

# BUSINESS BAROMETER

May 2008

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

Percent Change from:

	March '08	February '08	March '07
Food and Beverage	\$844,963	18.0	34.0
Apparel	\$166,733	17.1	41.2
General Merchandise	\$648,691	23.9	20.8
Auto and Oil	\$264,340	9.0	33.9
Furniture and Appliances	\$166,053	11.6	-5.0
Building and Industrial	\$278,009	8.4	23.7
Utilities and Transportation	\$299,940	4.0	45.7
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$90,374	11.3	1.8
Miscellaneous	\$255,598	39.3	68.4

ALLEGANY CTY	February '08	January '08	February '07
Labor Force	35,471	35,277	36,212
Employed	33,397	33,183	33,600
Unemployed	2,074	2,094	2,612
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.9	7.2

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	March '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	213.5	0.87%	3.11%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	209.1	0.91%	3.32%

BUILDING PERMITS	March '08	February '08	March '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$1,727,100	\$287,000	\$2,658,500
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	\$139,313	\$655,902	\$106,885

