

LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2011

On **January 3**, the BLS released updated Local Area Unemployment Statistics for November 2011 and **OAKLAND COUNTY's jobless rate fell from 9.4% to 8.1%**. The decrease of 1.3% in the jobless rate was the largest single month decline since the same time period in 2010. **OAKLAND COUNTY'S** 12-month unemployment rate dropped from 10.4% to 10.2% for the period from November 2010 to October 2011 compared to a drop of 10.7% to 10.5% for the State of Michigan over the same periods.

	<u>Nov-07</u>	<u>Nov-08</u>	<u>Nov-09</u>	<u>Nov-10</u>	<u>Nov-11</u>		<u>Oct-11</u>	<u>Nov-11</u>
OAKLAND COUNTY	5.7%	8.1%	13.1%	10.2%	8.1%	Genesee	9.4%	8.7%
Bloomfield Twp	4.3%	6.1%	10.0%	7.7%	6.7%	Lapeer	10.7%	10.2%
Commerce Twp	4.5%	6.5%	10.6%	8.2%	6.5%	Livingston	8.5%	7.6%
Farmington Hills	4.8%	6.8%	11.1%	8.6%	6.8%	Macomb	10.8%	9.5%
Ferndale	5.7%	8.1%	13.1%	10.2%	8.1%	Monroe	8.1%	7.5%
Independence Twp	5.0%	7.1%	11.6%	8.9%	7.1%	OAKLAND	9.4%	8.1%
Madison Heights	6.4%	9.0%	14.5%	11.3%	9.0%	St. Clair	11.5%	10.6%
Novi	3.6%	5.1%	8.5%	6.5%	5.2%	Washtenaw	5.7%	5.2%
Oak Park	8.7%	12.2%	19.2%	15.1%	12.2%	Wayne	12.1%	10.7%
Orion Twp	5.2%	7.4%	12.1%	9.3%	7.4%	SEMCOG Region	10.3%	9.1%
Pontiac	15.1%	20.6%	30.8%	25.0%	20.7%	EGA Region	9.6%	8.4%
Rochester Hills	3.3%	4.7%	7.8%	6.0%	4.7%			
Royal Oak	3.5%	5.0%	8.3%	6.3%	5.0%			
Southfield	7.3%	10.3%	16.5%	12.9%	10.3%			
Troy	4.9%	7.0%	11.5%	8.9%	7.0%			
Waterford Twp	6.5%	9.2%	14.9%	11.6%	9.3%			
West Bloomfield	4.0%	5.7%	9.4%	7.2%	5.7%			
White Lake Twp	5.1%	7.3%	11.9%	9.2%	7.3%			
Detroit	13.5%	17.6%	24.4%	19.9%	17.1%			
Detroit MSA	7.1%	9.8%	14.7%	11.6%	9.5%			
Michigan	6.6%	9.1%	13.2%	10.8%	8.4%			
United States	4.5%	6.5%	9.4%	9.3%	8.2%			

The jobless rates for each of the region's counties are provided **ABOVE**. Overall, the region's labor force declined by 25,156 participants while the number of employed residents increased by 6,457 from October to November.

To the **LEFT** are the current jobless rates for each community in **OAKLAND COUNTY** with a minimum population of 25,000 residents. In October 2011, the jobless rate in each community was significantly lower than the same period of the previous year.

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The chart below provides a different perspective on the labor force and employment situations in **OAKLAND COUNTY** since January 2005. Over the course of the past 6 years, as employment has increased, growth in the labor force has tended to follow a month behind. The highest and lowest points for the county's labor force and employment are also outlined for reference purposes.

