

## 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>May-08</b>	<b>2.8%</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	May-08	2.9%	2.9%		
	MN	May-08	5.0%	4.1%		
	US	May-08	5.2%	4.3%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>May-08</b>	<b>121,438</b>	<b>118,554</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	
	ND	May-08	375,045	366,798	2.2%	
	MN	May-08	2,945,995	2,920,280	0.9%	
	US	May-08	154,003,000	152,350,000	1.1%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>May-08</b>	<b>116,524</b>	<b>114,275</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	
	ND	May-08	356,541	351,130	1.5%	
	MN	May-08	2,791,380	2,778,799	0.5%	
	US	May-08	145,921,000	145,927,000	0.0%	
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	May 2008	May 2007	% Change
Total Units	460	550	-16%
Single Family	280	320	-13%
Multi-Family	180	230	-22%

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	May 2008	May 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Total Passengers	54,335	49,518	9.7%	259,231	248,570	4.3%

## 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).