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MICHIGAN DEPT. OF ENERGY, LABOR & ECON. GROWTH/LABOR MARKET ANALYSIS - SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN  
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES  
By Place of Residence/Seasonally Unadjusted. October, 2009 \*\*

Areas	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE					EMPLOYMENT					UNEMPLOYMENT RATES		
	Oct. 2009	Sept. 2009	Oct. 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change	Oct. 2009	Sept. 2009	Oct. 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change	Oct 09	Sept 09	Oct 08
Jackson MSA	74,800	74,000	76,000	800	-1,200	63,900	62,900	69,200	1,000	-5,300	14.5	14.9	9.0
Hillsdale Co.	20,975	20,900	21,075	75	-100	17,450	17,325	18,800	125	-1,350	16.7	17.1	10.8
Lenawee Co.	47,950	47,625	48,475	325	-525	40,575	40,000	43,550	575	-2,975	15.4	16.0	10.1
Michigan	4,846,000	4,824,000	4,917,000	22,000	-71,000	4,152,000	4,111,000	4,490,000	41,000	-338,000	14.3	14.8	8.7
U.S.A.*	153,635	153,617	155,012	18	-1,377	139,088	139,079	145,543	9	-6,455	9.5	9.5	6.1

\* Expressed in thousands; \*\* All labor force and employment numbers are rounded to the nearest 25 for counties, 100 for MSAs, and 1,000 for the State and the U.S.

## October Jobless Rates Down Seasonally in All Regional Counties

Area counties continued to record seasonal job gains in the private and public education sectors. These gains were partially offset by seasonal employment declines in leisure and hospitality. Jobless rates edged down in October by an average of -0.4 percentage points.

### Labor Force Mostly Up Over the Month but Down Over the Year

Labor force rose over the month in almost all regional counties, with the exception of Branch (-25) and Allegan (-350) counties. Labor force increases ranged from +75 in Hillsdale County to +2,300 in Kalamazoo County. Over the year, labor force declined in all regional counties, ranging from -100 in Hillsdale to -3,025 in Kalamazoo County.

### Employment Mostly Up Over the Month but Substantially Down Over the Year in All Counties

October employment by place of residence rose seasonally in almost all regional counties at an average of 1.4 percentage points, with the exception of Allegan County, where employment inched down by three tenths of a percentage point. Job gains ranged from +125 in Branch and Hillsdale counties to +2,825 in Kalamazoo County. Seasonal job additions were recorded in the education sector, as schools returned to full-staffing after the initial September recalls of workers who were temporary laid off over the summer. Professional and business services also added jobs in October, while employment in leisure and hospitality declined seasonally.

Over the year, employment fell sharply in all area counties, ranging from -1,025 in Branch to -8,125 in Kalamazoo County. The average rate of employment decline over the year in October was approximately 6.7 percent.

### Jobless Rates Down over the Month but Substantially Up over the Year

October unemployment rates decreased in almost all area counties, with the exception of Cass County, where the rate remained flat over the month. Nine regional counties recorded lower rates than the statewide rate of 14.3 percent in October (Barry, Kalamazoo, Cass, Calhoun, Van Buren, Allegan, Berrien, Branch, and St. Joseph). The remaining three regional counties (Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale) registered higher jobless rates than the state.

Jobless rates soared over the year by an average of 4.6 percentage points. Hillsdale County recorded the highest jobless rate increase over the year (+5.9 percentage points), followed by Jackson (+5.5) and Lenawee (+5.3).

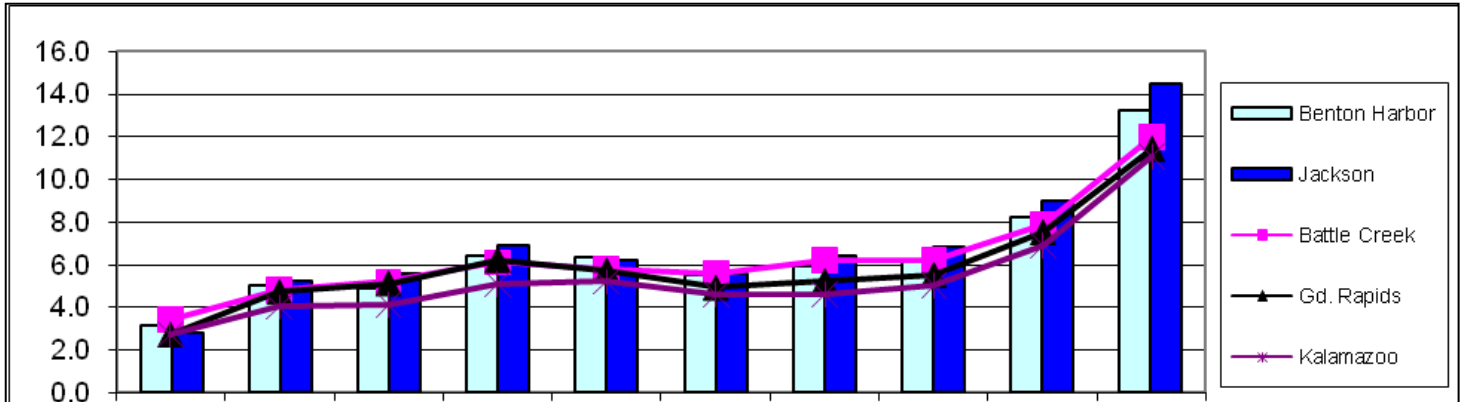
### Local Metro Area October Unemployment Rates Since 2000

From October 2000 to October 2009, jobless rates escalated in the Jackson (+11.7 percentage points), Niles-Benton Harbor (+10.1), Grand Rapids (+8.7), Battle Creek (+8.6), and Kalamazoo (+8.4) metro areas.

Year \ Areas	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Jackson	2.8	5.2	5.6	6.9	6.2	5.6	6.4	6.8	9.0	14.5

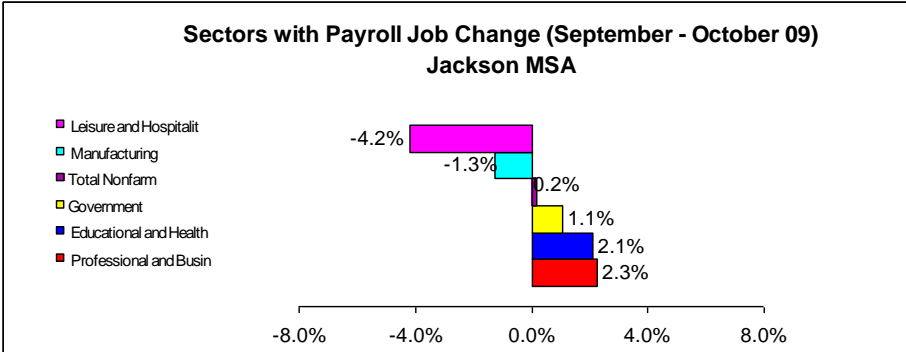
October unemployment rates increased from 2000 to 2003; fell in 2004-05; rose again in 2006-08, and then jumped sharply in 2009, as national recessionary conditions were exacerbated locally by troubles in the auto industry. The current year continues to set record high unemployment rates since the early 1980s.

**Comparing the Trend of Local MSAs' October Unemployment Rates Since 2000**



Payroll jobs in the **Jackson MSA** (Jackson County) were estimated at 54,000 in October (up 100 from September). A seasonal gain of 300 jobs was recorded in private and public education. However, the area lost 200 jobs seasonally in leisure and hospitality and 100 jobs in manufacturing.

Compared to October 2008, payroll job levels in most industries either declined or remained unchanged. The increase of 200 jobs recorded in government is likely due to a data collection timing issue. Manufacturing employment plunged by 1,300 over the year. Leisure and hospitality and retail trade each cut 500 jobs, while professional and business services and construction each lost 400 jobs over the year. Overall payroll employment in Jackson was 3,300 (or -5.8%) below last year's October level.



South Central Michigan MSAs Payroll Employment - October 2009							
Jackson MSA	October 2009	September 2009	October 2008	Monthly Change	Monthly % Change	Annual Change	Annual % Change
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>53,900</b>	<b>57,300</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-3,300</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>
Mining, Logging, and Construction	1,600	1,600	2,000	0	0.0%	-400	-20.0%
Manufacturing	7,700	7,800	9,000	-100	-1.3%	-1,300	-14.4%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	11,200	11,200	11,900	0	0.0%	-700	-5.9%
Information	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,800	1,800	1,900	0	0.0%	-100	-5.3%
Professional and Business	4,500	4,400	4,900	100	2.3%	-400	-8.2%
Educational and Health	9,700	9,500	9,800	200	2.1%	-100	-1.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,600	4,800	5,100	-200	-4.2%	-500	-9.8%
Other Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Government	9,600	9,500	9,400	100	1.1%	200	2.1%



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South Central Michigan Works! Agency Local Area Employment Data - 2009

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Ann Avg
<b>South Central Michigan</b>													
Labor force	143,925	143,775	144,025	142,700	144,475	148,250	146,650	143,975	142,500	143,675			144,475
Employment	123,975	123,550	122,800	122,700	121,875	123,050	121,300	121,050	120,250	122,000			122,275
Unemployed	19,925	20,225	21,225	20,000	22,575	25,175	25,350	22,925	22,250	21,675			22,175
Rate	13.8	14.1	14.7	14.0	15.6	17.0	17.3	15.9	15.6	15.1			14.2
<b>Hillsdale</b>													
Labor force	21,275	21,125	21,425	21,100	21,475	22,175	21,750	21,300	20,900	20,975			21,350
Employment	17,600	17,550	17,575	17,625	17,500	17,775	17,400	17,525	17,325	17,450			17,525
Unemployed	3,675	3,575	3,875	3,475	3,975	4,400	4,350	3,800	3,575	3,500			3,825
Rate	17.3	17.0	18.0	16.4	18.5	19.9	20.0	17.8	17.1	16.7			17.9
<b>Jackson</b>													
Labor force	74,400	74,500	74,400	73,600	74,700	76,300	76,200	75,000	74,000	74,800			74,800
Employment	65,400	65,100	64,500	64,200	64,100	64,500	64,000	63,700	62,900	63,900			64,200
Unemployed	9,000	9,400	10,000	9,400	10,600	11,800	12,200	11,300	11,000	10,800			10,500
Rate	12.1	12.7	13.4	12.7	14.1	15.5	16.0	15.1	14.9	14.5			14.1
<b>Lenawee</b>													
Labor force	48,275	48,150	48,175	48,025	48,300	49,775	48,725	47,650	47,625	47,950			48,275
Employment	40,975	40,950	40,775	40,850	40,250	40,825	39,875	39,825	40,000	40,575			40,500
Unemployed	7,300	7,200	7,425	7,175	8,050	8,925	8,850	7,825	7,650	7,375			7,775
Rate	15.1	15.0	15.4	14.9	16.7	18.0	18.2	16.4	16.0	15.4			16.1