

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Apr-08	3.1%	3.1%		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	Apr-08	3.3%	3.4%		
	MN	Apr-08	4.9%	4.7%		
	US	Apr-08	4.8%	4.3%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Apr-08	120,212	117,905	2.0%	
	ND	Apr-08	368,761	363,398	1.5%	
	MN	Apr-08	2,936,546	2,915,702	0.7%	
	US	Apr-08	153,208,000	151,829,000	0.9%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Apr-08	116,524	114,275	2.0%	
	ND	Apr-08	356,541	351,130	1.5%	
	MN	Apr-08	2,791,380	2,778,799	0.5%	
	US	Apr-08	145,921,000	145,927,000	0.0%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	4th Qtr-07 Annualized	\$981,070,428 \$39,624*	\$903,787,300 \$37,648*	8.6% 5.2%	
	Clay	4th Qtr-07 Annualized	\$140,467,665 \$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	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	% Change
Total Units	320	270	19%
Single Family	190	190	0%
Multi-Family	130	80	63%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Apr 2008	Apr 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Total Passengers	46,738	45,657	2.4%	204,896	199,052	2.9%

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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