

BUSINESS BAROMETER December 2008

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

Percent Change from:

	October '08	September '08	October '07
Food and Beverage	\$1,002,532	4.4	15.6
Apparel	\$166,351	-5.6	9.6
General Merchandise	\$667,907	-9.5	11.2
Auto and Oil	\$279,092	2.4	6.2
Furniture and Appliances	\$152,037	-9.5	8.8
Building and Industrial	\$388,337	5.8	-6.5
Utilities and Transportation	\$295,124	7.9	45.9
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$114,086	5.4	-11.7
Miscellaneous	\$223,480	-27.8	-24.7

ALLEGANY CTY	September '08	August '08	September '07
Labor Force	35,295	35,486	35,577
Employed	33,329	33,425	33,830
Unemployed	1,966	2,061	1,747
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.8	4.9

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	October '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	216.6	-1.01%	4.71%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	212.2	-1.28%	5.19%

BUILDING PERMITS	September '08	August '08	September '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$1,948,565	\$6,562,695	\$2,226,400
CITY BUILDING PERMITS	\$6,620,150	\$3,476,220	\$1,232,419

