

## 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>June-08</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>3.2%</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	June-08	3.6%	3.6%		
	MN	June-08	5.3%	4.5%		
	US	June-08	5.7%	4.7%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>June-08</b>	<b>121,823</b>	<b>119,385</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	
	ND	June-08	383,746	376,065	2.0%	
	MN	June-08	2,965,328	2,957,495	0.2%	
	US	June-08	155,582,000	154,252,000	0.8%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>June-08</b>	<b>117,816</b>	<b>115,616</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	
	ND	June-08	369,936	362,662	2.0%	
	MN	June-08	2,807,863	2,823,801	-0.6%	
	US	June-08	146,649,000	146,958,000	-0.2%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>4th Qtr-07 Annualized</b>	<b>\$981,070,428</b> \$39,624*	\$903,787,300 \$37,648*	8.6% 5.2%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>4th Qtr-07 Annualized</b>	<b>\$140,467,665</b> \$30,628*	\$129,129,624 \$28,496*	8.8% 7.5%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	June 2008	June 2007	% Change
Total Units	570	700	-18%
Single Family	370	450	-18%
Multi-Family	200	250	-18%

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	June 2008	June 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Total Passengers	59,456	51,978	14.4%	318,687	300,548	6.0%

## 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	\$497,797,216	2.8%	\$511,505,184	\$497,797,216	2.8%

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