

# BUSINESS BAROMETER September 2008

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

Percent Change from:

	July '08	June '08	July '07
Food and Beverage	\$1,035,856	5.7	8.3
Apparel	\$176,146	14.7	14.5
General Merchandise	\$792,561	9.5	19.0
Auto and Oil	\$314,344	6.6	-4.0
Furniture and Appliances	\$151,539	10.6	-3.6
Building and Industrial	\$490,057	15.2	5.5
Utilities and Transportation	\$248,307	10.8	22.8
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$142,987	1.6	4.7
Miscellaneous	\$264,743	32.9	19.7

ALLEGANY CTY	June '08	May '08	June '07
Labor Force	35,757	35,612	35,867
Employed	33,796	33,868	33,970
Unemployed	1,961	1,744	1,897
Unemployment Rate	5.5	4.9	5.3

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	July '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	220.0	0.53%	5.05%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	216.3	0.50%	5.66%

BUILDING PERMITS	July '08	June '08	July '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$1,532,940	\$2,338,500	\$1,933,400
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	\$626,446	\$102,638	\$252,647

