

## 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>April- 12</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.
	ND	April -12	3.1%	3.5%		
	MN	April-12	5.2%	6.5%		
	US	April-12	7.7%	8.7%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>April- 12</b>	<b>121,746</b>	<b>120,511</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	
	ND	April-12	388,323	379,269	2.4%	
	MN	April-12	2,950,665	2,975,680	-0.8%	
	US	April-12	153,905,000	152,898,000	0.7%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>April- 12</b>	<b>117,764</b>	<b>115,845</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	*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	April-12	376,158	366,160	2.7%	
	MN	April-12	2,795,899	2,782,708	0.5%	
	US	April-12	141,995,000	139,661,000	1.7%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>4th Qtr-11 Annualized</b>	<b>\$1,134,590,080</b> \$43,160	<b>\$1,088,349,990</b> \$ 42,952	4.2% 0.5%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>4th Qtr-11 Annualized</b>	<b>\$158,365,207</b> \$35,308	<b>\$157,208,688</b> \$33,696	0.7% 4.8%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	April 2012	April 2011	% Change
Total Units	450	300	50%
Single Family	200	70	186%
Multi-Family	250	230	9%

## Transportation

Hector International Airport

	April 2012	April 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Total Passengers	57,277	54,242	5.6%	256,219	243,207	5.4%

## Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	4th Qtr 2011	4th Qtr 2010	% Change	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$799,675,947	\$696,098,013	14.9%	\$2,026,697,964	\$1,841,381,708	10.06%

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