

# BUSINESS BAROMETER

May 2008

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

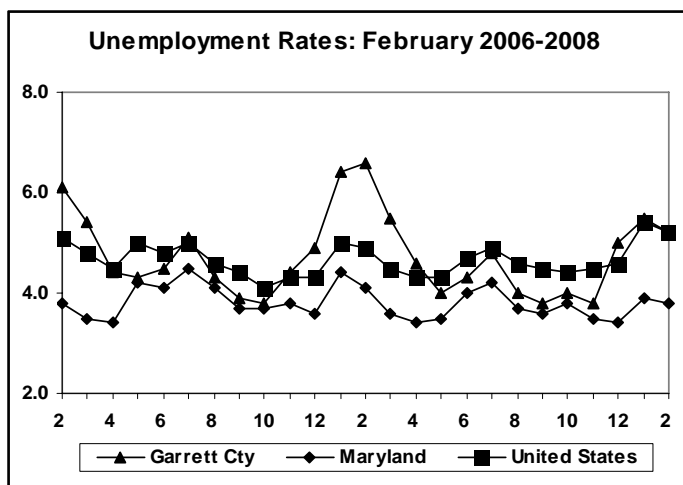
Percent Change from:

	March '08	February '08	March '07
Food and Beverage	\$304,947	9.9	35.0
Apparel	\$5,140	18.8	31.1
General Merchandise	\$382,570	13.7	25.5
Auto and Oil	\$109,351	-4.7	39.4
Furniture and Appliances	\$39,624	-2.7	55.2
Building and Industrial	\$121,590	-5.3	32.7
Utilities and Transportation	\$69,144	15.2	30.4
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$27,414	-12.6	18.5
Miscellaneous	\$260,913	22.1	29.3

GARRETT	February '08	January '08	February '07
Labor Force	16,981	16,799	16,777
Employed	16,094	15,870	15,662
Unemployed	887	929	1,115
Unemp Rate	5.2	5.5	6.6

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	March '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	213.5	0.87%	3.11%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	209.1	0.91%	3.32%

BUILDING PERMITS	March '08	February '08	March '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$6,453,880	\$23,424,440	\$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>