

## 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>Aug - 12</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.
	ND	Aug -12	2.8%	3.5%		
	MN	Aug -12	5.6%	6.2%		
	US	Aug -12	8.2%	9.1%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Aug - 12</b>	<b>121,760</b>	<b>122,621</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	
	ND	Aug -12	395,739	391,537	1.1%	
	MN	Aug -12	2,991,372	3,004,553	-0.4%	
	US	Aug -12	155,255,000	154,344,000	0.6%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Aug - 12</b>	<b>117,865</b>	<b>117,917</b>	<b>0.0%</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	Aug -12	384,624	378,000	1.8%	
	MN	Aug -12	2,823,029	2,819,521	0.1%	
	US	July -12	142,558,000	140,335,000	1.6%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>1st Qtr-12 Annualized</b>	<b>\$1,112,452,031</b>	<b>\$990,258,446</b>	12.3%	
			\$43,108	\$ 39,780	8.4%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>1st Qtr-12 Annualized</b>	<b>\$143,460,299</b>	<b>\$134,556,085</b>	6.6%	
			\$33,124	\$31,460	5.3%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	Aug 2012	Aug 2011	% Change	
Total Units	1141	889	28%	*Twinhomes are included in multi-family numbers
Single Family	631	295	114%	
Multi-Family	510	594	-14%	

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	Aug 2012	Aug 2011	% Change	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	% Change
Total Passengers	61,142	58,894	3.8%	505,215	482,292	4.8%

## 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	14.16%
<i>For more information on N.D. state and local sales &amp; use tax, visit <a href="http://www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse">www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse</a>.</i>						