

# BUSINESS BAROMETER

March 2008

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

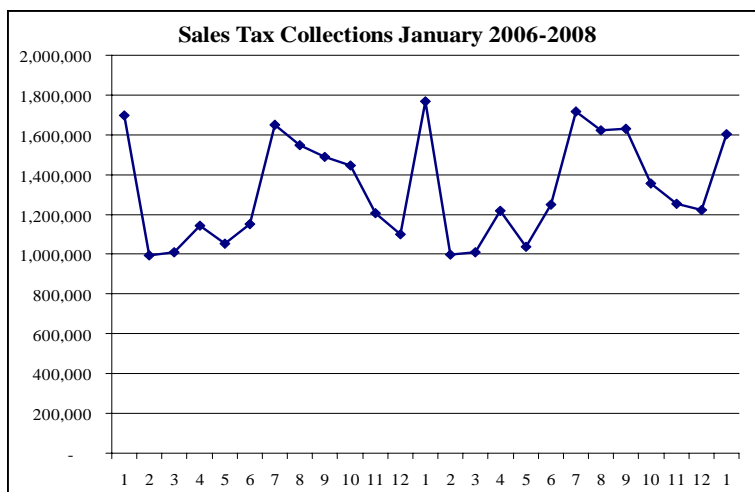
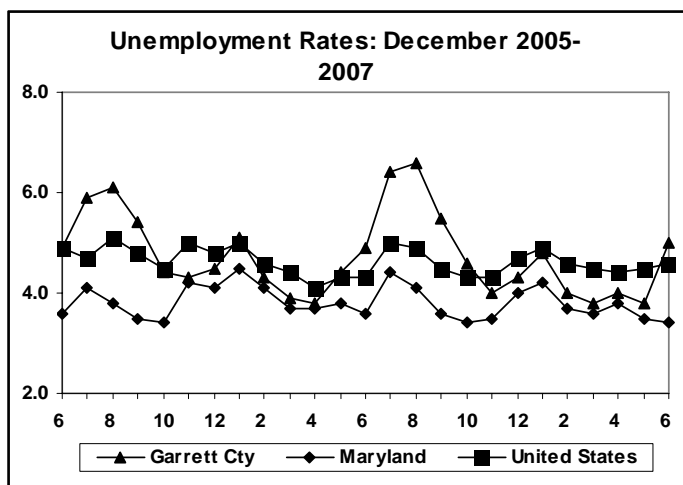
Percent Change from:

	January '08	December '07	January '07
Food and Beverage	\$332,126	37.9	4.3
Apparel	\$13,357	172.5	-12.2
General Merchandise	\$555,349	39.4	-3.5
Auto and Oil	\$125,064	-1.2	-20.2
Furniture and Appliances	\$64,749	40.6	-23.9
Building and Industrial	\$147,892	-9.3	-32.0
Utilities and Transportation	\$52,753	0.6	-1.0
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$35,959	-6.6	-34.6
Miscellaneous	\$274,119	80.0	-6.3

GARRETT	December '07	November '07	December '06
Labor Force	16,719	16,280	16,981
Employed	15,886	15,659	16,149
Unemployed	833	621	832
Unemp Rate	5.0	3.8	4.9

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	January '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	211.1	0.50%	3.76%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	206.7	0.47%	4.16%

BUILDING PERMITS	January '08	December '07	January '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$3,761,681	\$4,045,499	\$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>