

BUSINESS BAROMETER

April 2008

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

Percent Change from:

	February '08	January '08	February '07
Food and Beverage	\$715,805	-16.6	12.5
Apparel	\$142,333	-42.6	21.6
General Merchandise	\$523,571	-50.9	0.6
Auto and Oil	\$242,551	-3.0	27.4
Furniture and Appliances	\$148,744	-22.7	-9.2
Building and Industrial	\$256,374	-12.3	-2.3
Utilities and Transportation	\$288,388	29.4	39.0
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$81,203	-25.0	3.4
Miscellaneous	\$183,533	-38.2	20.8

ALLEGANY CTY	January '08	December '07	January '07
Labor Force	35,277	35,522	36,361
Employed	33,183	33,725	33,818
Unemployed	2,094	1,797	2,543
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.1	7.0

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	February '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	211.7	0.29%	3.72%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	207.3	0.25%	4.13%

BUILDING PERMITS	February '08	January '08	February '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$287,000	\$155,500	\$336,500
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	\$655,902	\$342,404	\$1,189,000

