

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

| Measure | | Month | Most Recent | Year Earlier | % Change | |
|---|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Unemployment Rate | F-M MSA | Oct-08 | 2.5% | 2.1% | | 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 | Oct-08 | 2.5% | 2.3% | | |
| | MN | Oct-08 | 5.3% | 4.0% | | |
| | US | Oct-08 | 6.1% | 4.4% | | |
| Labor Force | F-M MSA | Oct-08 | 121,781 | 120,345 | 1.2% | |
| | ND | Oct-08 | 371,855 | 366,542 | 1.4% | |
| | MN | Oct-08 | 2,944,692 | 2,930,555 | 0.5% | |
| | US | Oct-08 | 155,012,000 | 153,516,000 | 1.0% | |
| Employed | F-M MSA | Oct-08 | 118,762 | 117,846 | 0.8% | |
| | ND | Oct-08 | 362,630 | 358,182 | 1.2% | |
| | MN | Oct-08 | 2,789,448 | 2,814,310 | -0.9% | |
| | US | Oct-08 | 145,543,000 | 146,743,000 | -0.8% | |
| Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary | Cass | 2nd Qtr-08 Annualized | \$910,381,095 \$36,348* | \$845,180,193 \$34,892* | 7.7% | |
| | Clay | 2nd Qtr-08 Annualized | \$135,132,004 \$29,692* | \$126,747,551 \$28,652* | 6.6% | |
| | | | | | 4.2% | |
| | | | | | 3.6% | |

Property

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

| Year To Date | Oct 2008 | Oct 2007 | % Change |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total Units | 1,080 | 1,310 | -18% |
| Single Family | 730 | 920 | -21% |
| Multi-Family | 350 | 390 | -10% |

Transportation

Hector International Airport

| | Oct 2008 | Oct 2007 | % Change | YTD 2008 | YTD 2007 | % Change |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total Passengers | 53,313 | 47,205 | 12.9% | 543,337 | 499,265 | 8.8% |

Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

| | 2nd Qtr 2008 | 2nd Qtr 2007 | % Change | YTD 2008 | YTD 2007 | % Change |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County) | \$643,424,482 | \$591,383,092 | 8.8% | \$1,154,929,666 | \$1,085,180,308 | 6.4% |

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