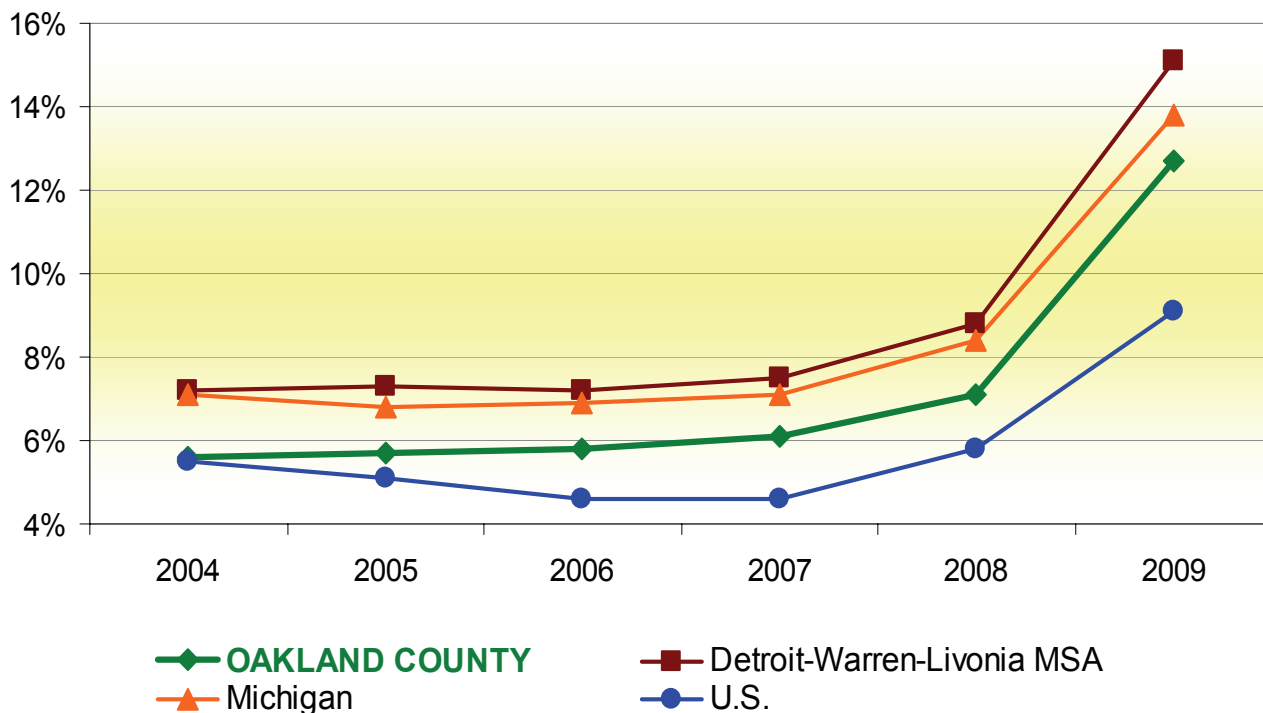


# EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

## Unemployment Trends

Unemployment in Oakland County remains lower than the region and the state

Area	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 <sup>1</sup>
<b>OAKLAND COUNTY</b>	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%	6.1%	7.1%	12.7%
Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA	7.2%	7.3%	7.2%	7.5%	8.8%	15.1%
Michigan	7.1%	6.8%	6.9%	7.1%	8.4%	13.8%
U.S.	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%	4.6%	5.8%	9.1%



- ◆ Through the first seven months of 2009, Oakland County averaged the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest jobless rate in the seven-county Southeast Michigan region.
- ◆ Recent resizing among General Motors, Ford and Chrysler combined with the national downturn in residential and commercial construction are major contributors to the county's jobless numbers.
- ◆ In August 2009, Oakland County experienced a 0.6% decrease in the jobless rate from the previous month – the largest decrease since November to December of 2008.
- ◆ While Oakland County has seen an increase in unemployment in recent years, the County is projected to experience a net increase in employment between 2010 and 2011.

<sup>1</sup> Through August 2009

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
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