

## 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>July - 12</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.	
	ND	July -12	2.9%	3.4%			
	MN	July -12	5.9%	6.9%			
	US	July -12	8.6%	9.3%			
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>July 12</b>	<b>121,760</b>	<b>122,675</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>		
	ND	July -12	397,586	391,021	1.7%		
	MN	July -12	3,014,558	3,012,391	0.1%		
	US	July -12	156,526,000	154,812,000	1.1%		
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>July- 12</b>	<b>117,788</b>	<b>118,152</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>		*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	July -12	386,120	377,794	2.2%		
	MN	July -12	2,836,150	2,803,255	1.2%		
	US	July -12	143,126,000	140,384,000	2.0%		
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>1st Qtr-12 Annualized</b>	<b>\$1,112,452,031</b>	<b>\$990,258,446</b>	12.3%		
			\$43,108	\$ 39,780	8.4%		
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>1st Qtr-12 Annualized</b>	<b>\$143,460,299</b>	<b>\$134,556,085</b>	6.6%		
			\$33,124	\$31,460	5.3%		

## Property

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

Year To Date	July 2012	July 2011	% Change	
Total Units	900	700	29%	*Twinhomes are included in multi-family numbers
Single Family	520	250	108%	
Multi-Family	380	450	-16%	

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	July 2012	July 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Total Passengers	65,804	66,758	-1.4%	444,073	423,398	4.9%

## Consumers

### ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	1st Qtr 2012	1st Qtr 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$623,920,784	\$543,386,123	14.8%	\$623,920,784	\$543,386,123	14.8%

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