

# BUSINESS BAROMETER November 2008

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

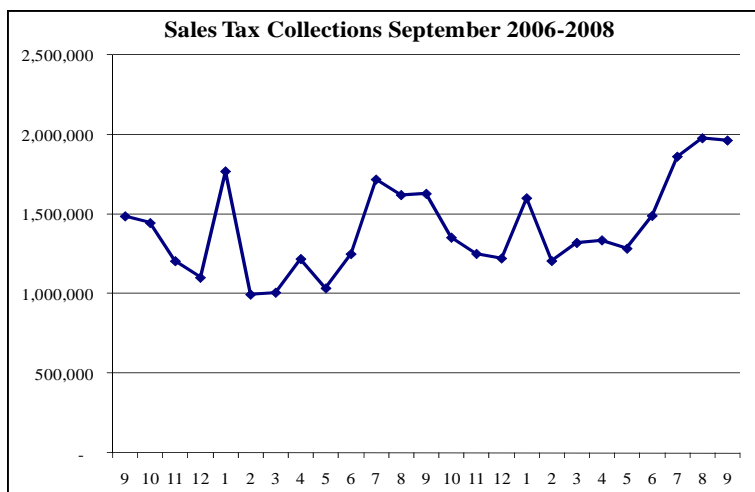
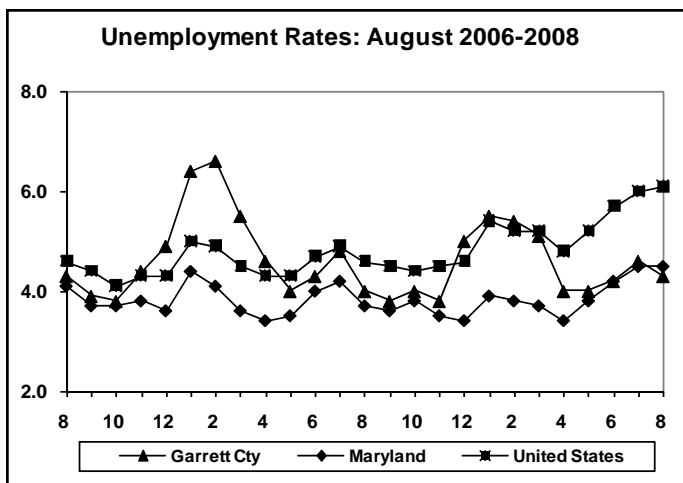
Percent Change from:

	September '08	August '08	September '07
Food and Beverage	\$492,594	0.0	24.7
Apparel	\$9,352	23.4	0.1
General Merchandise	\$460,131	8.8	28.2
Auto and Oil	\$155,739	1.1	0.0
Furniture and Appliances	\$49,099	-23.8	-26.0
Building and Industrial	\$223,778	-2.0	19.7
Utilities and Transportation	\$89,732	1.3	38.3
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$58,148	2.7	40.4
Miscellaneous	\$425,582	-8.1	21.5

GARRETT	August '08	July '08	August '07
Labor Force	17,717	17,986	16,870
Employed	16,956	17,151	16,194
Unemployed	761	835	676
Unemp Rate	4.3	4.6	4.0

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	September '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	218.8	-0.14%	5.08%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	214.9	-0.15%	5.57%

BUILDING PERMITS	September '08	August '08	September '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$7,165,212	\$8,860,943	\$7,215,188



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>