

## 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>Sept -12</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.
	ND	Sept -12	2.4%	2.9%		
	MN	Sept -12	5.3%	5.8%		
	US	Sept -12	7.6%	8.8%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Sept -12</b>	<b>120,707</b>	<b>122,077</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	
	ND	Sept -12	391,047	386,213	1.3%	
	MN	Sept -12	2,977,883	2,990,454	-0.4%	
	US	Sept -12	155,075,000	154,022,000	0.7%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Sept -12</b>	<b>117,292</b>	<b>117,859</b>	<b>-0.5%</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	Sept -12	381,812	375,004	1.8%	
	MN	Sept -12	2,821,321	2,816,579	0.2%	
	US	Sept -12	143,333,000	140,502,000	2.0%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>1st Qtr-12 Annualized</b>	<b>\$1,112,452,031</b> \$43,108	<b>\$990,258,446</b> \$ 39,780	12.3% 8.4%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>1st Qtr-12 Annualized</b>	<b>\$143,460,299</b> \$33,124	<b>\$134,556,085</b> \$31,460	6.6% 5.3%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	Sept 2012	Sept 2011	% Change	
Total Units	1,285	1,078	19%	*Twinhomes are included in multi-family numbers
Single Family	721	366	97%	
Multi-Family	564	712	-21%	

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	Sept 2012	Sept 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Total Passengers	51,472	50,038	2.9%	556,687	532,330	4.6%

## Consumers

### ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	2nd Qtr 2012	2nd Qtr 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$775,412,943	\$682,328,358	13.6%	\$1,399,333,727	\$1,225,714,481	14.2%

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