



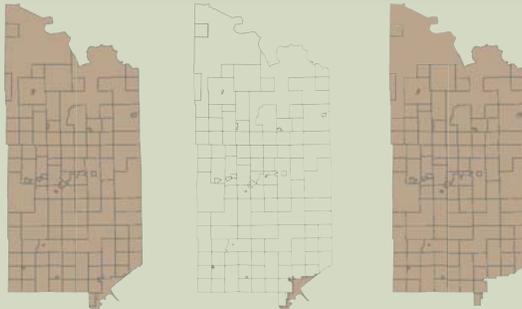
Unemployment and Labor Force

a quarterly report



Third Quarter 2007

Labor Force Statistics



3rd Quarter, 2007 <i>not seasonally adjusted</i>	St. Louis County	Duluth	Balance of St. Louis County
Labor Force	104,381	45,863	58,817
Employed	98,589	43,537	55,052
Unemployed	5,792	2,326	3,466
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.1%	5.9%
Other unemployment rates: U.S. 4.7% Minnesota 4.4% Duluth-Sup MSA 5.4% NE Minnesota 5.6%			

3rd Quarter, 2006 <i>not seasonally adjusted</i>	St. Louis County	Duluth	Balance of St. Louis County
Labor Force	103,551	45,654	57,897
Employed	98,826	43,642	55,185
Unemployed	4,725	2,013	2,712
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.4%	4.7%
Other unemployment rates: U.S. 4.7% Minnesota 3.7% Duluth-Sup MSA 4.5% NE Minnesota 4.6%			

Definitions

Labor Force: All members of the civilian, noninstitutional population who are 16 or over and have a job or are actively looking for one are eligible for inclusion in the labor force.

Employed: "Employed persons," as the term is used by the LAUS program, means all civilian, noninstitutionalized persons age 16 or over who, during the week of the 12th:

- worked at least one hour for pay;
- worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers on a family farm or in a family-operated business; or
- had a job but were temporarily absent (illness, bad weather, vacation, strikes, or other reasons even if not paid).

Unemployed: "Unemployed persons" includes all civilian, noninstitutionalized persons age 16 or over who, during the week of the 12th, were:

- not employed, available for work, and engaged in job seeking activities during the last 4 weeks;
- waiting to be called back to a job from which they were laid off; or
- waiting to report (within 30 days) to a new wage or salaried job.

"Unemployed persons" does not count persons who worked at least one hour during the week of the 12th and persons with a job but not at work.

Key Labor Force Web Sites

MN Dept of Employment & Economic Development
www.deed.state.mn.us/lmi

US Bureau of Labor Statistics
www.bls.gov

Unemployment Trends

unemployment rates, 1998 through third quarter 2007
not seasonally adjusted

