

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Mar- 12	4.1%	4.4%		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	Mar-12	3.8%	4.1%		
	MN	Mar-12	6.5%	7.2%		
	US	Mar-12	8.4%	9.2%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Mar- 12	121,092	120,105	0.8%	
	ND	Mar-12	384,615	375,555	2.4%	
	MN	Mar-12	2,960,071	2,962,624	-0.1%	
	US	Mar-12	154,316,000	153,022,000	0.8%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Mar- 12	116,080	114,804	1.1%	
	ND	Mar-12	370,127	360,047	2.8%	
	MN	Mar-12	2,766,716	2,749,082	0.6%	
	US	Mar-12	141,412,000	138,962,000	1.8%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	3rd Qtr-11 Annualized	\$1,098,102,564 \$42,796	\$977,615,340 \$ 39,416	12.3% 8.6%	
	Clay	3rd Qtr-11 Annualized	\$149,744,010 \$33,332	\$142,223,796 \$30,888	5.3% 7.9%	

Property

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

Year To Date	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	% Change
Total Units	280	230	22%
Single Family	80	20	300%
Multi-Family	200	210	-5%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Mar 2012	Mar 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Total Passengers	77,319	72,239	7.0%	198,942	188,965	5.3%

Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	3rd Qtr 2011	3rd 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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