

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

February 2008

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

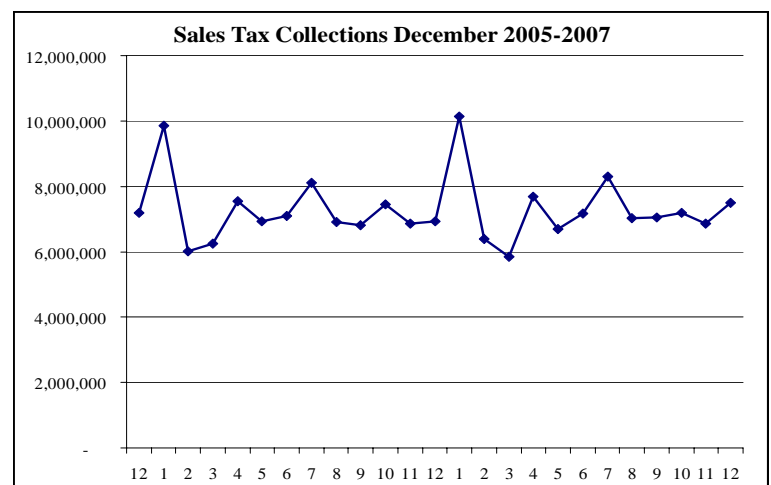
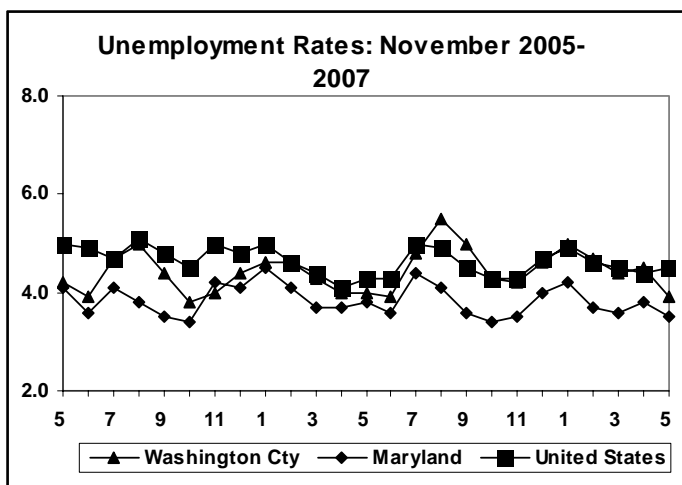
Percent Change from:

	December '07	November '07	December '06
Food and Beverage	\$1,444,632	-5.0	7.8
Apparel	\$446,252	16.2	5.0
General Merchandise	\$2,328,121	32.5	14.3
Auto and Oil	\$505,890	-6.8	2.5
Furniture and Appliances	\$616,566	11.8	7.4
Building and Industrial	\$781,232	-9.3	-9.9
Utilities and Transportation	\$346,205	0.1	2.9
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$344,379	147.0	165.9
Miscellaneous	\$668,400	-9.9	-6.2

WASHINGTON	November '07	October '07	November '06
Labor Force	69,911	70,115	69,788
Employed	67,167	66,987	67,009
Unemployed	2,744	3,128	2,779
Unemp Rate	3.9	4.5	4.0

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	December '07	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	210.0	-0.07%	4.15%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	205.8	-0.06%	4.41%

BUILDING PERMITS	December '07	November '07	December '06
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$1,734,938	\$4,592,180	\$24,340,439



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, Washington County Planning and Community Development Division, and <http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/outside.jsp?survey=la>