

## LABOR

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

MEASURE		MONTH	MOST RECENT	YEAR EARLIER	% CHANGE
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Apr -15	2.6%	2.8%	
	ND	Apr -15	3.1%	2.8%	
	MN	Apr -15	3.8%	4.3%	
	US	Apr -15	5.4%	5.9%	
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Apr -15	129,990	128,055	1.5%
	ND	Apr -15	417,736	411,621	1.5%
	MN	Apr -15	3,014,775	2,962,016	1.8%
	US	Apr -15	156,554,000	154,845,000	1.1%
Employed	F-M MSA	Apr -15	126,559	124,531	1.6%
	ND	Apr -15	404,883	399,965	1.2%
	MN	Apr -15	2,900,979	2,835,415	2.3%
	US	Apr -15	148,578,000	145,767,000	1.9%
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total and Average Annual Salary	Cass	3rd Qtr-14 Annualized*	\$1,335,890,159 \$ 46,644	\$ 1,228,866,427 \$44,772	8.7% 4.2%
	Clay	3rd Qtr-14 Annualized*	\$ 166,003,490 \$ 36,088	\$ 157,953,274 \$ 34,008	5.1% 6.1%

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.

\*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.

## PROPERTY

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



YEAR TO DATE	APR 2015	APR 2014	% CHANGE
Total Units	557	459	21%
Single Family*	300	195	54%
Multi-Family	257	264	-3%

\*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

APR 2015	APR 2014	% CHANGE	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% CHANGE
71,490	73,255	-2.4%	304,676	310,560	-1.9%

## CONSUMERS

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

4TH QTR 2014	4TH QTR 2013	% CHANGE	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	% CHANGE
\$891,057,736	\$859,050,485	3.7%	\$3,259,647,339	\$3,125,583,081	4.3%

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

These economic indicators have been compiled by the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation. For additional information, call 701-364-1900.