

**MIDLAND ECONOMIC INDEX**

April 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) *	\$76,538,185	\$214,858,235	\$207,543,308	-3.4%
Taxable Spending - YTD Through April *	\$368,351,552	\$972,882,203	\$1,022,424,182	5.1%
Dollars Spent on Auto Purchases - April *	\$14,577,728	\$64,219,754	\$51,258,377	-20.2%
Dollars Spent on Auto Purchases - YTD Through April *	\$57,530,252	\$242,706,838	\$194,915,319	-19.7%
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	43,716	43,594	37,697	-13.5%
Airline Boardings - YTD Through April	170,890	161,793	155,155	-4.1%
Value All Building Permits - April	\$12,587,134	\$39,482,785	\$28,216,546	-28.5%
Value All Building Permits - YTD Through April	\$28,077,236	\$161,198,462	\$164,276,922	1.9%
Permits for New Homes - April	35	76	37	-51.3%
Permits for New Homes - YTD Through April	108	320	242	-24.4%
Sales of Existing Homes - April	144	164	140	-14.6%
Sales of Existing Homes - YTD Through April	464	583	451	-22.6%
Average Home Sale Price - April	\$79,762	\$270,949	\$261,748	-3.4%
Average Home Sale Price - YTD Through April Avg	\$83,567	\$271,650	\$264,421	-2.7%
Home Sales Dollar Volume - April*	\$11,080,376	\$28,497,770	\$22,913,234	-19.6%
Home Sales Dollar Volume - YTD Through April *	\$37,556,051	\$101,900,638	\$74,733,424	-26.7%
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>				
Wage and Salary Employment - April	52,600	93,300	99,100	6.2%
Wage and Salary Employment - YTD Through April Avg	52,525	91,600	98,925	8.0%
Unemployment Rate - April	4.4	2.6	2.9	11.5%
Unemployment Rate - YTD Through April Avg	4.7	3.0	2.8	-7.4%
<b>INDEX - April (Base = 100 January 1996)</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>219.0</b>	<b>236.0</b>	<b>7.8%</b>

\* Adjusted for inflation by restating in year 1995 dollars