

BUSINESS BAROMETER

June 2008

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

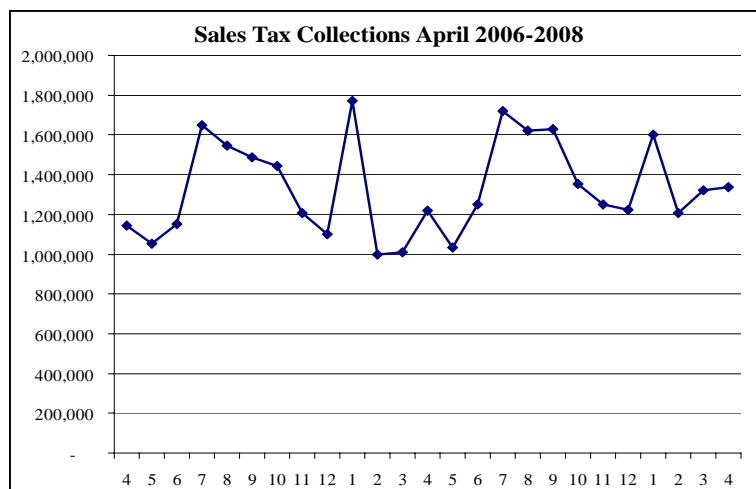
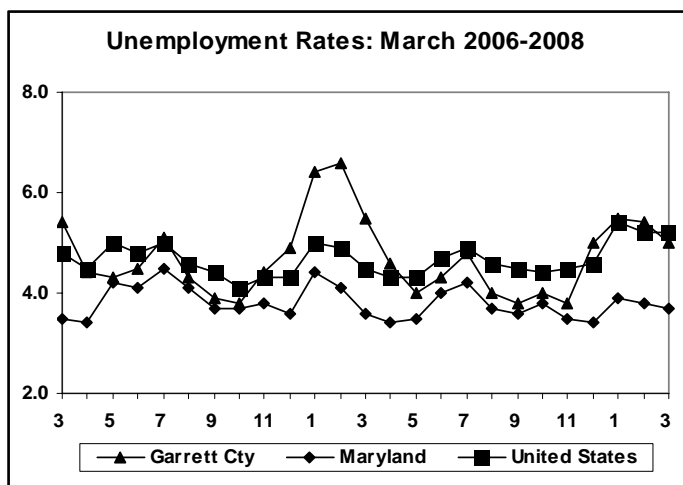
Percent Change from:

	April '08	March '08	April '07
Food and Beverage	\$319,690	4.8	21.8
Apparel	\$9,787	90.4	23.8
General Merchandise	\$395,901	3.5	22.6
Auto and Oil	\$124,178	13.6	-4.0
Furniture and Appliances	\$37,195	-6.1	-38.1
Building and Industrial	\$149,679	23.1	-1.5
Utilities and Transportation	\$61,065	-11.7	7.8
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$35,548	29.7	2.7
Miscellaneous	\$201,472	-22.8	4.9

GARRETT	March '08	February '08	March '07
Labor Force	16,845	17,002	16,897
Employed	16,005	16,086	15,976
Unemployed	840	916	921
Unemp Rate	5.0	5.4	5.5

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	April '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	214.8	0.61%	3.31%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	210.7	0.74%	3.47%

BUILDING PERMITS	April '08	March '08	April '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$9,591,279	\$6,453,880	\$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>