

BUSINESS BAROMETER

April 2008

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

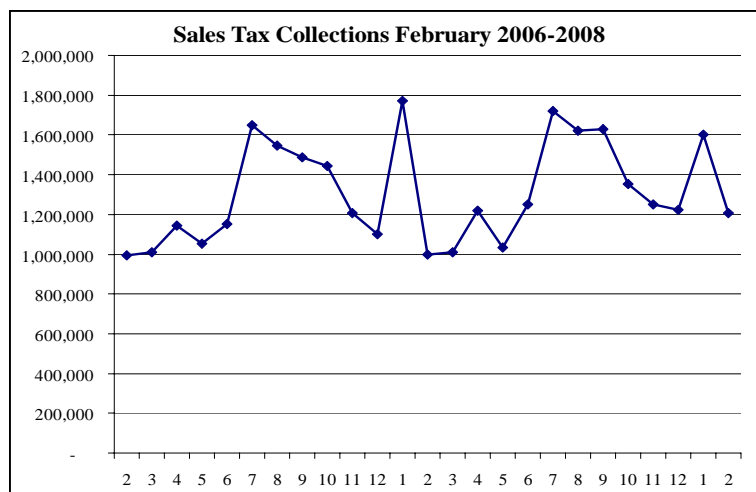
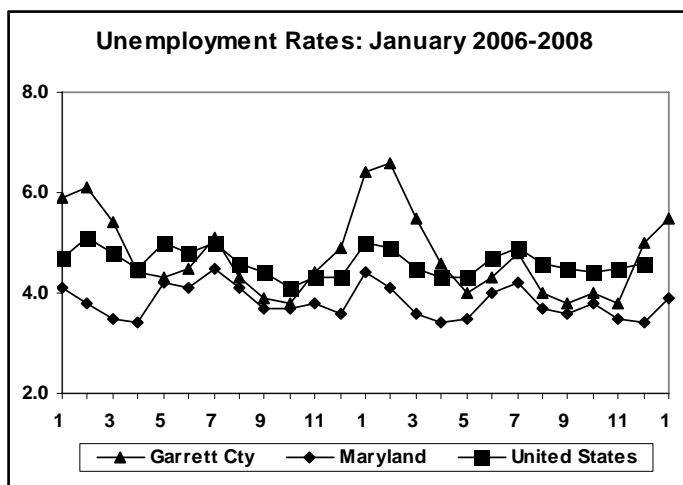
Percent Change from:

	February '08	January '08	February '07
Food and Beverage	\$277,376	-16.5	32.8
Apparel	\$4,325	-67.6	11.9
General Merchandise	\$336,383	-39.4	18.4
Auto and Oil	\$114,787	-8.2	26.4
Furniture and Appliances	\$40,717	-37.1	59.0
Building and Industrial	\$128,443	-13.2	-4.1
Utilities and Transportation	\$60,019	13.8	-6.0
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$31,384	-12.7	42.6
Miscellaneous	\$213,727	-22.0	30.9

GARRETT	January '08	December '07	January '07
Labor Force	16,799	16,719	17,163
Employed	15,870	15,886	16,063
Unemployed	929	833	1,100
Unemp Rate	5.5	5.0	6.4

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	February '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	211.7	0.29%	3.72%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	207.3	0.25%	4.13%

BUILDING PERMITS	February '08	January '08	February '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$23,424,440	\$3,761,681	\$0



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://data.bls.gov/PDQ/outside.jsp?survey=la>