

BUSINESS BAROMETER

October 2008

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

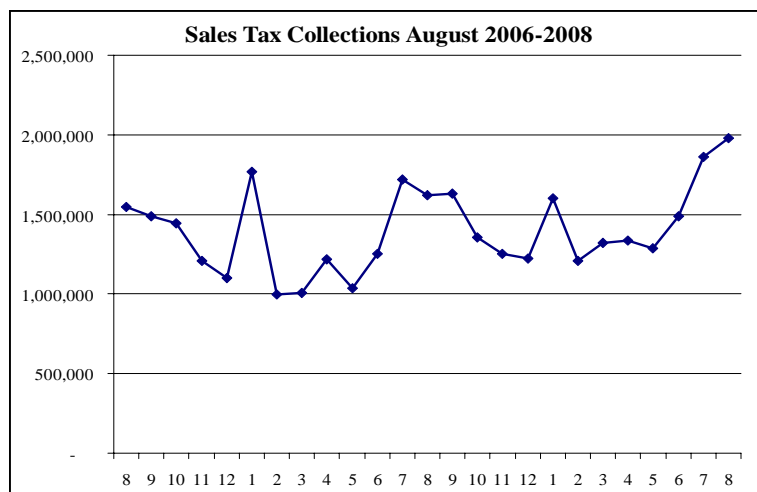
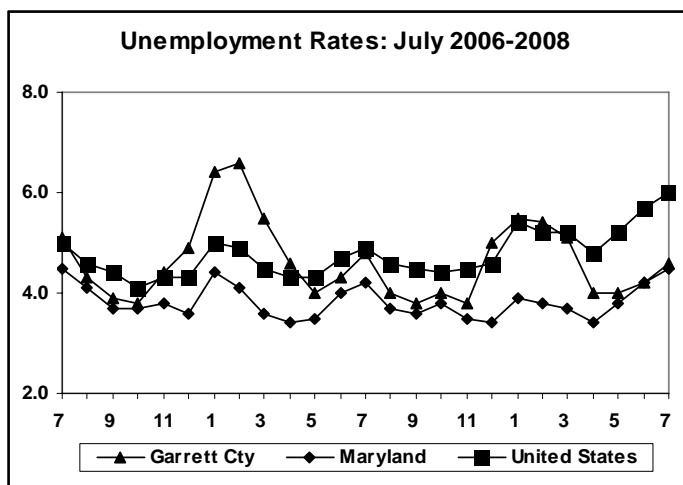
Percent Change from:

	August '08	July '08	August '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	July '08	June '08	July '07
Labor Force	17,986	17,577	17,288
Employed	17,151	16,835	16,453
Unemployed	835	742	835
Unemp Rate	4.6	4.2	4.8

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	August '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	219.1	-0.40%	0.53%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	215.3	-0.49%	0.50%

BUILDING PERMITS	August '08	July '08	August '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$8,860,943	\$5,678,117	\$28,845,328



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>