

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Apr-09	4.5%	2.8%		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.
	ND	Apr-09	4.3%	3.0%		
	MN	Apr-09	8.1%	5.0%		
	US	Apr-09	8.6%	4.8%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Apr-09	120,723	121,328	-0.5%	
	ND	Apr-09	367,694	367,859	0.0%	
	MN	Apr-09	2,952,360	2,919,601	1.1%	
	US	Apr-09	153,834,000	153,208,000	0.4%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Apr-09	115,280	117,875	-2.2%	*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-09	351,803	356,910	-1.4%	
	MN	Apr-09	2,711,875	2,773,812	-2.2%	
	US	Apr-09	140,586,000	145,921,000	-3.7%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	4th Qtr-08 Annualized	\$1,021,503,886 \$40,456*	\$981,070,428 \$39,624*	4.1%	
	Clay	4th Qtr-08 Annualized	\$147,496,206 \$32,136*	\$140,637,315 \$30,732*	4.9%	
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Property

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

Year To Date	Apr 2009	Apr 2008	% Change
Total Units	90	320	-72%
Single Family	30	190	-84%
Multi-Family	60	130	-54%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Apr 2009	Apr 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Total Passengers	49,107	46,233	6.2%	215,449	204,896	5.2%

Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	4th Qtr 2008	4th Qtr 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$664,248,983	\$656,999,766	1.1%	\$2,500,612,201	\$2,373,668,268	5.3%

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