

BUSINESS BAROMETER

July 2008

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

Percent Change from:

	May '08	April '08	May '07
Food and Beverage	\$972,183	2.2	32.7
Apparel	\$155,077	-18.3	14.5
General Merchandise	\$696,368	-0.8	23.1
Auto and Oil	\$283,576	-3.6	46.9
Furniture and Appliances	\$142,024	-17.7	19.2
Building and Industrial	\$381,387	-2.8	4.8
Utilities and Transportation	\$259,326	-7.3	25.8
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$145,908	38.3	23.4
Miscellaneous	\$205,266	-6.0	5.5

ALLEGANY CTY	April '08	March '08	April '07
Labor Force	35,490	35,642	35,472
Employed	33,770	33,544	33,689
Unemployed	1,720	2,098	1,783
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.9	5.0

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	May '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	216.6	0.84%	3.33%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	212.8	0.99%	3.44%

BUILDING PERMITS	May '08	April '08	May '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$1,663,615	\$2,782,490	\$2,182,000
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	\$18,907,300	\$599,239	\$448,705

