

## 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-10</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>4.1%</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	Dec-10	3.9%	4.3%		
	MN	Dec-10	6.8%	7.4%		
	US	Dec-10	9.1%	9.7%		
Labor Force	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Dec-10</b>	<b>119,540</b>	<b>118,803</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	
	ND	Dec-10	363,942	357,478	1.8%	
	MN	Dec-10	2,939,868	2,945,525	-0.2%	
	US	Dec-10	153,156,000	153,693,000	0.3%	
Employed	<b>F-M MSA</b>	<b>Dec-10</b>	<b>114,745</b>	<b>113,976</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	
	ND	Dec-10	349,865	341,938	2.3%	
	MN	Dec-10	2,739,560	2,729,009	0.4%	
	US	Dec-10	139,159,000	137,953,000	0.9%	
Wage Growth - Quarterly Total & Average Annual Salary	<b>Cass</b>	<b>2nd Qtr-10 Annualized</b>	<b>\$953,338,243</b> \$38,324*	<b>\$910,962,195</b> \$36,868*	4.7%	
	<b>Clay</b>	<b>2nd Qtr-10 Annualized</b>	<b>\$139,126,260</b> 30,212*	<b>\$140,628,280</b> \$30,472*	-1.1%	

## Property

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

Year To Date	Dec 2010	Dec 2009	% Change
Total Units	1,250	1,500	-17%
Single Family	690	730	-5%
Multi-Family	560	770	-27%

## Transportation

### Hector International Airport

	Dec - 2010	Dec- 2009	% Change	YTD 2010	YTD 2009	% Change
Total Passengers	57,789	59,572	-3.0%	724,941	697,810	3.9%

## 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).