

BUSINESS BAROMETER December 2008

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

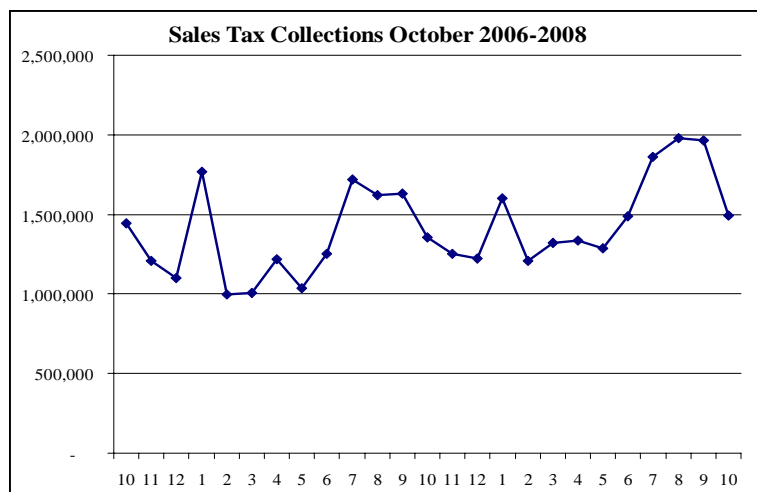
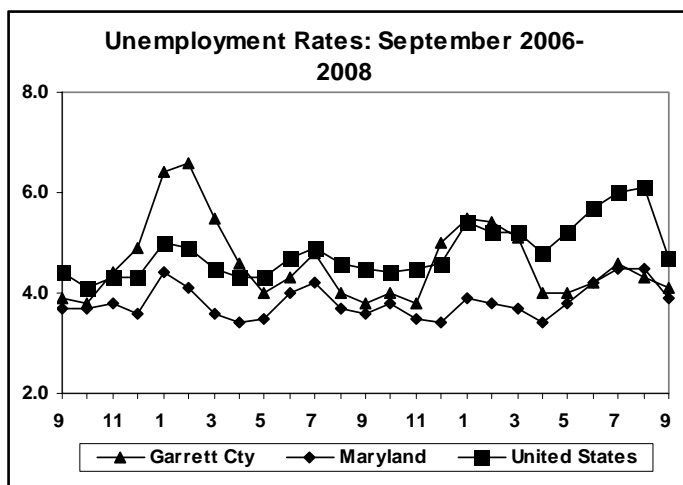
Percent Change from:

	October '08	September '08	October '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	September '08	August '08	September '07
Labor Force	16,494	17,717	16,591
Employed	16,275	16,956	15,957
Unemployed	689	761	634
Unemp Rate	4.1	4.3	3.8

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	October '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	216.6	-1.01%	4.71%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	212.2	-1.28%	5.19%

BUILDING PERMITS	October '08	September '08	October '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$6,757,070	\$7,165,212	\$13,733,027



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>