

# BUSINESS BAROMETER

January 2008

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

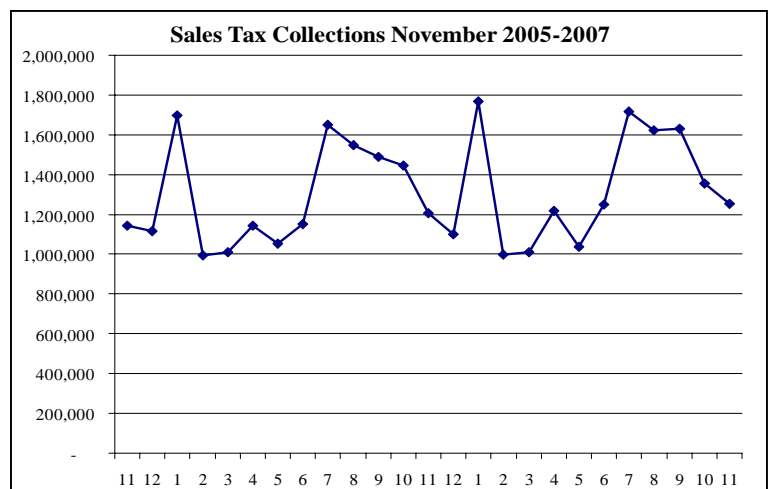
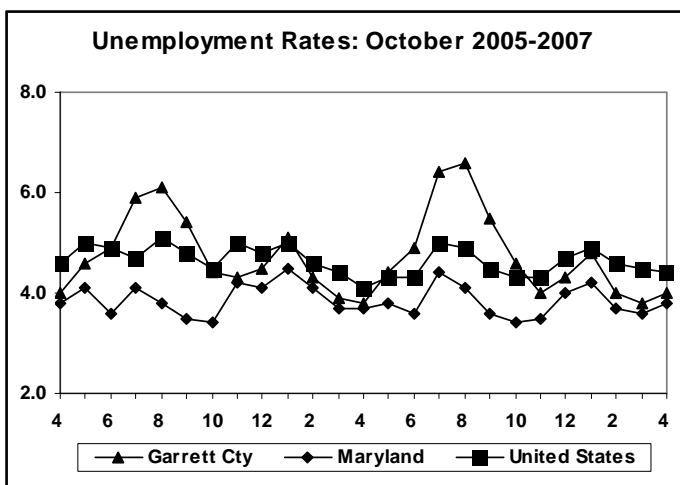
Percent Change from:

	November '07	October '07	November '06
Food and Beverage	\$302,086	-2.7	18.3
Apparel	\$8,461	24.0	49.3
General Merchandise	\$312,310	-4.2	-1.5
Auto and Oil	\$130,891	-3.0	20.6
Furniture and Appliances	\$48,517	-10.7	-7.0
Building and Industrial	\$197,433	-5.5	-15.2
Utilities and Transportation	\$55,611	-8.4	6.0
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$44,220	0.0	9.5
Miscellaneous	\$152,160	-26.9	7.8

GARRETT	October '07	September '07	October '06
Labor Force	16,364	16,591	16,606
Employed	15,708	15,957	15,975
Unemployed	656	634	631
Unemp Rate	4.0	3.8	3.8

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	Monthly		Annual
	November '07	% Change	% Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	210.2	0.59%	3.69%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	205.9	0.76%	3.83%

BUILDING PERMITS	November '07	October '07	November '06
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$10,412,608	\$13,733,027	\$8,978,797



The Business Barometer is generated by the Center for Regional Progress at Frostburg State University. Information is obtained from: Comptroller and Treasury, MD Dept. of Economic and Employment Analysis and Information, City of Cumberland Planning and Zoning, and <http://stats.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost>