

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.

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.