

BUSINESS BAROMETER August 2006

Sales Tax Collections by Class of Business (value in \$):

Percent Change from:

	July '06	June '06	July '05
Food and Beverage	\$911,426	-9.27	3.39
Apparel	\$160,845	1.67	12.63
General Merchandise	\$695,590	1.42	5.72
Auto and Oil	\$304,389	12.87	4.49
Furniture and Appliances	\$192,394	-5.46	-1.72
Building and Industrial	\$479,386	3.09	3.53
Utilities and Transportation	\$219,173	-6.90	12.22
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$129,262	-10.13	-5.12
Miscellaneous	\$277,896	14.37	-27.24

ALLEGANY CTY	June '06	May '06	June '05
Labor Force	36,411	36,111	33,079
Employed	34,428	34,284	30,962
Unemployed	1,983	1,827	2,117
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.1	6.4

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	July '06	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	203.5	0.30%	4.20%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	199.2	0.30%	4.30%

BUILDING PERMITS	July '06	June '06	July '05
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	7,401,187	2,658,776	1,662,840
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	10,685,600	2,058,508	303,550

