

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Mar-09	5.1%	3.4%		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.
	ND	Mar-09	5.1%	3.7%		
	MN	Mar-09	8.9%	5.5%		
	US	Mar-09	9.0%	5.2%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Mar-09	119,644	119,109	0.4%	
	ND	Mar-09	365,328	363,444	0.5%	
	MN	Mar-09	2,937,493	2,903,704	1.2%	
	US	Mar-09	153,728,000	153,135,000	0.4%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Mar-09	113,513	115,079	-1.4%	*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-09	346,834	350,003	-0.9%	
	MN	Mar-09	2,677,032	2,744,995	-2.5%	
	US	Mar-09	139,833,000	145,108,000	-3.6%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	3rd Qtr-08 Annualized	\$940,116,177 \$37,596*	\$871,324,480 \$35,776*	7.9%	
	Clay	3rd Qtr-08 Annualized	\$136,041,549 \$29,848*	\$128,313,601 \$28,288*	6.0%	

Property

Nat'l Association of Home Builders - MSA Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits

Year To Date	Mar 2009	Mar 2008	% Change
Total Units	60	100	-40%
Single Family	0	20	-100%
Multi-Family	60	80	-25%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Mar 2009	Mar 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Total Passengers	60,107	57,374	4.8%	166,342	158,158	5.2%

Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	4th Qtr 2008	4th Qtr 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$664,248,983	\$656,999,766	1.1%	\$2,504,497,202	\$2,377,160,633	5.4%

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