

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH
BUREAU OF LABOR MARKET INFORMATION & STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES – AUGUST 2009
(By Place of Residence – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLMT	TOTAL UNEMPL	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)		
				AUGUST 2009	JULY 2009	AUGUST 2008
Upper Peninsula	158,600	140,100	18,500	11.7	12.3	7.7
Eastern U. P.	27,825	25,050	2,775	10.0	10.5	7.6
Chippewa County	17,525	15,500	2,025	11.6	12.2	8.8
Luce County	2,775	2,425	350	12.3	12.8	9.0
Mackinac County	7,525	7,125	400	5.3	5.8	4.5
Central U. P.	91,575	81,025	10,550	11.5	12.3	7.3
Alger County	4,400	3,850	550	12.5	12.7	8.3
Delta County	20,175	17,775	2,400	11.9	13.2	7.8
Dickinson County	14,450	12,750	1,725	11.9	12.6	6.9
Marquette County	35,200	31,550	3,625	10.3	10.6	6.8
Menominee County	13,375	11,625	1,750	13.1	14.5	7.0
Schoolcraft County	3,950	3,450	500	12.8	13.7	10.1
Western U. P.	39,250	34,075	5,175	13.2	13.7	8.5
Baraga County	4,675	3,550	1,125	23.8	24.5	12.6
Gogebic County	7,600	6,600	1,000	13.2	13.8	8.7
Houghton County	16,675	14,875	1,775	10.7	11.4	7.6
Keweenaw County	975	850	125	13.1	15.0	10.0
Iron County	5,900	5,225	675	11.5	11.9	7.8
Ontonagon County	3,400	2,925	475	14.0	13.0	7.9
Michigan	4,875,900	4,157,700	718,200	14.7	15.6	8.6
United States	154,897,000	140,074,000	14,823,000	9.6	9.7	6.1

In August the unemployment rate in the Upper Peninsula fell seasonally to 11.7 percent, a monthly drop of six-tenths of a percentage point below July's 12.3 percent.

Jobless rates contracted in all but one of the Upper Peninsula counties. Ontonagon County's jobless rate moved up over the month by a full percentage point to 14.0 percent. During August, the largest jobless rate decrease was recorded in Keweenaw County, down by 1.9 percentage points, followed by Menominee and Delta Counties with reductions of 1.4 and 1.3 percentage points, respectively.

The lowest unemployment rate in August in Michigan was recorded in Mackinac County at 5.3 percent, as tourism activity kept joblessness low. Marquette and Houghton counties also registered rates below the UP average at 10.3 and 10.7 percent, respectively. The highest Michigan jobless rate in August was recorded by Baraga County at 23.8 percent, although the rate edged down by 0.7 percentage points over the month.

Since August 2008, the unemployment in the Upper Peninsula rose by 4.0 percentage points. Over the year jobless rates increased in all fifteen U.P. counties, with a large rate advance in Baraga County (+11.2 percentage points), followed by Menominee, and Ontonagon counties both up by 6.1 percentage points, and Dickinson County (+5.0 percentage points).

The Upper Peninsula's not seasonally adjusted August 2009 jobless rate of 11.7 percent was well below Michigan average of 14.7 percent, but above the national rate of 9.6 percent.