

## 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>Mar-18</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	
	ND	Mar-18	3.2%	3.3%	
	MN	Mar-18	3.8%	4.1%	
	US	Mar-18	4.1%	4.6%	
Labor Force	F-M MSA	<b>Mar-18</b>	<b>139,629</b>	<b>137,720</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
	ND	Mar-18	408,644	411,605	-0.7%
	MN	Mar-18	3,100,406	3,047,901	1.7%
	US	Mar-18	161,548,000	159,912,000	1.0%
Employed	F-M MSA	<b>Mar-18</b>	<b>135,349</b>	<b>133,550</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
	ND	Mar-18	395,577	399,897	-0.6%
	MN	Mar-18	2,983,347	2,921,538	2.1%
	US	Mar-18	154,877,000	152,628,000	1.5%
Wage Growth - Total Wages and Average Quarterly Salary	Cass	2017 Qtr 3	\$1,428,805,885 \$48,568	\$1,451,885,330 \$49,348	-1.6%
	Clay	2017 Qtr 3	\$187,590,084 \$39,000	\$183,167,083 \$38,324	1.8%

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	MAR 2018	MAR 2017	% CHANGE
Total Units		80	146	-45%
Single Family		54	80	-33%
Multi-Family		26	66	-61%

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
100.0	108.6	98.0	87.1	98.9	115.2	100.2

2017 Annual Average 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

MAR 2018	MAR 2017	% CHANGE	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	% CHANGE
81,826	80,648	1.5%	220,035	216,280	1.7%

## CONSUMERS

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

4TH QTR 2017	4TH QTR 2016	% CHANGE	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	% CHANGE
\$758,681,497	\$776,863,237	-2.3%	\$2,873,683,426	\$3,001,898,499	-4.3%

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.