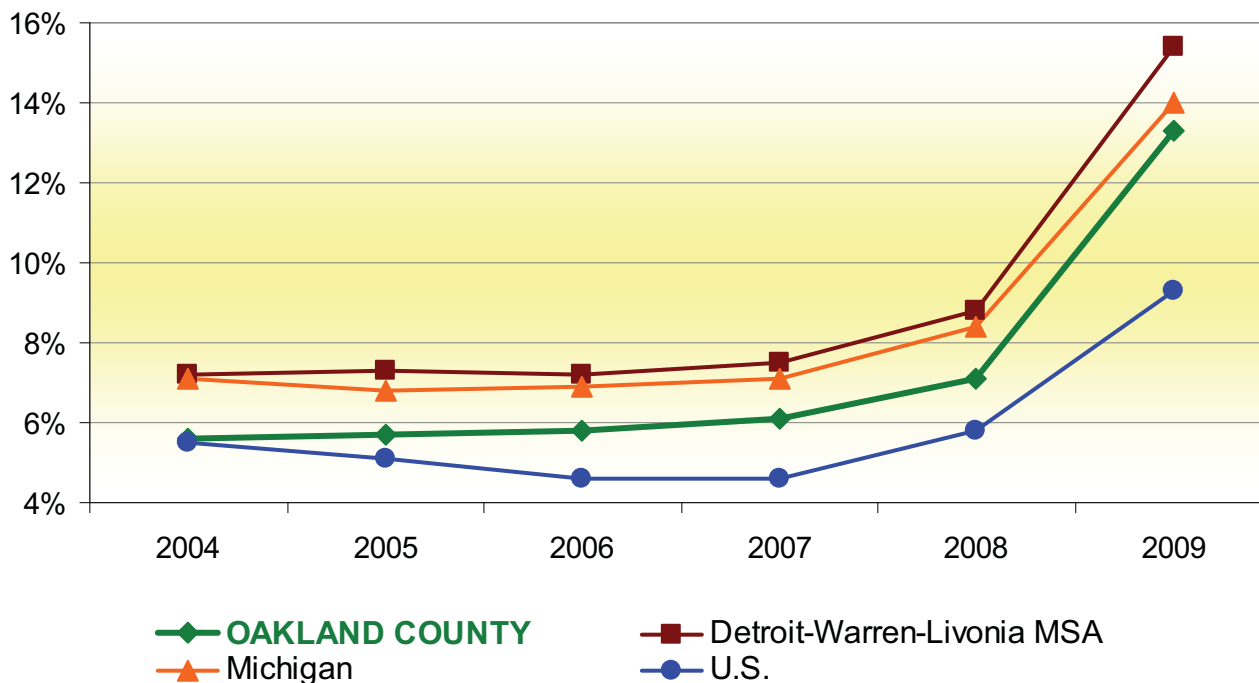


# EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

## Unemployment Trends

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

Area	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>OAKLAND COUNTY</b>	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%	6.1%	7.1%	13.3%
Detroit-Warren-Livonia MSA	7.2%	7.3%	7.2%	7.5%	8.8%	15.4%
Michigan	7.1%	6.8%	6.9%	7.1%	8.4%	14.0%
U.S.	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%	4.6%	5.8%	9.3%



- ◆ Oakland County had the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest jobless rate in the seven-county Southeast Michigan region for 2009, behind only Washtenaw County.
- ◆ Recent resizing among General Motors, Ford and Chrysler combined with the national downturn in the residential and commercial construction industries were major contributors to the county's jobless numbers.
- ◆ The number of unemployed workers in Oakland County has fallen by nearly 18% from the peak high in July of 2009.
- ◆ 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.

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