

## 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>Mar - 11</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>		Notes: Unemployment Rate, Labor Force, & Employed data are not seasonally adjusted.
	ND	Mar -11	4.2%	5.0%		
	MN	Mar -11	7.3%	8.6%		
	US	Mar -11	9.2%	10.2%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Mar -11</b>	<b>118,116</b>	<b>119,896</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	
	ND	Mar -11	368,540	365,911	0.7%	
	MN	Mar -11	2,951,118	2,954,717	-0.1%	
	US	Mar -11	152,022,000	153,660,000	-0.4%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Mar -11</b>	<b>112,820</b>	<b>113,882</b>	<b>-0.9%</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	Mar -11	352,926	347,566	1.5%	
	MN	Mar -11	2,736,336	2,701,010	1.3%	
	US	Mar -11	138,962,000	137,983,000	0.7%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>3rd Qtr-10 Annualized</b>	<b>\$978,066,375</b> \$39,468*	<b>\$939,056,846</b> \$38,168*	4.2%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>3rd Qtr-10 Annualized</b>	<b>\$141,281,712</b> 30,888*	<b>\$139,533,511</b> \$30,628*	1.3%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	Mar 2011	Mar 2010	% Change
Total Units	230	80	188%
Single Family	20	80	-75%
Multi-Family	210	N/A	N/A

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	Mar 2011	Mar 2010	% Change	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	% Change
Total Passengers	72,239	73,384	-1.6%	188,965	192,319	-1.7%

## Consumers

### ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	3rd Qtr 2010	3rd Qtr 2009	% Change	YTD 2010	YTD 2009	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	\$680,407,971	\$626,442,753	8.6%	\$1,824,508,118	\$1,735,688,393	5.12%

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