

Regional Model Forecasts (as of Feb. 7, 2012)											
Nonfarm Employment (Percent Change)											
	2009	2010	2011			2012			Historical		
	Actual	Actual	Low	Forecast	High	Low	Forecast	High	mean		
Minnesota	-4.0	0.7	NA	0.7	NA	0.8	1.3	1.7	1.1		
Montana	-3.2	0.1	NA	1.2	NA	1.0	2.0	3.2	1.8		
North Dakota	-0.2	3.7	NA	5.2	NA	4.7	5.5	6.3	1.8		
South Dakota	-2.4	0.8	NA	1.0	NA	1.3	2.0	2.8	1.7		
Wisconsin	-4.7	0.5	NA	0.3	NA	-0.5	0.2	0.9	0.9		
U.P. of Michigan	-4.2	0.2	NA	0.6	NA	-0.8	3.5	7.8	0.7		
United States	-4.2	0.6		1.4			2.0		1.5		
Unemployment Rate (Percent)											
	2009	2010	2011			2012			Historical		
	Actual	Actual	Low	Forecast	High	Low	Forecast	High	mean		
Minnesota	7.9	7.0	NA	6.0	NA	4.5	4.9	5.3	4.9		
Montana	6.9	7.4	NA	7.2	NA	6.3	6.6	6.9	5.8		
North Dakota	4.2	3.9	NA	3.4	NA	3.0	3.4	3.8	4.1		
South Dakota	5.1	4.7	NA	4.3	NA	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.8		
Wisconsin	9.1	7.6	NA	7.4	NA	6.7	6.9	7.2	5.5		
U.P. of Michigan	12.7	11.2	NA	9.4	NA	6.8	8.0	9.2	9.9		
United States	9.9	9.6		8.4			7.6		6.3		
Personal Income (Percent Change)											
	2009	2010	2011			2012			Historical		
	Actual	Actual	Low	Forecast	High	Low	Forecast	High	mean		
Minnesota	-3.2	6.8	4.0	5.4	7.0	4.2	6.5	8.8	6.5		
Montana	-3.2	6.6	2.8	4.3	6.0	3.1	5.3	7.7	6.1		
North Dakota	-0.8	13.0	-21.4	1.4	32.0	-30.7	-2.2	37.9	6.5		
South Dakota	-2.3	7.8	2.0	4.2	6.3	2.4	5.2	8.3	6.6		
Wisconsin	-2.2	5.6	3.4	4.5	5.7	3.2	4.7	6.2	5.9		
United States	-3.3	5.4		3.9			5.7		6.4		

Housing Unit Authorizations (Percent Change)											
	2009	2010	2011			2012			Historical		
	Actual	Actual	Low	Forecast	High	Low	Forecast	High	mean		
Minnesota	3.8	-3.1	NA	-0.8	NA	-47.1	-12.4	20.9	-0.8		
Montana	-14.7	16.2	NA	9.6	NA	-22.2	7.5	39.6	2.8		
North Dakota	11.3	17.3	NA	27.6	NA	-24.3	-2.4	17.2	1.4		
South Dakota	-11.9	-19.7	NA	2.8	NA	-9.9	7.5	25.5	1.0		
Wisconsin	-14.3	-8.1	NA	0.1	NA	-35.3	-14.0	9.0	-2.0		
United States	-2.4	-6.5		14.1			12.8		-0.4		
Notes to Table											
The baseline forecasts for 2011 and 2012 are surrounded by the range over which there is a 70% estimated chance they will fall inside.											
The unemployment rate is expressed in percent over the 4th quarter, and its historical average is computed over the 4th quarters of 1978 - 2010. All other series are expressed in percent change of 4th quarter over previous 4th quarter. Historical averages are computed over the 4th quarters of 1978-2010 for personal income and housing units authorized and 1991-2010 for nonfarm employment.											
Personal income is in current dollars.											
All series are seasonally adjusted.											
The forecasts are made by the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis through a statistical procedure called Bayesian vector autoregression.											
Further details are available on request.											
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