

# BUSINESS BAROMETER

March 2008

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

Percent Change from:

	January '08	December '07	January '07
Food and Beverage	\$858,750	17.8	-9.4
Apparel	\$247,911	61.3	0.4
General Merchandise	\$1,065,258	31.8	-9.6
Auto and Oil	\$250,147	-0.9	-14.9
Furniture and Appliances	\$192,542	39.7	-9.7
Building and Industrial	\$292,427	-9.7	-13.1
Utilities and Transportation	\$222,949	13.3	-10.4
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$108,204	1.0	2.7
Miscellaneous	\$296,952	60.3	34.5

ALLEGANY CTY	December '07	November '07	December '06
Labor Force	35,522	35,498	36,195
Employed	33,725	33,894	34,297
Unemployed	1,797	1,604	1,898
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.5	5.2

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	January '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	211.1	0.50%	3.76%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	206.7	0.47%	4.16%

BUILDING PERMITS	January '08	December '07	January '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$155,500	\$1,257,500	\$1,691,300
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	\$342,404	\$325,500	\$216,464

