

## LABOR

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

MEASURE		MONTH	MOST RECENT	YEAR EARLIER	% CHANGE
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	<b>Dec-18</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	
	ND	Dec-18	2.4%	2.7%	
	MN	Dec-18	3.2%	3.4%	
	US	Dec-18	3.7%	3.9%	
Labor Force	F-M MSA	<b>Dec-18</b>	<b>135,310</b>	<b>136,104</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
	ND	Dec-18	397,048	402,122	-1.3%
	MN	Dec-18	3,082,219	3,054,981	0.9%
	US	Dec-18	162,510,000	159,880,000	1.6%
Employed	F-M MSA	<b>Dec-18</b>	<b>132,151</b>	<b>132,676</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>
	ND	Dec-18	387,516	391,218	-0.9%
	MN	Dec-18	2,983,526	2,954,936	1.0%
	US	Dec-18	156,481,000	153,602,000	1.9%
Wage Growth - Total Wages and Average Quarterly Salary	Cass	3rd Qtr. 2018	\$1,472,547,258 \$49,712	\$1,428,953,435 \$48,568	3.1%
	Clay	3rd Qtr. 2018	\$194,108,029 \$40,248	\$187,922,372 \$39,000	3.3%

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	DEC 2018	DEC 2017	% CHANGE
Total Units		2,308	1,888	22%
Single Family		1,075	1,062	1%
Multi-Family		1,233	826	49%

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
99.2	110.5	88.9	89.8	100.1	115.7	103.7

2018 Annual 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

DEC 2018	DEC 2017	% CHANGE	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	% CHANGE
71,871	66,687	7.8%	843,582	787,927	7.1%

## CONSUMERS

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

3RD QTR 2018	3RD QTR 2017	% CHANGE	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	% CHANGE
\$804,480,781	\$763,308,577	5.4%	\$2,156,827,695	\$2,122,806,045	1.6%

For more information on N.D. state and local sales & use tax, visit <http://www.nd.gov/tax>.

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