

## Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>May-09</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>		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	May-09	4.0%	2.8%		
	MN	May-09	7.8%	4.9%		
	US	May-09	9.1%	5.2%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>May-09</b>	<b>121,434</b>	<b>121,512</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	
	ND	May-09	370,133	372,085	-0.5%	
	MN	May-09	2,951,942	2,929,511	0.8%	
	US	May-09	154,336,000	154,003,000	0.2%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>May-09</b>	<b>116,270</b>	<b>118,236</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	
	ND	May-09	355,248	361,699	-1.8%	
	MN	May-09	2,722,823	2,785,042	-2.2%	
	US	May-09	140,363,000	145,927,000	-3.8%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>4th Qtr-08 Annualized</b>	<b>\$1,021,503,886</b> \$40,456*	<b>\$981,070,428</b> \$39,624*	4.1% 2.1%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>4th Qtr-08 Annualized</b>	<b>\$147,496,206</b> \$32,136*	<b>\$140,637,315</b> \$30,732*	4.9% 4.6%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	May 2009	May 2008	% Change
Total Units	310	460	-33%
Single Family	150	280	-46%
Multi-Family	160	180	-11%

## Transportation

Hector International Airport

	May 2009	May 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Total Passengers	53,147	54,335	-2.2%	268,596	259,231	3.6%

## Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	1st Qtr 2009	1st Qtr 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$481,922,391	\$510,536,619	-5.6%	\$481,922,391	\$510,536,619	-5.6%

For more information on N.D. state and local sales & use tax, visit [www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse](http://www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse).