

BUSINESS BAROMETER September 2006

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

Percent Change from:

	August '06	July '06	August '05
Food and Beverage	\$715,291	30.27	1.09
Apparel	\$121,489	21.29	4.48
General Merchandise	\$568,896	13.98	-2.42
Auto and Oil	\$237,119	33.65	5.62
Furniture and Appliances	\$139,198	46.66	-5.98
Building and Industrial	\$375,282	15.47	-4.23
Utilities and Transportation	\$227,454	17.77	-1.64
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$99,103	15.64	4.46
Miscellaneous	\$165,635	80.58	-24.98

ALLEGANY CTY	July '06	June '06	July '05
Labor Force	36,417	36,411	33,099
Employed	34,278	34,428	31,037
Unemployed	2,139	1,983	2,062
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.4	6.2

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	August '06	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	203.9	0.20%	4.20%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	199.6	0.20%	4.30%

BUILDING PERMITS	August '06	July '06	August '05
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	1,922,574	7,401,187	1,820,932
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	3,894,512	10,685,600	3,376,080

