

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Dec- 11	3.7%	4.1%		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	Dec -11	3.2%	3.8%		
	MN	Dec -11	5.7%	6.8%		
	US	Dec -11	8.3%	9.1%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Dec -11	118,780	118,139	0.5%	
	ND	Dec -11	374,161	365,112	2.5%	
	MN	Dec -11	2,950,118	2,939,883	0.3%	
	US	Dec -11	153,373,000	153,156,000	0.1%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Dec -11	114,431	113,300	1.0%	
	ND	Dec -11	362,005	351,112	3.1%	
	MN	Dec -11	2,781,634	2,739,587	1.5%	
	US	Dec -11	140,681,000	139,159,000	1.1%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	2nd Qtr-11 Annualized	\$1,020,873,646 \$39,988	\$954,018,494 \$38,324	7.0% 4.3%	
	Clay	2nd Qtr-10 Annualized	\$139,481,888 31,616	\$138,190,923 \$30,004	0.9% 5.4%	

Property

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

Year To Date	Dec 2011	Dec 2010	% Change
Total Units	1,457	1,243	17%
Single Family	526	687	-23%
Multi-Family	931	556	67%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Dec 2011	Dec 2010	% Change	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	% Change
Total Passengers	60,609	57,789	4.9%	699,549	724,941	-3.5%

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%

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