

# BUSINESS BAROMETER August 2008

**Sales Tax Collections by Class of Business (value in \$):** Percent Change from:

|                                 | June '08  | May '08 | June '07 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Food and Beverage               | \$979,975 | 0.8     | 34.9     |
| Apparel                         | \$153,604 | -0.9    | 10.9     |
| General Merchandise             | \$724,048 | 4.0     | 12.3     |
| Auto and Oil                    | \$294,888 | 4.0     | 21.9     |
| Furniture and Appliances        | \$136,982 | -3.6    | 0.1      |
| Building and Industrial         | \$425,414 | 11.5    | 4.0      |
| Utilities and Transportation    | \$224,099 | -13.6   | 4.6      |
| Hardware, Machinery, and Equip. | \$140,704 | -3.6    | 0.3      |
| Miscellaneous                   | \$199,176 | -3.0    | -28.0    |

| ALLEGANY CTY      | May '08 | April '08 | May '07 |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Labor Force       | 35,612  | 35,490    | 35,599  |
| Employed          | 33,868  | 33,770    | 33,904  |
| Unemployed        | 1,744   | 1,720     | 1,695   |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.9     | 4.8       | 4.8     |

| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX    | June '08 | Monthly % Change | Annual % Change |
|-------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|
| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS     | 218.8    | 1.01%            | 3.95%           |
| URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL | 215.2    | 1.15%            | 4.36%           |

| BUILDING PERMITS        | June '08    | May '08      | June '07    |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS | \$2,338,500 | \$1,663,615  | \$2,312,200 |
| CITY BUILDING PERMITS   | \$102,638   | \$18,907,300 | \$4,195,410 |

