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LABOR

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

MEASURE		MONTH	MOST RECENT	YEAR EARLIER	% CHANGE
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Jul-16	2.3%	2.3%	
	ND	Jul-16	2.8%	2.6%	
	MN	Jul-16	3.7%	3.7%	
	US	Jul-16	5.1%	5.6%	
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Jul-16	137,830	132,506	4.0%
	ND	Jul-16	427,735	421,375	1.5%
	MN	Jul-16	3,043,633	3,045,681	-0.1%
	US	Jul-16	160,705,000	158,527,000	1.4%
Employed	F-M MSA	Jul-16	134,700	129,462	4.0%
	ND	Jul-16	415,895	410,583	1.3%
	MN	Jul-16	2,929,793	2,934,121	-0.1%
	US	Jul-16	152,437,000	149,722,000	1.8%
Wage Growth - Total Wages and Average Annual Salary	Cass	2015 Annual	\$5,516,375,048 \$47,684	\$5,231,990,059 \$45,968	3.7%
	Clay	2015 Annual	\$699,782,048 \$37,752	\$670,393,210 \$36,296	4.0%

Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted. Most recent labor statistics are estimates generated monthly through the LAUS program with frequent revisions as updated data becomes available.

*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.

PROPERTY

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



	YEAR TO DATE	JULY 2016	JULY 2015	% CHANGE
Total Units		1,282	1,571	-18%
Single Family		701	767	-9%
Multi-Family		581	804	-28%

NAHB housing starts data excludes residential remodel permits. For quarterly new and remodel residential and commercial permits, visit www.hbafm.com.

COST OF LIVING

Council for Community and Economic Research - Cost of Living Index

COMPOSITE INDEX	GROCERY	HOUSING	UTILITIES	TRANSPORTATION	HEALTH CARE	OTHER SERVICES
99.8	107.4	91.7	94.5	95.8	111.3	105.2

2016 Quarter 2 Data released August 2016.

The average for participating places, both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan, equals 100. Each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places.

TRANSPORTATION

Hector International Airport – Total Passengers

JULY 2016	JULY 2015	% CHANGE	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	% CHANGE
71,624	82,735	-13.4%	462,872	531,217	-12.9%

CONSUMERS

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner — Taxable Sales and Purchases (Cass County)

1ST QTR 2016	1ST QTR 2015	% CHANGE	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	% CHANGE
\$643,058,308	\$669,095,017	-3.89%	\$643,058,308	\$669,095,017	-3.89%

For more information on N.D. state and local sales & use tax, visit <http://www.nd.gov/tax>.