

## 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>Jul-09</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>2.8%</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	Jul-09	3.9%	3.1%		
	MN	Jul-09	7.8%	5.4%		
	US	Jul-09	9.7%	6.0%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Jul-09</b>	<b>121,867</b>	<b>122,206</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	
	ND	Jul-09	374,379	380,651	-1.6%	
	MN	Jul-09	3,005,964	2,975,399	1.0%	
	US	Jul-09	156,225,000	156,300,000	0.0%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Jul-09</b>	<b>116,805</b>	<b>118,791</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	
	ND	Jul-09	359,900	368,665	-2.4%	
	MN	Jul-09	2,770,797	2,815,320	-1.6%	
	US	Jul-09	141,055,000	146,867,000	-4.0%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>1st Qtr-09 Annualized</b>	<b>\$907,660,338 \$37,284*</b>	<b>\$905,212,165 \$37,180*</b>	0.3%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>1st Qtr-09 Annualized</b>	<b>\$132,691,104 \$30,212*</b>	<b>\$129,169,690 \$29,432*</b>	2.7%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	July 2009	July 2008	% Change
Total Units	770	750	3%
Single Family	360	490	-27%
Multi-Family	410	260	58%

## Transportation

Hector International Airport

	July 2009	July 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Total Passengers	71,731	64,137	11.3%	403,323	382,824	5.4%

## Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	1st Qtr 2009	1st Qtr 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$481,922,391	\$510,536,619	-5.6%	\$481,922,391	\$510,536,619	-5.6%

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