

SEPTEMBER 2015

LABOR

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

MEASURE		MONTH	MOST RECENT	YEAR EARLIER	% CHANGE
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Aug-15	2.2%	2.5%	
	ND	Aug-15	2.5%	2.5%	
	MN	Aug-15	3.5%	3.6%	
	US	Aug-15	5.2%	6.3%	
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Aug-15	127,680	129,406	-1.3%
	ND	Aug-15	414,106	424,829	-2.5%
	MN	Aug-15	3,017,314	2,986,320	1.0%
	US	Aug-15	157,390,000	156,434,000	0.6%
Employed	F-M MSA	Aug-15	124,837	126,235	-1.1%
	ND	Aug-15	403,553	414,112	-2.5%
	MN	Aug-15	2,913,064	2,877,887	1.2%
	US	Aug-15	149,228,000	146,647,000	1.8%
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total and Average Annual Salary	Cass	1st Qtr-15 Annualized*	\$1,344,815,074 \$47,528	\$1,245,754,211 \$45,188	5.2%
	Clay	1st Qtr-15 Annualized*	\$162,731,680 \$36,400	\$158,980,880 \$35,308	3.5%

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	AUG 2015	AUG 2014	% CHANGE
Total Units	1,902	2,359	-19%
Single Family*	861	687	25%
Multi-Family	1,041	1,672	-38%

*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
99.9	112.9	91.4	108.1	94.1	113.1	99.4

2015 Quarter 2 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

AUG 2015	AUG 2014	% CHANGE	YTD 2015	YTD 2014	% CHANGE
76,148	77,023	-1.1%	607,365	616,924	-1.5%

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.