

# BUSINESS BAROMETER

February 2008

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

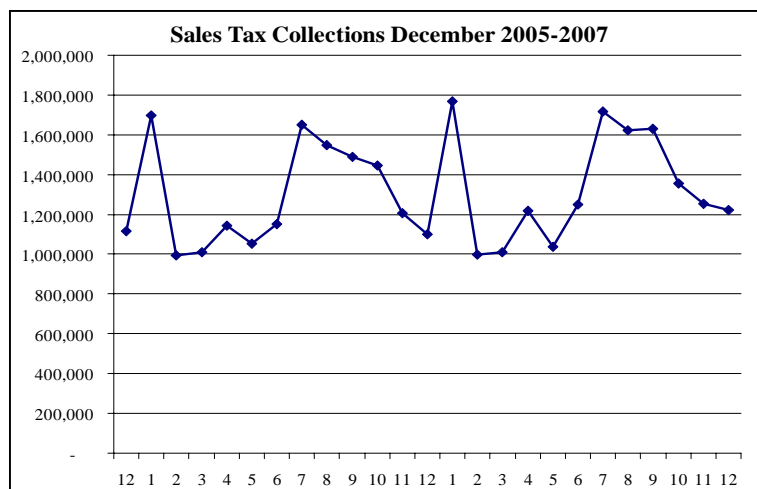
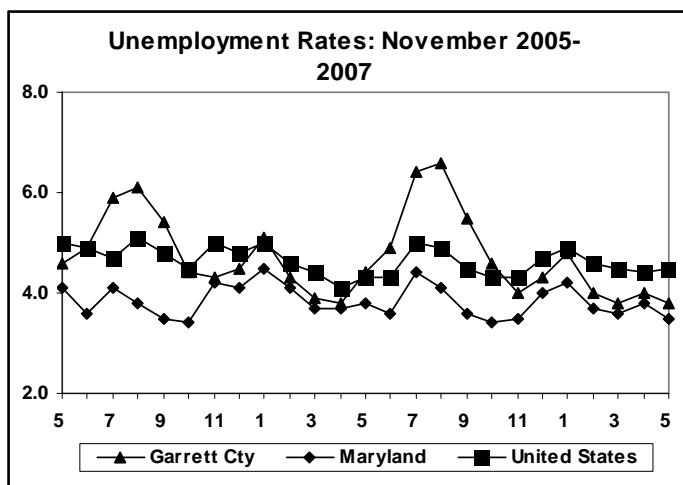
Percent Change from:

	December '07	November '07	December '06
Food and Beverage	\$240,852	-20.3	12.5
Apparel	\$4,902	-42.1	-0.7
General Merchandise	\$398,337	27.5	5.7
Auto and Oil	\$126,598	-3.3	26.2
Furniture and Appliances	\$46,040	-5.1	40.1
Building and Industrial	\$163,047	-17.4	-2.4
Utilities and Transportation	\$52,414	-5.7	-3.3
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$38,504	-12.9	1.2
Miscellaneous	\$152,271	0.1	33.7

GARRETT	November '07	October '07	November '06
Labor Force	16,280	16,364	16,594
Employed	15,659	15,708	15,865
Unemployed	621	656	729
Unemp Rate	3.8	4.0	4.4

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	Monthly		Annual
	December '07	% Change	% Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	210.0	-0.07%	4.15%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	205.8	-0.06%	4.41%

BUILDING PERMITS	December '07	November '07	December '06
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$4,045,499	\$10,412,608	\$6,130,507



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>