

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Aug-09	4.1%	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	Aug-09	4.0%	3.2%		
	MN	Aug-09	7.8%	5.4%		
	US	Aug-09	9.6%	6.1%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Aug-09	120,882	122,379	-1.2%	
	ND	Aug-09	372,183	378,979	-1.8%	
	MN	Aug-09	2,982,326	2,964,497	0.6%	
	US	Aug-09	154,897,000	155,387,000	-0.3%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Aug-09	115,883	118,663	-2.3%	
	ND	Aug-09	357,326	366,845	-2.6%	
	MN	Aug-09	2,756,403	2,804,161	-1.7%	
	US	Aug-09	140,074,000	145,909,000	-4.0%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	1st Qtr-09 Annualized	\$907,660,338	\$905,212,165	0.3%	
			\$37,284*	\$37,180*	0.3%	
	Clay	1st Qtr-09 Annualized	\$132,691,104	\$129,169,690	2.7%	
			\$30,212*	\$29,432*	2.7%	

Property

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

Year To Date	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	% Change
Total Units	980	870	13%
Single Family	460	590	-22%
Multi-Family	520	280	86%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Total Passengers	66,178	57,511	15.1%	469,501	440,335	6.6%

Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	2nd Qtr 2009	2nd Qtr 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$624,744,331	\$642,688,162	-2.8%	\$1,106,666,722	\$1,153,224,781	-4.04%

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