

BUSINESS BAROMETER November 2008

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

	September '08	August '08	September '07
Food and Beverage	\$959,829	-4.7	18.7
Apparel	\$176,256	30.0	13.5
General Merchandise	\$738,067	12.4	22.0
Auto and Oil	\$272,667	-12.9	-3.9
Furniture and Appliances	\$168,051	23.5	8.9
Building and Industrial	\$366,898	-5.6	-0.3
Utilities and Transportation	\$273,576	0.0	39.1
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$108,241	-23.5	1.2
Miscellaneous	\$309,643	38.8	67.1

ALLEGANY CTY	August '08	July '08	August '07
Labor Force	35,486	35,639	35,592
Employed	33,425	33,575	33,726
Unemployed	2,061	2,064	1,866
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.8	5.2

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	September '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	218.8	-0.14%	5.08%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	214.9	-0.15%	5.57%

BUILDING PERMITS	September '08	August '08	September '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$1,948,565	\$6,562,695	\$2,244,000
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	\$6,620,150	\$3,476,220	\$419,075

