

## 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>Oct- 11</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>		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 -11	2.6%	2.9%		
	MN	Oct -11	5.4%	6.4%		
	US	Oct -11	8.5%	9.0%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Oct -11</b>	<b>119,402</b>	<b>118,645</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	
	ND	Oct -11	379,053	369,755	2.5%	
	MN	Oct -11	2,968,361	2,968,969	0.0%	
	US	Oct -11	154,088,000	153,652,000	0.3%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Oct -11</b>	<b>115,654</b>	<b>114,735</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	
	ND	Oct -11	369,040	358,958	2.8%	
	MN	Oct -11	2,809,538	2,780,196	1.1%	
	US	Oct -11	140,987,000	139,749,000	0.9%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>2nd Qtr-11 Annualized</b>	<b>\$1,020,873,646</b> \$39,988	<b>\$954,018,494</b> \$38,324	7.0% 4.3%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>2nd Qtr-10 Annualized</b>	<b>\$139,481,888</b> 31,616	<b>\$138,190,923</b> \$30,004	0.9% 5.4%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	Oct 2011	Oct 2010	% Change
Total Units	1,330	1,130	18%
Single Family	460	630	-27%
Multi-Family	870	500	74%

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	Oct 2011	Oct 2010	% Change	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	% Change
Total Passengers	53,593	54,928	-2.4%	585,923	613,873	-4.6%

## Consumers

### ND Office of State Tax Commissioner

	2nd Qtr 2011	2nd Qtr 2010	% Change	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	% Change
Taxable Sales & Purchases (Cass County)	683,380,926	\$630,430,820	8.4%	\$1,227,022,017	\$1,145,283,695	7.14%

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