

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

January 2008

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

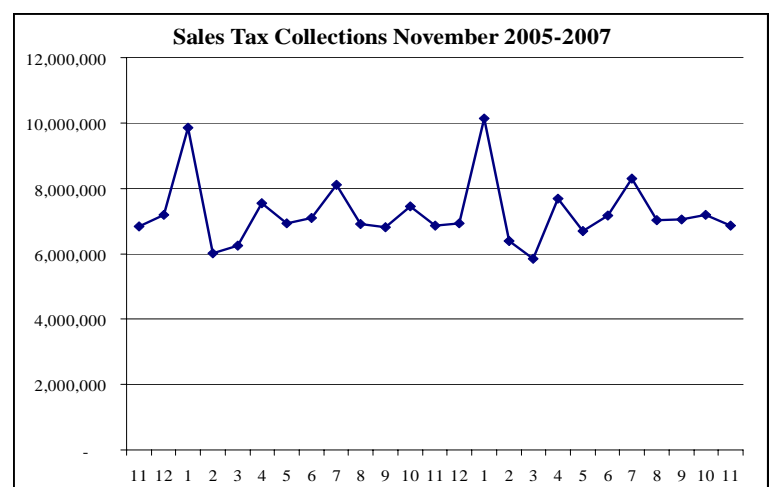
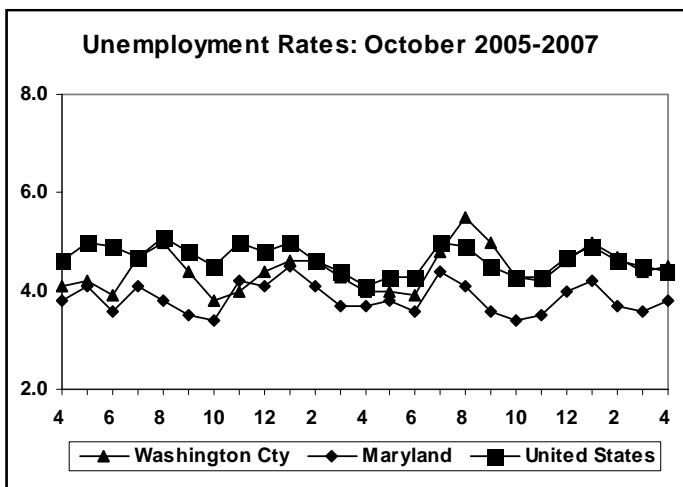
Percent Change from:

| | November '07 | October '07 | November '06 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Food and Beverage | \$1,520,055 | -2.7 | 8.1 |
| Apparel | \$384,094 | -14.9 | -0.2 |
| General Merchandise | \$1,756,760 | -2.1 | 3.1 |
| Auto and Oil | \$543,021 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Furniture and Appliances | \$551,370 | -0.9 | 5.8 |
| Building and Industrial | \$860,956 | -4.4 | -20.8 |
| Utilities and Transportation | \$345,929 | -21.9 | 4.5 |
| Hardware, Machinery, and Equip. | \$139,450 | 14.2 | 9.4 |
| Miscellaneous | \$741,639 | -220.3 | -12.5 |

| WASHINGTON | October '07 | September '07 | October '06 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Labor Force | 70,115 | 69,788 | 70,094 |
| Employed | 66,987 | 66,684 | 67,265 |
| Unemployed | 3,128 | 3,104 | 2,829 |
| Unemp Rate | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.0 |

| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX | November '07 | Monthly % Change | Annual % Change |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | 210.2 | 0.59% | 3.69% |
| URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL | 205.9 | 0.76% | 3.83% |

| BUILDING PERMITS | November '07 | October '07 | November '06 |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS | N/A | \$14,809,431 | \$7,698,765 |



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://stats.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost>