

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-14	2.8%	3.1%	
	ND	Jul-14	2.7%	2.8%	
	MN	Jul-14	4.3%	5.0%	
	US	Jul-14	6.5%	7.7%	
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Jul-14	126,347	122,921	2.8%
	ND	Jul-14	420,997	409,885	2.7%
	MN	Jul-14	3,022,650	3,005,054	0.6%
	US	Jul-14	157,573,000	157,196,000	0.2%
Employed	F-M MSA	Jul-14	122,805	119,112	3.1%
	ND	Jul-14	409,543	398,545	2.8%
	MN	Jul-14	2,892,157	2,853,785	1.3%
	US	Jul-14	147,265,000	145,113,000	1.5%
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total and Average Annual Salary	Cass	1st Qtr-14 Annualized*	\$1,246,082,793 \$45,188	\$1,162,849,239 \$43,524	7.2% 3.8%
	Clay	1st Qtr-14 Annualized*	\$156,946,520 \$35,308	\$151,684,179 \$33,956	3.5% 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	JUL 2014	JUL 2013	% CHANGE
Total Units		1,817	1,600	14%
Single Family*		577	637	-9%
Multi-Family		1,240	963	29%

*Twinhomes, townhomes and duplexes are included in single family numbers.

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
94.0	103.0	82.9	94.0	95.9	109.9	95.9

April 2014 Data- 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

JUL 2014	JUL 2013	% CHANGE	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% CHANGE
83,673	75,826	10.3%	539,901	478,940	12.7%

CONSUMERS

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

1ST QTR 2014	1ST QTR 2013	% CHANGE	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% CHANGE
\$652,160,313	\$622,634,377	4.7%	\$652,160,313	\$622,634,377	4.7%

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

These economic indicators have been compiled by the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation. For additional information, call 701-364-1900.