

## 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-17</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	
	ND	Dec-17	2.6%	3.1%	
	MN	Dec-17	3.3%	4.1%	
	US	Dec-17	3.9%	4.5%	
Labor Force	F-M MSA	<b>Dec-17</b>	<b>139,151</b>	<b>137,685</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
	ND	Dec-17	409,589	412,466	-0.7%
	MN	Dec-17	3,066,881	2,994,599	2.4%
	US	Dec-17	159,880,000	158,968,000	0.6%
Employed	F-M MSA	<b>Dec-17</b>	<b>135,765</b>	<b>133,938</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
	ND	Dec-17	398,000	399,792	-0.2%
	MN	Dec-17	2,964,896	2,872,658	3.2%
	US	Dec-17	153,602,000	151,798,000	1.2%
Wage Growth - Total Wages and Average Quarterly Salary	Cass	2017 Qtr 2	\$1,408,605,951 \$47,684	\$1,345,907,036 \$45,916	4.7%
	Clay	2017 Qtr 2	\$185,165,482 \$38,896	\$176,784,427 \$37,648	4.7%

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 2017	DEC 2016	% CHANGE
Total Units		1,888	2,484	-24%
Single Family		1,062	1,197	-11%
Multi-Family		826	1,287	-36%

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
100.6	112.9	97.9	82.0	93.8	114.3	103.7

Q3 2017 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 2017	DEC 2016	% CHANGE	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	% CHANGE
66,687	67,842	-1.7%	787,927	789,182	-0.2%

## CONSUMERS

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

3RD QTR 2017	3RD QTR 2016	% CHANGE	YTD 2017	YTD 2016	% CHANGE
\$762,208,737	\$799,641,302	-4.7%	\$2,115,001,929	\$2,225,035,262	-4.9%

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.