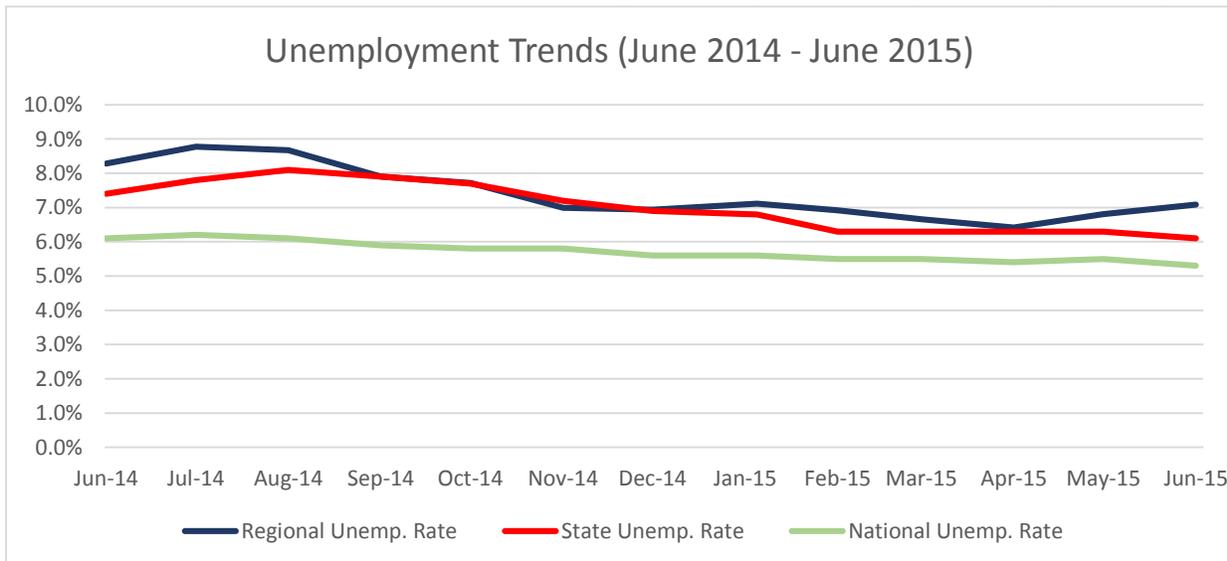
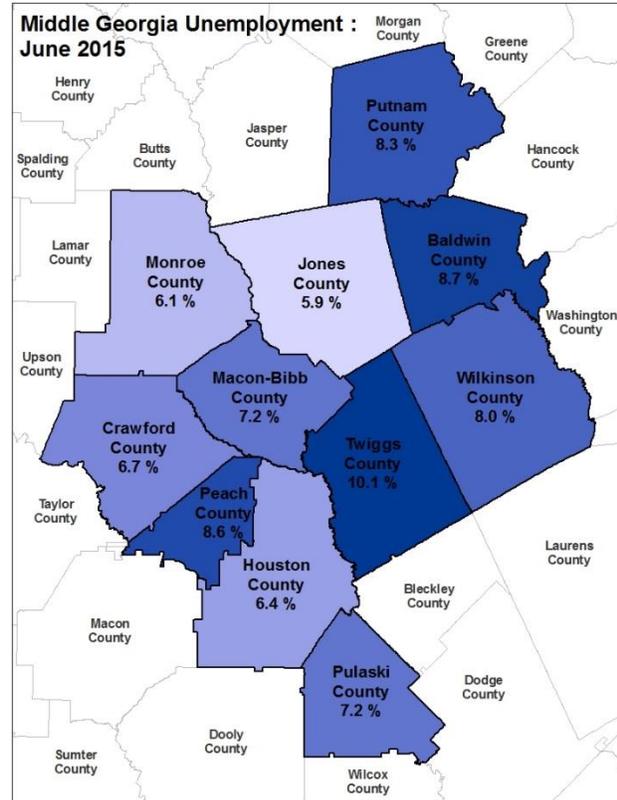


In June 2015, the unemployment rate for Middle Georgia increased for the second month up to 7.1 percent, as 10 out of 11 counties recorded an increase in unemployment, with only Pulaski County remaining unchanged. Again, this continues the seasonal trend of increasing unemployment during the late spring and early summer months, although the June 2015 rate is significantly lower than one year ago. Meanwhile, the seasonally-adjusted numbers for the state and national unemployment rates both declined, with the state’s unemployment rate dropping to 6.1 percent, while the national rate fell to 5.3 percent. The Macon Metropolitan Area did experience some job growth in June, adding approximately 200 new jobs. Most of this increase came from the service-related industries, including trade, transportation, and warehousing sectors, as well as the goods-producing sectors of manufacturing and construction. Over the past 12 months, the region has seen job gains in the leisure and hospitality and education and health services sectors, but job losses in the government sector.

	June-14	May-15	June-15
Baldwin	10.8%	7.9%	8.7%
Macon-Bibb	8.7%	7.0%	7.2%
Crawford	7.8%	6.4%	6.7%
Houston	7.3%	6.2%	6.4%
Jones	6.8%	5.7%	5.9%
Monroe	7.2%	5.9%	6.1%
Peach	10.6%	8.3%	8.6%
Pulaski	9.2%	7.2%	7.2%
Putnam	8.5%	8.0%	8.3%
Twiggs	8.8%	9.8%	10.1%
Wilkinson	8.2%	7.8%	8.0%
Middle GA	8.3%	6.8%	7.1%
Georgia	7.4%	6.3%	6.1%
US	6.1%	5.5%	5.3%



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