

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

April 2008

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

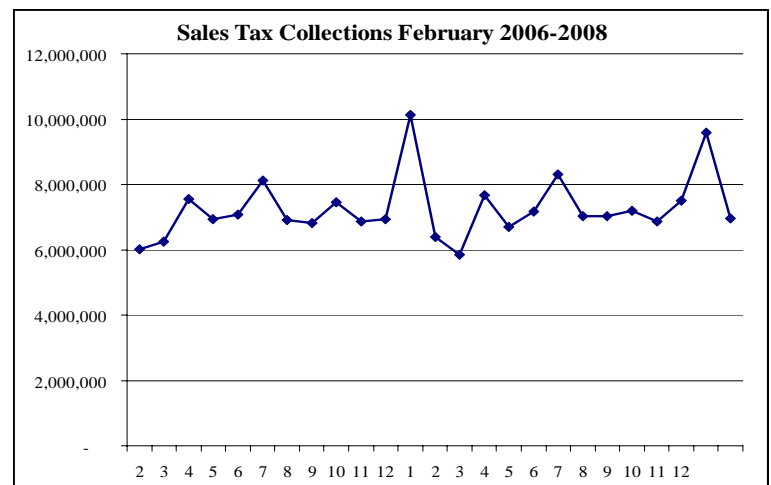
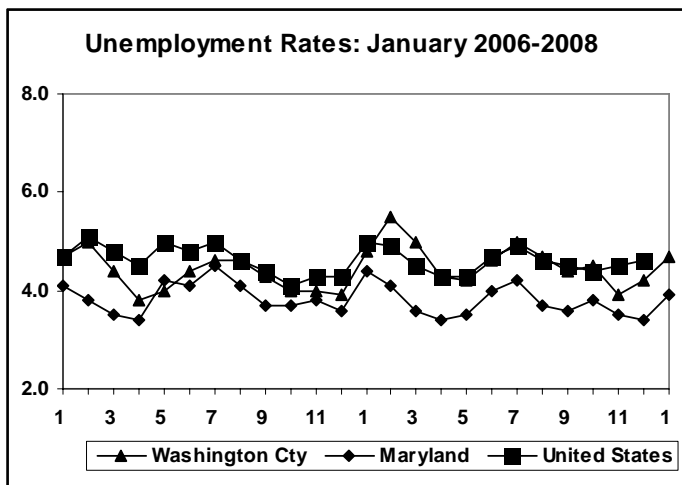
Percent Change from:

	February '08	January '08	February '07
Food and Beverage	\$1,493,332	-12.0	11.5
Apparel	\$336,548	-55.0	3.6
General Merchandise	\$1,768,331	-48.8	13.4
Auto and Oil	\$568,617	11.5	5.1
Furniture and Appliances	\$566,521	-25.4	-2.8
Building and Industrial	\$795,902	7.3	4.8
Utilities and Transportation	\$443,142	11.5	12.6
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$197,773	14.8	93.8
Miscellaneous	\$786,145	-28.1	4.6

WASHINGTON	January '08	December '07	January '07
Labor Force	68,422	0	71,484
Employed	65,214	66,798	68,051
Unemployed	3,208	2,930	3,433
Unemp Rate	4.7	4.2	4.8

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	February '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	211.7	0.29%	3.72%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	207.3	0.25%	4.13%

BUILDING PERMITS	February '08	January '08	February '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$135,659,461	\$10,520,730	\$5,278,604



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>