

# WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

March 2008

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

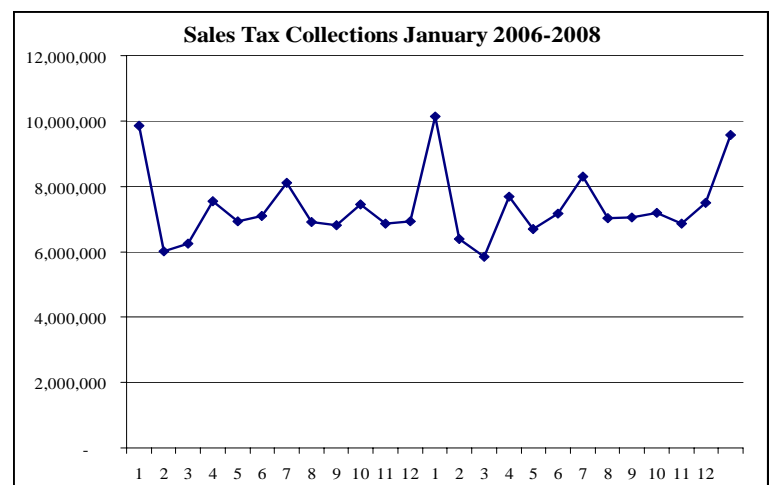
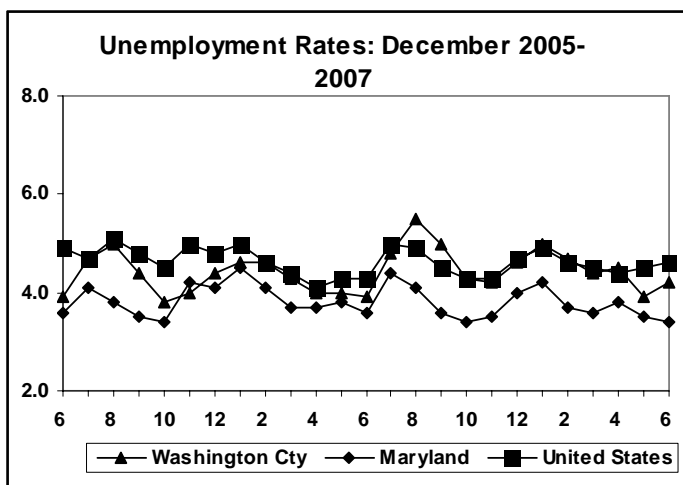
Percent Change from:

	January '08	December '07	January '07
Food and Beverage	\$1,697,156	17.5	-8.7
Apparel	\$748,186	67.7	-7.1
General Merchandise	\$3,451,037	48.2	7.4
Auto and Oil	\$509,917	0.0	0.0
Furniture and Appliances	\$758,920	23.1	-22.9
Building and Industrial	\$741,893	-5.0	-17.6
Utilities and Transportation	\$397,560	14.8	4.3
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$172,237	-50.0	9.8
Miscellaneous	\$1,093,797	63.6	-14.4

WASHINGTON	December '07	November '07	December '06
Labor Force	69,728	69,911	69,994
Employed	66,798	67,167	67,291
Unemployed	2,930	2,744	2,703
Unemp Rate	4.2	3.9	3.9

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	\$10,520,730	\$1,734,938	\$11,860,680



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>