

BUSINESS BAROMETER February 2008

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

	December '07	November '07	December '06
Food and Beverage	\$728,758	-17.2	21.4
Apparel	\$153,680	11.4	-3.1
General Merchandise	\$808,418	36.9	8.5
Auto and Oil	\$252,393	-10.4	10.8
Furniture and Appliances	\$137,841	-5.7	-10.2
Building and Industrial	\$323,991	-1.0	-5.7
Utilities and Transportation	\$196,699	2.1	-18.1
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$107,185	-8.0	-18.5
Miscellaneous	\$185,261	-6.6	7.4

ALLEGANY CTY	November '07	October '07	November '06
Labor Force	35,498	35,533	36,042
Employed	33,894	33,723	34,247
Unemployed	1,604	1,810	1,795
Unemployment Rate	4.5	5.1	5.0

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	December '07	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	210.0	-0.07%	4.15%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	205.8	-0.06%	4.41%

BUILDING PERMITS	December '07	November '07	December '06
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$809,000	\$2,020,000	\$741,695
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	\$325,500	\$1,232,419	\$32,230

