

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Feb-08	3.3%	3.4%		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	Feb-08	3.9%	3.9%		
	MN	Feb-08	5.2%	5.1%		
	US	Feb-08	5.2%	4.9%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Feb-08	118,800	116,810	1.7%	
	ND	Feb-08	361,433	358,268	0.9%	
	MN	Feb-08	2,900,886	2,910,007	-0.3%	
	US	Feb-08	152,503,000	151,879,000	0.4%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Feb-08	114,934	112,868	1.8%	
	ND	Feb-08	347,332	344,462	0.8%	
	MN	Feb-08	2,751,249	2,762,783	-0.4%	
	US	Feb-08	144,550,000	144,479,000	0.0%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	3rd Qtr-07 Annualized	\$871,261,872 \$35,776*	\$799,858,800 \$33,696*	8.9% 6.2%	
	Clay	3rd Qtr-07 Annualized	\$127,496,482 \$28,236*	\$118,192,098 \$26,884*	7.9% 5.0%	

Property

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

Year To Date	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	% Change
Total Units	10	100	-90%
Single Family	10	20	-50%
Multi-Family	0	80	-100%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Feb 2008	Feb 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Total Passengers	52,371	49,708	5.4%	100,784	98,652	2.2%

Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	4th Qtr 07	4th Qtr 06	% Change	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$656,999,766	\$560,820,435	17.1%	\$2,380,806,421	\$2,205,487,085	7.9%

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