

## 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>Nov-09</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>2.7%</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	Nov-09	3.7%	2.8%		
	MN	Nov-09	7.0%	5.8%		
	US	Nov-09	9.4%	6.5%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>117,946</b>	<b>120,434</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>	
	ND	Nov-09	357,765	364,849	-1.9%	
	MN	Nov-09	2,964,347	2,937,598	0.9%	
	US	Nov-09	153,539,000	154,624,000	-0.7%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>113,602</b>	<b>117,208</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>	
	ND	Nov-09	344,685	354,602	-2.8%	
	MN	Nov-09	2,757,158	2,767,770	-0.4%	
	US	Nov-09	139,132,000	144,609,000	-3.8%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>2nd Qtr-09 Annualized</b>	<b>\$912,542,410</b> \$36,920*	<b>\$911,747,200</b> \$36,400*	0.1%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>2nd Qtr-09 Annualized</b>	<b>\$139,990,695</b> \$30,524*	<b>\$135,032,430</b> \$29,640*	3.7%	
					1.4%	
					3.0%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	Nov 2009	Nov 2008	% Change
Total Units	1,490	1,140	31%
Single Family	720	760	-5%
Multi-Family	770	380	103%

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	Nov 2009	Nov 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Total Passengers	54,242	47,169	15%	638,238	590,506	8.1%

## Consumers

### ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	3rd Qtr 2009	3rd Qtr 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$648,938,609	\$684,614,166	-5.2%	\$1,755,605,331	\$1,837,838,947	-4.47%

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