

## LABOR

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

MEASURE		MONTH	MOST RECENT	YEAR EARLIER	% CHANGE
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	MAY -15	2.5%	2.4%	
	ND	MAY -15	2.8%	2.4%	
	MN	MAY -15	3.6%	3.8%	
	US	MAY -15	5.3%	6.1%	
Labor Force	F-M MSA	MAY -15	129,365	129,333	0.0%
	ND	MAY -15	416,687	416,749	0.0%
	MN	MAY -15	3,029,136	2,970,657	2.0%
	US	MAY -15	157,719,000	155,841,000	1.2%
Employed	F-M MSA	MAY -15	126,165	126,240	-0.1%
	ND	MAY -15	405,055	406,614	-0.4%
	MN	MAY -15	2,919,748	2,857,271	2.2%
	US	MAY -15	149,349,000	146,398,000	2.0%
Wage Growth - Total wages and Average Annual Salary	Cass	2014 Annual	\$5,231,990,059 \$45,968	\$4,844,687,884 \$44,252	8.0% 3.9%
	Clay	2014 Annual	\$661,483,926 \$36,036	\$638,928,180 \$34,632	3.5% 4.1%

Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted. Most recent labor statistics are estimates generated monthly through the LAUS program with frequent revisions as updated data becomes available.

## PROPERTY

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



	YEAR TO DATE	MAY 2015	MAY 2014	% CHANGE
Total Units		717	581	23%
Single Family*		460	311	48%
Multi-Family		257	270	-5%

\*Twinhomes, townhomes and duplexes are included in single family numbers.

NAHB housing starts data excludes residential remodel permits. For quarterly new and remodel residential and commercial permits, visit [www.hbafm.com](http://www.hbafm.com).

## COST OF LIVING

Council for Community and Economic Research - Cost of Living Index

COMPOSITE INDEX	GROCERY	HOUSING	UTILITIES	TRANSPORTATION	HEALTH CARE	OTHER SERVICES
96.0	100.7	90.3	98.5	95.4	114.0	96.0

2015 Quarter 1 Data - The average for participating places, both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan, equals 100. Each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places.

## TRANSPORTATION

Hector International Airport – Total Passengers

MAY 2015	MAY 2014	% CHANGE	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% CHANGE
69,304	69,877	-0.8%	373,903	380,457	-1.7%

## CONSUMERS

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner — Taxable Sales and Purchases (Cass County)

1ST QTR 2015	1ST QTR 2014	% CHANGE	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% CHANGE
\$673,603,504	\$651,728,408	3.4%	\$673,603,504	\$651,728,408	3.4%

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