

BUSINESS BAROMETER

July 2008

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

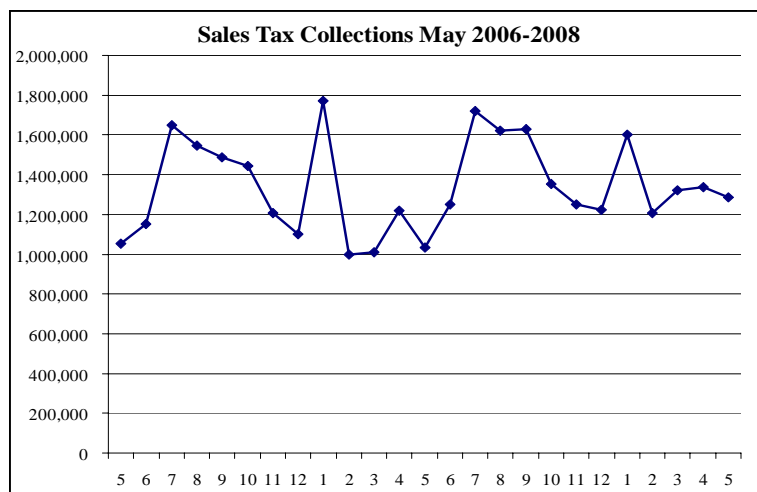
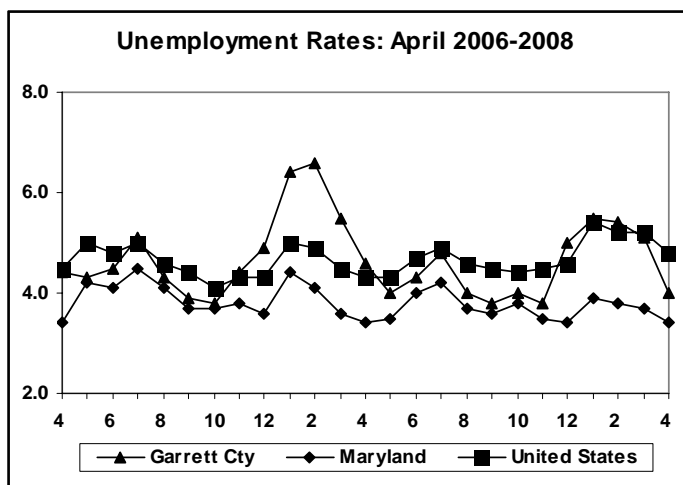
Percent Change from:

	May '08	April '08	May '07
Food and Beverage	\$296,077	-7.4	25.2
Apparel	\$3,056	-68.8	-45.0
General Merchandise	\$372,122	-6.0	30.2
Auto and Oil	\$145,245	17.0	7.0
Furniture and Appliances	\$30,637	-17.6	0.1
Building and Industrial	\$178,665	19.4	12.0
Utilities and Transportation	\$63,802	4.5	25.7
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$63,747	79.3	58.0
Miscellaneous	\$131,523	-34.7	45.3

GARRETT	April '08	March '08	April '07
Labor Force	16,561	16,860	16,694
Employed	15,894	15,998	15,931
Unemployed	667	862	763
Unemp Rate	4.0	5.1	4.6

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	May '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	216.6	0.84%	3.33%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	212.8	0.99%	3.44%

BUILDING PERMITS	May '08	April '08	May '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$6,374,021	\$9,591,279	\$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>