.5%	0	0.0%
Unemployment	800	750	750	50	6.7%	50	6.7%
Jobless Rate	6.7%	6.3%	6.3%	0.4		0.4	
CRAWFORD							
Labor Force	5,900	5,950	5,750	-50	-0.8%	150	2.6%
Employment	5,550	5,625	5,400	-75	-1.3%	150	2.8%
Unemployment	350	325	325	25	7.7%	25	7.7%
Jobless Rate	5.9%	5.4%	5.9%	0.5		0.0	
GLADWIN							
Labor Force	10,350	10,425	10,175	-75	-0.7%	175	1.7%
Employment	9,675	9,800	9,600	-125	-1.3%	75	0.8%
Unemployment	675	625	575	50	8.0%	100	17.4%
Jobless Rate	6.5%	5.9%	5.7%	0.6		0.8	

APPENDIX 1: LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES, COUNTIES (CONTINUED) (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, PRELIMINARY)

	JULY 2019	JUNE 2019	JULY 2018		E MONTH PERCENT		HE YEAR PERCENT
GRATIOT							
Labor Force	17,675	18,100	17,625	-425	-2.3%	50	0.3%
Employment	16,550	17,250	16,650	-700	-4.1%	-100	-0.6%
Unemployment	1,125	850	975	275	32.4%	150	15.4%
Jobless Rate	6.4%	4.7%	5.6%	1.7		0.8	
HURON							
Labor Force	16,425	16,400	16,625	25	0.2%	-200	-1.2%
Employment	15,550	15,650	15,750	-100	-0.6%	-200	-1.3%
Unemployment	875	725	875	150	20.7%	0	0.0%
Labor Force	5.3%	4.5%	5.2%	0.8		0.1	
IOSCO							
Labor Force	10,500	10,450	10,550	50	0.5%	-50	-0.5%
Employment	9,800	9,800	9,875	0	0.0%	-75	-0.8%
Unemployment	675	650	675	25	3.8%	0	0.0%
Jobless Rate	6.5%	6.2%	6.5%	0.3		0.0	
ISABELLA							
Labor Force	35,150	35,425	35,125	-275	-0.8%	25	0.1%
Employment	33,325	33,825	33,475	-500	-1.5%	-150	-0.4%
Unemployment	1,800	1,575	1,650	225	14.3%	150	9.1%
Jobless Rate	5.2%	4.5%	4.7%	0.7		0.5	
LAPEER							
Labor Force	43,000	41,925	42,050	1,075	2.6%	950	2.3%
Employment	40,400	39,675	39,750	725	1.8%	650	1.6%
Unemployment	2,600	2,250	2,300	350	15.6%	300	13.0%
Jobless Rate	6.1%	5.4%	5.5%	0.7		0.6	
MONTMORENCY							
Labor Force	3,200	3,200	3,175	0	0.0%	25	0.8%
Employment	2,950	2,975	2,925	-25	-0.8%	25	0.9%
Unemployment	250	225	250	25	11.1%	0	0.0%
Jobless Rate	7.8%	7.2%	8.0%	0.6		-0.2	
OGEMAW							
Labor Force	8,350	8,425	8,425	-75	-0.9%	-75	-0.9%
Employment	7,800	7,875	7,850	-75	-1.0%	-50	-0.6%
Unemployment	575	550	550	25	4.5%	25	4.5%
Jobless Rate	6.8%	6.5%	6.7%	0.3		0.1	

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	JULY 2019	JUNE 2019	JULY 2018		IE MONTH PERCENT		THE YEAR PERCENT
OSCODA							
Labor Force	3,375	3,325	3,275	50	1.5%	100	3.1%
Employment	3,100	3,100	3,050	0	0.0%	50	1.6%
Unemployment	275	225	225	50	22.2%	50	22.2%
Jobless Rate	8.1%	6.6%	7.1%	1.5		1.0	
OTSEGO							
Labor Force	12,250	12,250	12,100	0	0.0%	150	1.2%
Employment	11,450	11,625	11,450	-175	-1.5%	0	0.0%
Unemployment	800	625	650	175	28.0%	150	23.1%
Jobless Rate	6.5%	5.1%	5.4%	1.4		1.1	
PRESQUE ISLE							
Labor Force	5,400	5,375	5,400	25	0.5%	0	0.0%
Employment	5,025	5,025	5,000	0	0.0%	25	0.5%
Unemployment	375	350	400	25	7.1%	-25	-6.2%
Jobless Rate	7.1%	6.5%	7.2%	0.6		-0.1	
ROSCOMMON							
Labor Force	8,275	8,375	8,225	-100	-1.2%	50	0.6%
Employment	7,675	7,775	7,625	-100	-1.3%	50	0.7%
Unemployment	625	600	600	25	4.2%	25	4.2%
Jobless Rate	7.5%	7.1%	7.2%	0.4		0.3	
SANILAC							
Labor Force	20,250	20,225	20,425	25	0.1%	-175	-0.9%
Employment	19,125	19,250	19,250	-125	-0.6%	-125	-0.6%
Unemployment	1,125	1,000	1,175	125	12.5%	-50	-4.3%
Jobless Rate	5.6%	4.9%	5.7%	0.7		-0.1	
SHIAWASSEE							
Labor Force	33,450	33,975	33,150	-525	-1.5%	300	0.9%
Employment	31,700	32,425	31,550	-725	-2.2%	150	0.5%
Unemployment	1,775	1,550	1,600	225	14.5%	175	10.9%
Jobless Rate	5.3%	4.6%	4.8%	0.7		0.5	
ST. CLAIR							
Labor Force	78,450	76,675	76,775	1,775	2.3%	1,675	2.2%
Employment	74,150	72,975	72,900	1,175	1.6%	1,250	1.7%
Unemployment	4,300	3,700	3,875	600	16.2%	425	11.0%
Jobless Rate	5.5%	4.8%	5.0%	0.7		0.5	
TUSCOLA							
Labor Force	24,275	24,600	24,250	-325	-1.3%	25	0.1%
Employment	22,775	23,250	22,725	-475	-2.0%	50	0.2%
Unemployment	1,500	1,325	1,525	175	13.2%	-25	-1.6%
Jobless Rate	6.2%	5.4%	6.3%	0.8		-0.1	

APPENDIX 2: LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES, MICHIGAN WORKS! AREAS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, PRELIMINARY) JUNE OVER THE YEAR LEVEL PERCENT **JULY** JULY **OVER THE MONTH** 2019 2018 LEVEL PERCENT 2019 **GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!** 0.0% Labor Force 232,400 234,800 232,300 -2,400 -1.0% 100 219,800 223,600 220,200 -3,800 -1.7% -400 -0.2% Employment Unemployment 12,600 11,200 12,100 1,400 12.5% 500 4.1% Jobless Rate 5.4% 4.8% 5.2% 0.2 0.6 **GST MICHIGAN WORKS!** Labor Force 323,200 325,700 320,200 -2,500 -0.8% 3,000 0.9% Employment 303,900 308,500 301,400 -4,600 -1.5% 2,500 0.8% Unemployment 19,200 17,200 18,800 2,000 11.6% 400 2.1% 0.7 Jobless Rate 6.0% 5.3% 5.9% 0.1 MICHIGAN WORKS! NORTHEAST CONSORTIUM Labor Force 59,100 59,000 58,700 100 0.2% 400 0.7% -400 55,500 55,900 55,400 -0.7% 100 0.2% Employment Unemployment 3,600 3,100 3,300 500 16.1% 300 9.1% Jobless Rate 6.1% 5.3% 5.6% 0.8 0.5 MICHIGAN WORKS! REGION 7B CONSORTIUM Labor Force 55,700 56,100 55,500 -400 -0.7% 200 0.4% 0.0% 51,900 Employment 52,500 51,900 -600 -1.1% 0 Unemployment 3,800 3,600 3,600 200 5.6% 200 5.6% Jobless Rate 6.8% 6.5% 0.4 0.3 6.4%

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	Leelanau County	3.6	44	St. Clair County	5.5
	Grand Traverse County	3.7	45	Marquette County	5.6
	Livingston County	3.7	46	Sanilac County	5.6
	Ottawa County	3.7	47	Manistee County	5.7
	Clinton County	3.8	48	Monroe County	5.7
	Allegan County	3.9	49	Oceana County	5.7
	Kent County	3.9	50	Saginaw County	5.7
	Barry County	4.1	51	Iron County	5.8
	Oakland County	4.1	52	Luce County	5.8
	Charlevoix County	4.2	53	Mecosta County	5.8
_	Washtenaw County	4.2	54	Alpena County	5.9
_	Cheboygan County	4.3	55	Crawford County	5.9
_	Kalamazoo County	4.4	56	Delta County	5.9
	Midland County	4.5	57	Genesee County	6.1
_	Eaton County	4.6	58	Lapeer County	6.1
	Emmet County	4.6	59	Dickinson County	6.2
	Benzie County	4.8	60	Houghton County	6.2
	Osceola County	4.8	61	Tuscola County	6.2
_	Antrim County	4.9	62	Gogebic County	6.4
	Ingham County	4.9	63	Gratiot County	6.4
	Jackson County	4.9	64	Chippewa County	6.5
	Berrien County	5.0	65	Gladwin County	6.5
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	Ionia County	5.0	66	losco County	6.5
_	Lenawee County	5.0	67	Otsego County	6.5
_	Macomb County	5.0	68	Wayne County	6.5
_	Menominee County	5.0	69	St. Joseph County	6.6
_	Missaukee County	5.0	70	Schoolcraft County	6.6
	Branch County	5.1	71	Arenac County	6.7
_	Mason County	5.1	72	Clare County	6.7
_	Newaygo County	5.1	73	Alcona County	6.8
_	Wexford County	5.1	74	Ogemaw County	6.8
_	Calhoun County	5.2	75	Alger County	7.0
_	Hillsdale County	5.2	76	Baraga County	7.0
_	Isabella County	5.2	77	Presque Isle County	7.1
	Huron County	5.3	78	Ontonagon County	7.3
_	Montcalm County	5.3	79	Keweenaw County	7.4
_	Shiawassee County	5.3	80	Lake County	7.4
	Van Buren County	5.3	81	Roscommon County	7.5
	Muskegon County	5.4	82	Montmorency County	7.8
	Bay County	5.5	83	Oscoda County	8.1
	Cass County	5.5			