

# BUSINESS BAROMETER

March 2007

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

Percent Change from:

	February '07	January '06	February '06
Food and Beverage	\$636,076	948,233.00	582,610.00
Apparel	\$117,004	247,036.00	104,431.00
General Merchandise	\$520,567	1,177,863.00	472,261.00
Auto and Oil	\$190,361	294,001.00	200,569.00
Furniture and Appliances	\$163,788	213,310.00	165,410.00
Building and Industrial	\$262,359	336,505.00	298,777.00
Utilities and Transportation	\$250,125	215,907.00	302,112.00
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$78,531	105,404.00	65,169.00
Miscellaneous	\$272,985	361,186.00	155,179.00

ALLEGANY CTY	January 2007	December 2006	January 2006	Last Month	Last Year
Labor Force	36,361	36,195	35,671	0.46%	1.93%
Employed	33,818	34,297	33,231	-1.40%	1.77%
Unemployed	2,543	1,898	2,440	33.98%	4.22%
Unemployment Rate	7.00	5.20	6.80	1.80%	0.20%

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX		Monthly
	February '07	% Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	203.5	0.53%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	198.5	0.50%

BUILDING PERMITS	February '07	January '06	February '06
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	336,500	1,691,300	6,016,700
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	1,189,000	216,464	302,866

