

**MIDLAND ECONOMIC INDEX**

May 2015

<b>ECONOMIC INDICATORS</b>	<b>BASE YEAR 1996</b>	<b>LAST YEAR 2014</b>	<b>THIS YEAR 2015</b>	<b>% Change 2014-2015</b>
Taxable Spending - April (Per Sales Tax Rebates) *	\$109,007,669	\$281,484,977	\$268,451,447	-4.6%
Taxable Spending - YTD Through April *	\$477,359,222	\$1,254,367,180	\$1,290,875,629	2.9%
Dollars Spent on Auto Purchases - April *	\$14,714,865	\$56,867,969	\$43,593,662	-23.3%
Dollars Spent on Auto Purchases - YTD Through April *	\$72,245,117	\$299,574,807	\$238,508,981	-20.4%
Hotel/Motel Tax Receipts - Qtr	\$191,911	\$1,613,892	\$1,929,814	19.6%
Hotel/Motel Tax Receipts - YTD	\$388,390	\$3,059,839	\$3,960,007	29.4%
Airline Boardings - April	\$50,264	\$45,592	\$45,083	-1.1%
Airline Boardings - YTD Through April	\$221,154	\$207,385	\$200,238	-3.4%
Value All Building Permits - April	\$12,137,363	\$85,273,206	\$47,323,050	-44.5%
Value All Building Permits - YTD Through April	\$40,214,599	\$246,471,668	\$211,599,972	-14.1%
Permits for New Homes - April	\$35	\$80	\$67	-16.3%
Permits for New Homes - YTD Through April	\$143	\$400	\$309	-22.8%
Sales of Existing Homes - April	\$154	\$173	\$200	15.6%
Sales of Existing Homes - YTD Through April	\$618	\$756	\$651	-13.9%
Average Home Sale Price - April	\$81,433	\$263,147	\$279,279	6.1%
Average Home Sale Price - YTD Through April Avg	\$83,035	\$269,704	\$268,986	-0.3%
Home Sales Dollar Volume - April*	\$12,064,184	\$29,140,797	\$34,869,696	19.7%
Home Sales Dollar Volume - YTD Through April *	\$49,620,235	\$131,049,649	\$109,603,120	-16.4%
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>				
Wage and Salary Employment - April	53,400	93,800	99,400	6.0%
Wage and Salary Employment – YTD Through April Avg	52,700	92,040	99,000	7.6%
Unemployment Rate - April	4.9	2.9	3.1	6.9%
Unemployment Rate - YTD Through April Avg	4.7	3.0	2.9	-4.7%
<b>INDEX - April (Base = 100 January 1996)</b>	<b>103.4</b>	<b>220.7</b>	<b>235.0</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

\* Adjusted for inflation by restating in year 1995 dollars