

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Feb-09	4.9%	3.3%		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-09	5.2%	3.6%		
	MN	Feb-09	8.8%	5.3%		
	US	Feb-09	8.9%	5.2%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Feb-09	119,612	118,800	0.7%	
	ND	Feb-09	364,710	361,200	1.0%	
	MN	Feb-09	2,922,600	2,889,536	1.1%	
	US	Feb-09	153,804,000	152,503,000	0.9%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Feb-09	113,763	114,934	-1.0%	
	ND	Feb-09	345,825	348,302	-0.7%	
	MN	Feb-09	2,666,206	2,737,682	-2.6%	
	US	Feb-09	140,105,000	144,550,000	-3.1%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	3rd Qtr-08 Annualized	\$940,116,177 \$37,596*	\$871,324,480 \$35,776*	7.9%	
	Clay	3rd Qtr-08 Annualized	\$136,041,549 \$29,848*	\$128,313,601 \$28,288*	6.0%	
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Property

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

Year To Date	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	% Change
Total Units	60	10	500%
Single Family	0	10	—
Multi-Family	60	0	—

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Feb 2009	Feb 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Total Passengers	54,629	52,371	4.3%	106,235	100,784	5.4%

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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