

## 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>Dec-09</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.
	ND	Dec-09	4.3%	3.4%		
	MN	Dec-09	7.3%	6.8%		
	US	Dec-09	9.7%	7.1%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>117,108</b>	<b>119,642</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>	
	ND	Dec-09	356,853	363,362	-1.8%	
	MN	Dec-09	2,941,863	2,923,434	0.6%	
	US	Dec-09	152,693,000	154,349,000	-1.1%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>112,472</b>	<b>115,547</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>	*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	Dec-09	341,336	351,089	-2.8%	
	MN	Dec-09	2,726,785	2,724,228	-0.1%	
	US	Dec-09	137,953,000	143,350,000	-3.8%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>2nd Qtr-09 Annualized</b>	<b>\$912,542,410</b> \$36,920*	<b>\$911,747,200</b> \$36,400*	0.1%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>2nd Qtr-09 Annualized</b>	<b>\$139,990,695</b> \$30,524*	<b>\$135,032,430</b> \$29,640*	3.7%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	% Change
Total Units	1,500	1,210	24%
Single Family	730	770	-5%
Multi-Family	770	440	75%

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	Dec 2009	Dec 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Total Passengers	59,572	57,631	3.4%	697,810	648,137	7.7%

## Consumers

### ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	3rd Qtr 2009	3rd Qtr 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$648,938,609	\$684,614,166	-5.2%	\$1,755,605,331	\$1,837,838,947	-4.47%

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