

# BUSINESS BAROMETER

June 2008

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

Percent Change from:

	April '08	March '08	April '07
Food and Beverage	\$951,495	12.6	7.7
Apparel	\$189,904	13.9	15.3
General Merchandise	\$701,742	8.2	11.2
Auto and Oil	\$294,148	11.3	-7.3
Furniture and Appliances	\$172,496	3.9	11.4
Building and Industrial	\$392,331	41.1	9.4
Utilities and Transportation	\$279,748	-6.7	18.3
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$105,493	16.7	-1.6
Miscellaneous	\$218,471	-14.5	-19.1

ALLEGANY CTY	March '08	February '08	March '07
Labor Force	35,563	35,523	35,953
Employed	33,465	33,410	33,852
Unemployed	2,098	2,113	2,101
Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.9	5.8

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	April '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	214.8	0.61%	3.31%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	210.7	0.74%	3.47%

BUILDING PERMITS	April '08	March '08	April '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$2,782,490	\$1,727,100	\$1,974,500
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	\$599,239	\$139,313	\$489,304

