

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Aug - 11	3.9%	3.9%		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	Aug -11	3.3%	3.7%		
	MN	Aug -11	6.7%	7.0%		
	US	Aug -11	9.1%	9.5%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Aug -11	120,325	120,699	-0.3%	
	ND	Aug -11	384,991	378,653	1.7%	
	MN	Aug -11	3,009,794	2,987,825	0.7%	
	US	Aug -11	154,344,000	154,678,000	-0.2%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Aug -11	115,658	115,944	-0.2%	
	ND	Aug -11	372,230	364,683	2.1%	
	MN	Aug -11	2,808,370	2,778,407	1.1%	
	US	Aug -11	140,335,000	139,919,000	0.3%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	4th Qtr-10 Annualized	\$1,088,349,990 \$42,952*	\$1,027,991,445 \$41,340*	5.9% 3.9%	
	Clay	4th Qtr-10 Annualized	\$156,751,023 33,748*	\$153,344,880 \$33,020*	2.2% 2.2%	

Property

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

Year To Date	Aug 2011	Aug 2010	% Change
Total Units	890	810	10%
Single Family	300	480	-38%
Multi-Family	590	330	79%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Aug 2011	Aug 2010	% Change	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	% Change
Total Passengers	58,894	63,125	-6.7%	482,292	505,846	-4.7%

Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	2nd Qtr 2011	2nd Qtr 2010	% Change	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	683,380,926	\$630,430,820	8.4%	\$1,227,022,017	\$1,145,283,695	7.14%

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