

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Aug-10	3.7%	4.3%		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-10	3.5%	4.1%		
	MN	Aug-10	6.9%	7.8%		
	US	Aug-10	9.5%	9.6%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Aug-10	121,725	121,582	0.1%	
	ND	Aug-10	376,623	373,228	0.9%	
	MN	Aug-10	2,991,220	2,988,767	0.1%	
	US	Aug-10	154,678,000	154,897,000	-0.1%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Aug-10	117,220	116,407	0.7%	
	ND	Aug-10	363,455	357,946	1.5%	
	MN	Aug-10	2,783,441	2,755,717	1.0%	
	US	Aug-10	139,919,000	140,074,000	-0.1%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	1st Qtr-10 Annualized	\$904,903,298 \$37,336*	\$909,103,598 \$37,336*	-0.5%	
	Clay	1st Qtr-10 Annualized	\$130,333,034 \$29,692*	\$132,387,320 \$30,160*	-1.6%	

Property

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

Year To Date	August 2010	July 2009	% Change
Total Units	810	980	-17%
Single Family	480	460	4%
Multi-Family	330	520	-37%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	August - 2010	August - 2009	% Change	YTD 2010	YTD 2009	% Change
Total Passengers	63,125	66,178	-4.6%	505,846	469,501	7.7%

Consumers

ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	1st Qtr 2010	1st Qtr 2009	% Change	YTD 2010	YTD 2009	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$513,689,080	\$482,802,887	6.4%	\$513,689,080	\$482,802,887	6.4%

For more information on N.D. state and local sales & use tax, visit www.nd.gov/tax/salesanduse.