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.

“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.”

The state of Michigan posted a not seasonally adjusted June 2021 unemployment rate of 5.3 percent, 0.6 percentage points below the national average. This represents a 0.1 percentage point increase from May 2021’s rate of 5.2 percent.

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

When breaking the numbers down by county, the combined, not seasonally adjusted, June 2021 jobless rate of 5.7 percent for the seven-county Southwest Michigan region was unchanged from May 2021. Among regional counties, Cass posted the lowest seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate in June 2021 at 5.0 percent, followed by Branch County with a rate of 5.1 percent, and Kalamazoo County with a rate of 5.4 percent. Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, and Cass counties all had unchanged rates month-over-month. Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties had an increase in rate by 0.1 percentage point, and St. Joseph county reduced its rate by 0.1 percentage point.

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