

## LABOR

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

MEASURE		MONTH	MOST RECENT	YEAR EARLIER	% CHANGE
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Apr-14	2.8%	3.5%	
	ND	Apr-14	2.6%	3.1%	
	MN	Apr-14	4.5%	5.2%	
	US	Apr-14	5.9%	7.1%	
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Apr-14	123,202	121,860	1.1%
	ND	Apr-14	406,098	398,853	1.8%
	MN	Apr-14	2,977,908	2,964,363	0.5%
	US	Apr-14	154,845,000	154,739,000	0.1%
Employed	F-M MSA	Apr-14	119,797	117,634	1.8%
	ND	Apr-14	395,383	386,407	2.3%
	MN	Apr-14	2,844,103	2,810,541	1.2%
	US	Apr-14	145,767,000	143,724,000	1.4%
Wage Growth - Total Wages and Average Annual Salary	Cass	2013 Annual	\$4,844,687,884 \$44,252	\$4,612,125,057 \$43,264	5.0% 2.3%
	Clay	2013 Annual	\$638,460,486 \$34,632	\$608,622,011 \$33,748	4.9% 2.6%

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.

## PROPERTY

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



	YEAR TO DATE	APR 2014	APR 2013	% CHANGE
Total Units		459	457	0%
Single Family*		195	183	7%
Multi-Family		264	274	-4%

\*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](http://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
94.2	102.1	83.6	89.6	95.4	111.3	97.7

January 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

APR 2014	APR 2013	% CHANGE	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% CHANGE
73,255	58,996	24.2%	310,560	273,332	13.6%

## CONSUMERS

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

4TH QTR 2013	4TH QTR 2012	% CHANGE	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	% CHANGE
\$859,050,485	\$834,504,283	2.9%	\$3,125,583,081	\$3,052,017,126	2.4%

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