

## 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>Jan-12</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>		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	Jan-12	3.8%	4.4%		
	MN	Jan-12	6.4%	7.6%		
	US	Jan-12	8.8%	9.8%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Jan -12</b>	<b>121,100</b>	<b>121,179</b>	<b>-0.06%</b>	
	ND	Jan-12	381,486	371,161	2.8%	
	MN	Jan-12	2,942,318	2,940,239	0.1%	
	US	Jan-12	153,485,000	152,536,000	0.6%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Jan -12</b>	<b>116,049</b>	<b>115,607</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	
	ND	Jan-12	366,846	354,820	3.4%	
	MN	Jan-12	2,754,428	2,715,678	1.4%	
	US	Jan-12	139,944,000	137,559,000	1.7%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>3rd Qtr-11 Annualized</b>	<b>\$1,098,102,564</b> \$42,796	<b>\$977,615,340</b> \$ 39,416	12.3% 8.6%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>3rd Qtr-11 Annualized</b>	<b>\$149,744,010</b> \$33,332	<b>\$142,223,796</b> \$30,888	5.3% 7.9%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	Jan 2012	Jan 2011	% Change
Total Units	53	43	23%
Single Family	11	7	57%
Multi-Family	42	36	17%

## Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Jan 2012	Jan 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Total Passengers	58,742	57,607	2.0%	58,742	57,607	2.0%

## 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%

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