



# FARGO MOORHEAD

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## LABOR FORCE ECONOMIC INDICATORS AND SALARY INFORMATION

MEASURE		MONTH	MOST RECENT	YEAR EARLIER	% CHANGE
Unemployment Rate	FM MSA	JULY 2020	5.1%	2.1%	
	US	JULY 2020	10.5%	4.0%	
Labor Force	FM MSA	JULY 2020	141,738	140,281	1.0%
	US	JULY 2020	161,374,000	164,941,000	-2.2%
Employed	FM MSA	JULY 2020	134,448	137,282	-2.1%
	US	JULY 2020	144,492,000	158,941,000	-9.1%
Wage Growth - Total Wages and Average Annual Salary	Cass	Q1 2020	\$1,587,755,463 \$53,092	\$1,512,664,098 \$51,220	5.0%
	Clay	Q1 2020	\$204,817,733 \$43,108	\$193,058,755 \$41,288	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. Wage information sourced from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

## HOME BUILDING PERMITS, VALUES AND RENT

### BUILDING PERMITS

YEAR TO DATE	JULY 2020	JULY 2019	% CHANGE
Total Units	1,068	544	93%
Single Family	605	508	19%
Multi-Family*	463	36	1,186%

\*Twinhomes are included in multi-family numbers

### VALUES AND RENT

	MEDIAN HOME VALUE	MEDIAN GROSS RENT: 2 BEDROOM
<b>FM MSA</b>	<b>\$201,700</b>	<b>\$813</b>
Sioux Falls, SD MSA	\$179,500	\$805
Minneapolis MN MSA	\$242,800	\$1,123
Denver, CO MSA	\$350,500	\$1,325
Des Moines, IA MSA	\$176,300	\$888
Omaha, NE MSA	\$163,400	\$925

Data for building permits sourced from the U.S. Census Bureau's Building Permits Survey; housing starts data excludes residential remodel permits. Data for median home value and median gross rent sourced from American Community Survey 2018 5-year Estimates.



## COST OF LIVING AND COMMUNITY STATISTICS

METRO AREA	CURRENT AVERAGE EARNINGS	COST OF LIVING INDEX	COST OF LIVING ADJUSTED CURRENT AVERAGE EARNINGS	AVERAGE FAMILY SIZE	ANNUAL LIVING WAGE FOR FAMILY OF 3
<b>Fargo Moorhead MSA</b>	\$62,484	100.6	\$62,111	2.97	\$54,187
Sioux Falls, SD MSA	\$61,701	106.5	\$57,935	3.08	\$52,697
Minneapolis, MN MSA	\$78,028	103.4	\$75,462	3.15	\$62,817
Denver, CO MSA	\$81,321	114.2	\$71,209	3.21	\$67,599
Des Moines, IA MSA	\$69,860	97.8	\$71,431	3.12	\$56,815
Omaha, NE MSA	\$64,666	98.4	\$65,718	3.15	\$57,006

The average cost of living for all participating places equals 100, and each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places. Living Wage data provided for two adult wage earners and 1 child; amount is required annual income before taxes sourced from livingwage.mit.edu. Current average earnings of QCEW Employees, cost of living index, cost of living adjusted current average earnings sourced from Emsi 2020.3, www.economicmodeling.com. Average family size sourced from American Community Survey 2018 5-year Estimates.

METRO AREA	VIOLENT CRIME RATE PER 1,000 PEOPLE	PROPERTY CRIME RATE PER 1,000 PEOPLE
<b>Fargo Moorhead MSA</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>23.88</b>
US	3.87	22.98

Crime rate data sourced by Emsi 2020.3, www.economicmodeling.com

## TRANSPORTATION

### TOTAL PASSENGERS AT HECTOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

JULY 2020	JULY 2019	% CHANGE	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% CHANGE
32,234	87,294	-63.1%	297,818	552,395	-46.1%

Data sourced from Hector International Airport, Fargo, ND

## CONSUMER SPENDING

### TAXABLE SALES (CASS COUNTY)

2019	2018	% CHANGE	1st QTR 2020	1st QTR 2019	% CHANGE
\$534,479,269	\$541,748,259	-1.34%	\$534,479,269	\$541,748,259	-1.34%

Data sourced from ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

### TAXABLE SALES (CLAY COUNTY)

Annual 2018	Annual 2017	% CHANGE
\$421,453,869	\$420,766,865	0.2%

Data Sourced from MN Department of Revenue