

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	May- 12	3.0%	3.6%		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.
	ND	May -12	2.7%	3.2%		
	MN	May-12	5.2%	6.1%		
	US	May-12	7.9%	8.7%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	May- 12	122,102	120,579	1.3%	
	ND	May-12	391,859	384,211	2.0%	
	MN	May-12	2,973,291	2,981,492	-0.3%	
	US	May-12	154,998,000	153,449,000	1.0%	
Employed	F-M MSA	May- 12	118,438	116,231	1.9%	*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	May-12	381,248	372,004	2.5%	
	MN	May-12	2,817,926	2,798,707	0.7%	
	US	May-12	142,727,000	140,028,000	1.9%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	4th Qtr-11 Annualized	\$1,134,590,080	\$1,088,349,990	4.2%	
	Clay	4th Qtr-11 Annualized	\$158,365,207	\$157,208,688	0.7%	
			\$43,160	\$ 42,952	0.5%	
			\$35,308	\$33,696	4.8%	

Property

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

Year To Date	May 2012	May 2011	% Change	
Total Units	610	420	45%	*Twinhomes are included in multi-family numbers
Single Family	310	120	158%	
Multi-Family	300	300	0%	

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	May 2012	May 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Total Passengers	59,810	52,998	13.1%	316,029	296,105	6.7%

Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	1st Qtr 2012	1st Qtr 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$623,920,784	\$543,386,123	14.8%	\$623,920,784	\$543,386,123	14.8%
<i>For more information on N.D. state and local sales & use tax, visit www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse.</i>						