

BUSINESS BAROMETER

August 2008

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

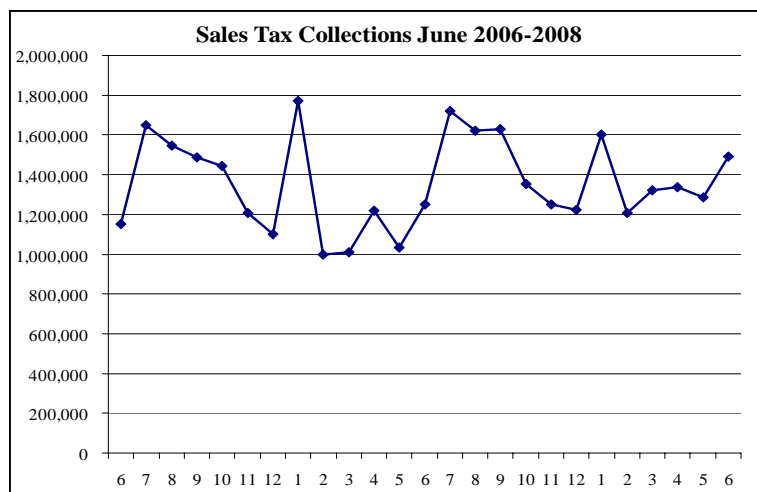
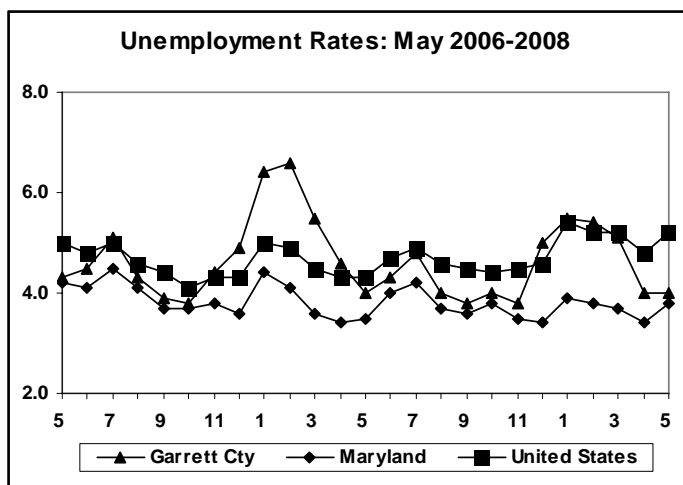
Percent Change from:

	June '08	May '08	June '07
Food and Beverage	\$368,892	24.6	27.1
Apparel	\$7,743	153.4	10.6
General Merchandise	\$429,229	15.3	28.2
Auto and Oil	\$142,009	-2.2	6.9
Furniture and Appliances	\$41,653	36.0	-6.7
Building and Industrial	\$197,171	10.4	4.9
Utilities and Transportation	\$57,921	-9.2	-3.8
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$53,849	-15.5	21.1
Miscellaneous	\$207,250	57.6	39.7

GARRETT	May '08	April '08	May '07
Labor Force	17,014	16,561	16,915
Employed	16,329	15,894	16,246
Unemployed	685	667	669
Unemp Rate	4.0	4.0	4.0

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	June '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	218.8	1.01%	3.95%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	215.2	1.15%	4.36%

BUILDING PERMITS	June '08	May '08	June '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$11,117,940	\$6,374,021	\$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>