

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Feb- 12	4.3%	4.5%		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.
	ND	Feb-12	3.9%	4.2%		
	MN	Feb-12	6.6%	7.4%		
	US	Feb-12	8.7%	9.5%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Feb- 12	122,042	122,261	-0.2%	
	ND	Feb-12	383,543	373,405	2.7%	
	MN	Feb-12	2,947,018	2,948,123	0.0%	
	US	Feb-12	154,114,000	152,635,000	1.0%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Feb- 12	116,799	116,817	0.0%	*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	Feb-12	368,597	357,786	3.0%	
	MN	Feb-12	2,751,468	2,731,340	0.7%	
	US	Feb-12	140,684,000	138,093,000	1.9%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	3rd Qtr-11 Annualized	\$1,098,102,564 \$42,796	\$977,615,340 \$ 39,416	12.3% 8.6%	
	Clay	3rd Qtr-11 Annualized	\$149,744,010 \$33,332	\$142,223,796 \$30,888	5.3% 7.9%	

Property

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

Year To Date	Feb 2012	Feb 2011	% Change
Total Units	110	150	-27%
Single Family	20	10	100%
Multi-Family	90	140	-36%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Feb 2012	Feb 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Total Passengers	77,319	72,239	7.0%	198,942	188,965	5.3%

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%

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