

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Dec-08	3.4%	2.8%		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	Dec-08	3.4%	3.3%		
	MN	Dec-08	6.8%	4.9%		
	US	Dec-08	7.1%	4.8%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Dec-08	120,325	118,806	1.3%	
	ND	Dec-08	364,929	361,617	0.9%	
	MN	Dec-08	2,937,716	2,924,237	0.5%	
	US	Dec-08	154,349,000	153,705,000	0.4%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Dec-08	112,206	115,497	-2.8%	
	ND	Dec-08	352,537	349,645	0.8%	
	MN	Dec-08	2,727,050	2,780,641	-1.9%	
	US	Dec-08	143,350,000	146,334,000	-2.0%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	2nd Qtr-08 Annualized	\$910,381,095 \$36,348*	\$845,180,193 \$34,892*	7.7%	
					4.2%	
	Clay	2nd Qtr-08 Annualized	\$135,132,004 \$29,692*	\$126,747,551 \$28,652*	6.6%	
					3.6%	

Property

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

Year To Date	Dec 2008	Dec 2007	% Change
Total Units	1,210	1,590	-24%
Single Family	770	980	-21%
Multi-Family	440	610	-28%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Dec 2008	Dec 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Total Passengers	57,631	50,329	14.5%	648,137	599,168	8.2%

Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	3rd Qtr 2008	3rd Qtr 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$685,318,553	\$634,980,559	7.9%	\$1,840,248,219	\$1,720,160,867	7.0%

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