

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Sept-08	2.8%	2.4%		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	Sept-08	2.8%	2.5%		
	MN	Sept-08	5.7%	4.5%		
	US	Sept-08	6.0%	4.5%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Sept-08	121,581	119,933	1.4%	
	ND	Sept-08	374,496	367,696	1.8%	
	MN	Sept-08	2,942,164	2,936,331	0.2%	
	US	Sept-08	154,509,000	153,400,000	0.7%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Sept-08	118,165	117,075	0.9%	
	ND	Sept-08	363,840	358,347	1.5%	
	MN	Sept-08	2,773,605	2,802,968	-1.0%	
	US	Sept-08	145,310,000	146,448,000	-0.8%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	1st Qtr-08 Annualized	\$905,351,590 \$37,180*	\$828,675,757 \$35,204*	9.3% 5.6%	
	Clay	1st Qtr-08 Annualized	\$129,678,587 \$29,536*	\$120,288,452 \$28,600*	7.8% 3.3%	

Property

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

Year To Date	Sept 2008	Sept 2007	% Change
Total Units	970	1130	-14%
Single Family	650	790	-17%
Multi-Family	320	340	-6%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Sept 2008	Sept 2007	% Change	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	% Change
Total Passengers	49,689	46,119	7.7%	490,024	452,060	8.4%

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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