

## Labor

### Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>May - 11</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.  *These numbers are quarterly/weekly wages and have been prorated by GFMEDC to demonstrate an annual wage for the quarter. It is important to note there are quarterly fluctuations in wages such as 4th quarter bonuses in addition to some seasonal effects.
	ND	May -11	3.0%	3.5%		
	MN	May -11	6.4%	6.9%		
	US	May -11	8.7%	9.3%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>May -11</b>	<b>117,745</b>	<b>120,589</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>	
	ND	May -11	375,815	372,800	0.8%	
	MN	May -11	2,975,000	2,966,194	0.3%	
	US	May -11	153,449,000	153,866,000	-0.3%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>May -11</b>	<b>113,593</b>	<b>116,018</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>	
	ND	May -11	364,575	359,779	1.3%	
	MN	May -11	2,785,958	2,762,181	0.9%	
	US	May -11	140,028,000	139,497,000	0.4%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>4th Qtr-10 Annualized</b>	<b>\$1,088,349,990</b> \$42,952*	<b>\$1,027,991,445</b> \$41,340*	5.9%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>4th Qtr-10 Annualized</b>	<b>\$156,751,023</b> 33,748*	<b>\$153,344,880</b> \$33,020*	2.2%	

## Property

### Nat'l Association of Home Builders - MSA Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits

Year To Date	May 2011	May 2010	% Change
Total Units	420	300	40%
Single Family	120	290	-59%
Multi-Family	300	20	1,400%

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	May 2011	May 2010	% Change	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	% Change
Total Passengers	52,898	59,907	-11.7%	296,835	309,835	-4.4%

## Consumers

### ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	4th Qtr 2010	4th Qtr 2009	% Change	YTD 2010	YTD 2009	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$698,828,200	\$660,771,412	5.8%	\$2,523,336,318	\$2,396,459,805	5.29%

For more information on N.D. state and local sales & use tax, visit [www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse](http://www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse).