

Workforce (Source: Job Service North Dakota)

	Dec-11	Dec-10	Dec-09	Dec-08	Dec-07
Minot Employment (Ward County)	28,036	28,061	28,113	27,893	27,688
Minot Unemployment (Ward County)	3.1%	3.7%	4.2%	3.1%	3.2%
ND Unemployment	3.3%	3.8%	4.2%	3.3%	3.3%
US Unemployment	8.3%	9.1%	9.7%	7.1%	4.8%

City Sales Tax Collections (Source: Office of ND State Treasurer)

Minot	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Yearly Total	\$20,828,684	\$17,200,990	\$15,112,850	\$14,242,642	\$12,850,862

Taxable Sales & Purchases (Source: Office of the ND State Tax Commissioner)

	2011-Q3	2010 Annual	2009 Annual	2008 Annual	2007 Annual
Minot	\$430,244,577	\$1,072,382,163	\$906,784,178	\$841,067,276	\$741,962,171
Ward County	\$445,409,203	\$1,124,212,220	\$952,338,763	\$885,195,620	\$775,090,167

Building Permits & Valuation (Source: City of Minot)

	2011 Annual	2010 Annual	2009 Annual	2008 Annual	2007 Annual
Total units	1,132	528	401	366	254
Single family units	292	138	206	212	165
Apartment units	631	423	195	154	89
Residential Valuation	\$88,325,200	\$48,785,000	\$34,583,900	\$39,321,518	\$20,462,000
Commerical Valuation	\$116,235,000	\$31,719,000.00	\$31,378,300	\$40,929,000	\$31,464,000
Total Valuation	\$204,560,200	100,020,800.00	\$65,962,200	\$80,250,518	\$51,926,000

Cost of Living Index (Source: ACCRA)

	2011 Annual	2010 Annual	2009 Annual	2008 Annual	2007 Annual
100% Composite Index	103.6	99.9	97.1	95.5	92.8
Grocery Items	96.8	99.3	99.9	100.9	95.4
Housing	107.3	95.6	90.4	86.8	82.1
Utilities	76.2	73.7	71.9	89.2	90.3
Transportation	98.3	98.2	97.6	94.6	96.3
Healthcare	100.2	90.8	92.8	91.8	92.0

2,498 Job openings in Ward County at year end 2011 (Source: Job Service North Dakota)