

## 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>Nov- 11</b>               | <b>3.1%</b>                        | <b>3.6%</b>                      |              | Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.<br><br>*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             | Nov -11                      | 2.9%                               | 3.4%                             |              |  |
|   | MN             | Nov -11                      | 5.2%                               | 6.6%                             |              |  |
|   | US             | Nov -11                      | 8.2%                               | 9.3%                             |              |  |
| Labor Force   | <b>F-M MSA</b> | <b>Nov -11</b>               | <b>119,370</b>                     | <b>117,881</b>                   | <b>1.3%</b>  |  |
|   | ND             | Nov -11                      | 374,712                            | 364,924                          | 2.7%         |  |
|   | MN             | Nov -11                      | 2,959,922                          | 2,965,921                        | -0.2%        |  |
|   | US             | Nov -11                      | 153,683,000                        | 153,698,000                      | 0.0%         |  |
| Employed  | <b>F-M MSA</b> | <b>Nov -11</b>               | <b>115,612</b>                     | <b>113,620</b>                   | <b>1.8%</b>  |  |
|   | ND             | Nov -11                      | 363,966                            | 352,439                          | 3.3%         |  |
|   | MN             | Nov -11                      | 2,805,335                          | 2,770,477                        | 1.3%         |  |
|   | US             | Nov -11                      | 141,070,000                        | 139,415,000                      | 1.2%         |  |
| Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary | <b>Cass</b>    | <b>2nd Qtr-11 Annualized</b> | <b>\$1,020,873,646</b><br>\$39,988 | <b>\$954,018,494</b><br>\$38,324 | 7.0%<br>4.3% |  |
|   | <b>Clay</b>    | <b>2nd Qtr-10 Annualized</b> | <b>\$139,481,888</b><br>31,616     | <b>\$138,190,923</b><br>\$30,004 | 0.9%<br>5.4% |  |

## Property

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

| Year To Date  | Nov2011 | Nov 2010 | % Change |
|---------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Total Units   | 1,440   | 1,180    | 22%      |
| Single Family | 510     | 670      | -24%     |
| Multi-Family  | 930     | 510      | 82%      |

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

|                  | Nov 2011 | Nov 2010 | % Change | YTD 2011 | YTD 2010 | % Change |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total Passengers | 53,017   | 53,279   | 0.5%     | 638,940  | 667,152  | -4.2%    |

## Consumers

### ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

|   | 3rd Qtr 2011  | 3rd Qtr 2010  | % Change | YTD 2011        | YTD 2010        | % Change |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County) | \$753,172,059 | \$681,412,662 | 10.5%    | \$1,980,194,076 | \$1,826,969,357 | 8.40%    |

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