

Labor

Job Service ND and MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Measure		Month	Most Recent	Year Earlier	% Change	
Unemployment Rate	F-M MSA	Oct-09	3.5%	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	Oct-09	3.2%	2.4%		
	MN	Oct-09	7.0%	5.1%		
	US	Oct-09	9.5%	6.1%		
Labor Force	F-M MSA	Oct-09	118,985	121,969	-2.4%	
	ND	Oct-09	362,209	370,737	-2.3%	
	MN	Oct-09	2,953,335	2,952,257	0.0%	
	US	Oct-09	153,635,000	155,012,000	-0.9%	
Employed	F-M MSA	Oct-09	114,821	118,751	-3.3%	
	ND	Oct-09	350,507	361,827	-3.1%	
	MN	Oct-09	2,746,784	2,801,016	-1.9%	
	US	Oct-09	139,088,000	145,543,000	-4.4%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	Cass	2nd Qtr-09 Annualized	\$912,542,410 \$36,920*	\$911,747,200 \$36,400*	0.1%	
	Clay	2nd Qtr-09 Annualized	\$139,990,695 \$30,524*	\$135,032,430 \$29,640*	3.7%	

Property

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

Year To Date	Oct 2009	Oct 2008	% Change
Total Units	1,360	1,080	26%
Single Family	660	730	-10%
Multi-Family	700	350	100%

Transportation

Hector International Airport

	Oct 2009	Oct 2008	% Change	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	% Change
Total Passengers	59,145	53,313	10.9%	583,996	543,337	7.5%

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%

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