



**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	MAY 2022	1.6%	2.6%	
	US	MAY 2022	3.4%	5.5%	
Labor Force	FM MSA	MAY 2022	145,589	142,668	2.0%
	US	MAY 2022	164,157,000	160,607,000	2.2%
Employed	FM MSA	MAY 2022	143,207	138,924	3.1%
	US	MAY 2022	158,609,000	151,778,000	4.5%
Wage Growth - Total Wages and Average Annual Salary	Cass	Q4 2021	\$1,966,054,455 \$64,272	\$1,800,641,307 \$61,464	9.2%
	Clay	Q4 2021	\$246,517,212 \$47,112	\$231,217,404 \$45,448	6.6%

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	MAY 2022	MAY 2021	% CHANGE
Total Units	514	916	-44%
Single Family	472	507	-7%
Multi-Family	42	409	-90%

\*Twinhomes are included in multi-family numbers

### VALUES AND RENT

	MEDIAN HOME VALUE	MEDIAN GROSS RENT: 2 BEDROOM
<b>FM MSA</b>	<b>\$225,600</b>	<b>\$845</b>
Sioux Falls, SD MSA	\$208,400	\$843
Minneapolis MN MSA	\$271,600	\$1,214
Denver, CO MSA	\$411,800	\$1,504
Des Moines, IA MSA	\$193,100	\$946
Omaha, NE MSA	\$181,200	\$966

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 2020 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>	\$69,983	101.1	\$69,222	2.96	\$70,496
Sioux Falls, SD MSA	\$69,814	105.4	\$66,237	3.05	\$68,940
Minneapolis, MN MSA	\$87,453	104.5	\$83,687	3.16	\$82,411
Denver, CO MSA	\$93,186	115.3	\$80,820	3.20	\$87,293
Des Moines, IA MSA	\$78,620	98.5	\$79,817	3.08	\$75,001
Omaha, NE MSA	\$72,477	99.2	\$73,061	3.15	\$76,702

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 2022.3, www.economicmodeling.com. Average family size sourced from American Community Survey 2020 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>3.50</b>	<b>28.21</b>
US	3.62	17.91

Crime rate data sourced by Emsi 2022.3, www.economicmodeling.com

## TRANSPORTATION

### TOTAL PASSENGERS AT HECTOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

MAY 2022	MAY 2021	% CHANGE	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% CHANGE
72,992	58,505	24.8%	371,114	265,646	39.7%

Data sourced from Hector International Airport, Fargo, ND

## CONSUMER SPENDING

### TAXABLE SALES (CASS COUNTY)

1st QTR 2022	1st QTR 2021	% CHANGE	2022 YTD	2021 YTD	% CHANGE
\$628,919,129	\$639,849,685	-1.71%	\$628,919,129	639,849,685	-1.71%

Data sourced from ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

### TAXABLE SALES (CLAY COUNTY)

Annual 2020	Annual 2019	% CHANGE
\$422,356,027	\$427,972,988	-1.3%

Data Sourced from MN Department of Revenue