

# WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

July 2008

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

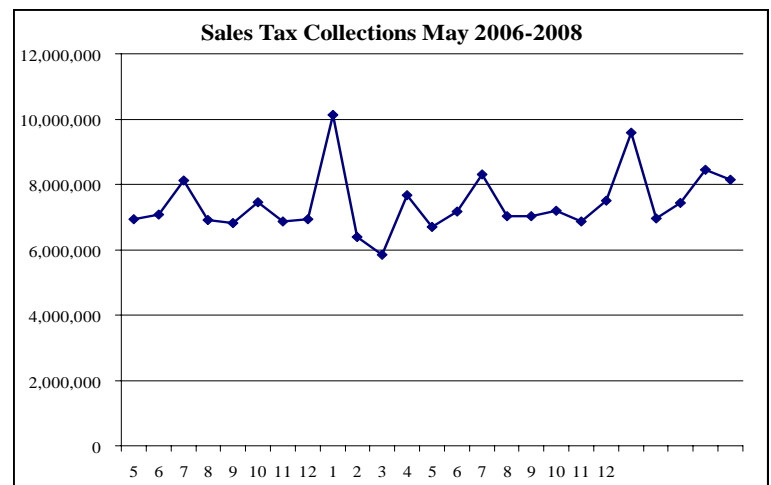
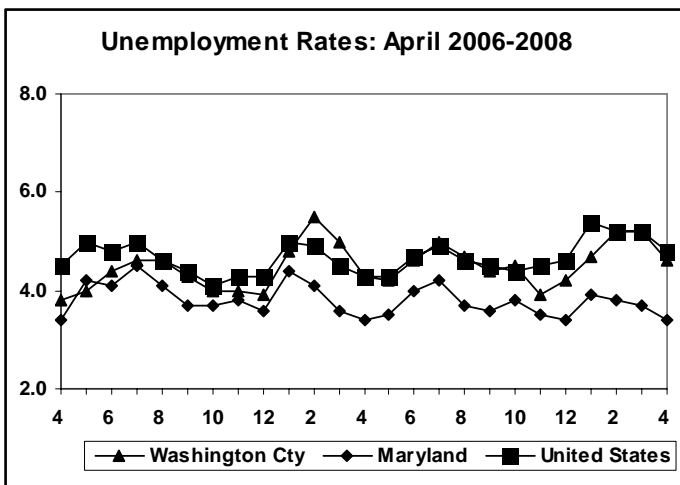
Percent Change from:

	May '08	April '08	May '07
Food and Beverage	\$1,831,712	-5.5	26.2
Apparel	\$464,536	-16.7	14.2
General Merchandise	\$2,093,036	-7.6	30.0
Auto and Oil	\$607,867	-0.4	5.6
Furniture and Appliances	\$535,113	-15.8	7.6
Building and Industrial	\$1,078,248	22.9	12.7
Utilities and Transportation	\$442,065	-7.2	26.7
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$207,474	30.1	38.8
Miscellaneous	\$853,696	-6.7	22.8

WASHINGTON	April '08	March '08	April '07
Labor Force	68,017	68,711	69,921
Employed	64,885	65,146	66,925
Unemployed	3,132	3,565	2,996
Unemp Rate	4.6	5.2	4.3

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	May '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	216.6	0.84%	3.33%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	212.8	0.99%	3.44%

BUILDING PERMITS	May '08	April '08	May '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	n/a	\$13,987,630	\$9,784,084



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>