

## Labor

### Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>July-08</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>		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	July-08	3.2%	3.0%		
	MN	July-08	5.6%	4.3%		
	US	July-08	6.0%	4.9%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>July-08</b>	<b>122,271</b>	<b>120,101</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	
	ND	July-08	383,106	375,044	2.1%	
	MN	July-08	2,975,630	2,966,241	0.3%	
	US	July-08	156,300,000	154,871,000	0.9%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>July-08</b>	<b>118,745</b>	<b>117,029</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	
	ND	July-08	370,722	363,898	1.9%	
	MN	July-08	2,809,166	2,837,269	-1.0%	
	US	July-08	146,867,000	147,315,000	-0.3%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>1st Qtr-08 Annualized</b>	<b>\$905,351,590</b> \$37,180*	<b>\$828,675,757</b> \$35,204*	9.3%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>1st Qtr-07 Annualized</b>	<b>\$140,467,665</b> \$30,628*	<b>\$129,129,624</b> \$28,496*	7.8%	
					5.6%	
					3.3%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	July 2008	July 2007	% Change
Total Units	750	860	-13%
Single Family	490	560	-13%
Multi-Family	260	310	-16%

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	July 2008	July 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Total Passengers	64,137	55,958	14.6%	382,824	356,506	7.4%

## Consumers

### ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	1st Qtr 2008	1st Qtr 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$511,505,184	\$493,797,216	3.6%	\$511,505,184	\$493,797,216	3.6%

For more information on N.D. state and local sales & use tax, visit [www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse](http://www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse).