

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Mar-08	3.4%	3.5%		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted. *These numbers are quarterly/weekly wages and have been prorated by GFMEDC to demonstrate an annual wage for the quarter. It is important to note there are quarterly fluctuations in wages such as 4th quarter bonuses in addition to some seasonal effects.
	ND	Mar-08	4.0%	3.9%		
	MN	Mar-08	5.3%	5.0%		
	US	Mar-08	5.2%	4.5%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Mar-08	119,109	117,111	1.7%	
	ND	Mar-08	365,254	360,298	1.4%	
	MN	Mar-08	2,919,639	2,914,684	0.2%	
	US	Mar-08	153,135,000	152,236,000	0.6%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Mar-08	115,079	113,056	1.8%	
	ND	Mar-08	350,778	346,344	1.3%	
	MN	Mar-08	2,763,712	2,770,280	-0.2%	
	US	Mar-08	145,108,000	145,323,000	-0.1%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	3rd Qtr-07 Annualized	\$871,261,872 \$35,776*	\$799,858,800 \$33,696*	8.9% 6.2%	
	Clay	3rd Qtr-07 Annualized	\$127,496,482 \$28,236*	\$118,192,098 \$26,884*	7.9% 5.0%	

Property

U.S. Census Bureau - MSA Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits

Year To Date	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	% Change
Total Units	110	140	-21%
Single Family	20	60	-67%
Multi-Family	90	80	13%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Mar 2008	Mar 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Total Passengers	57,374	54,743	4.8%	158,158	153,395	3.1%

Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	4th Qtr 07	4th Qtr 06	% Change	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$656,999,766	\$560,820,435	17.1%	\$2,380,806,421	\$2,205,487,085	7.9%

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