

BUSINESS BAROMETER September 2008

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

Percent Change from:

	July '08	June '08	July '07
Food and Beverage	\$392,607	6.4	2.9
Apparel	\$9,852	27.2	-11.6
General Merchandise	\$450,142	4.9	24.5
Auto and Oil	\$171,660	20.9	1.2
Furniture and Appliances	\$62,953	51.1	-29.9
Building and Industrial	\$251,428	27.5	-0.7
Utilities and Transportation	\$77,545	33.9	-0.2
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$80,228	49.0	42.4
Miscellaneous	\$366,133	76.7	15.2

GARRETT	June '08	May '08	June '07
Labor Force	17,577	17,014	17,239
Employed	16,835	16,329	16,494
Unemployed	742	685	745
Unemp Rate	4.2	4.0	4.3

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	July '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	220.0	0.53%	5.05%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	216.3	0.50%	5.66%

BUILDING PERMITS	July '08	June '08	July '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$5,678,117	\$11,117,940	\$13,803,839

