

## 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>Dec -12</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>		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.
	ND	Dec -12	3.3%	3.3%		
	MN	Dec -12	5.4%	5.8%		
	US	Dec -12	7.6%	8.3%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Dec -12</b>	<b>120,090</b>	<b>121,603</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	
	ND	Dec -12	385,856	382,626	0.8%	
	MN	Dec -12	2,964,169	2,967,170	-0.1%	
	US	Dec -12	154,904,000	153,373,000	1.0%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Dec -12</b>	<b>115,723</b>	<b>117,118</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	
	ND	Dec -12	372,954	370,112	0.8%	
	MN	Dec -12	2,803,166	2,796,420	0.2%	
	US	Dec -12	143,060,000	140,681,000	1.7%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>2nd Qtr-12 Annualized</b>	<b>\$1,096,952,979</b>	<b>\$1,020,800,123</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	
			\$41,028	\$39,988	2.6%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>2nd Qtr-12 Annualized</b>	<b>\$148,169,950</b>	<b>\$139,603,470</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	
			\$33,124	\$31,564	4.9%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	Dec 2012	Dec 2011	% Change	
Total Units	2,110	1,457	45%	*Twinhomes are included in multi-family numbers
Single Family	938	526	78%	
Multi-Family	1,172	931	26%	

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	Dec 2012	Dec 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Total Passengers	60,787	60,609	0.3%	728,799	699,549	4.2%

## Consumers

### ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	3rd Qtr 2012	3rd Qtr 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$824,200,648	\$753,397,860	9.4%	\$2,223,534,375	\$1,979,112,341	12.4%

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