

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

October 2008

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

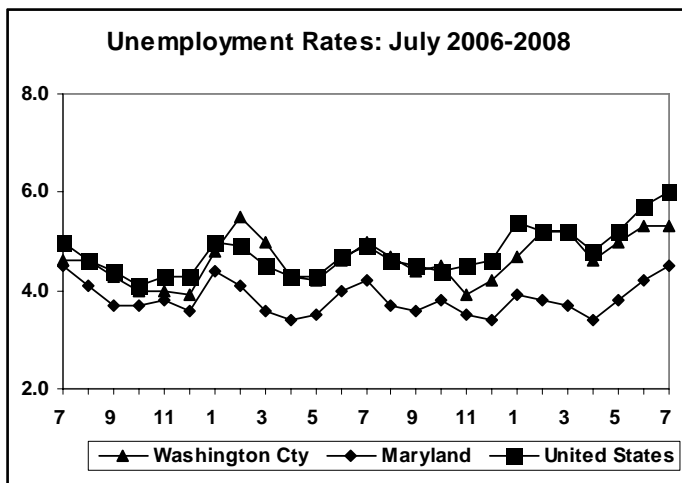
Percent Change from:

	August '08	July '08	August '07
Food and Beverage	\$2,023,344	6.7	16.1
Apparel	\$656,843	20.3	28.4
General Merchandise	\$2,510,336	9.5	20.2
Auto and Oil	\$681,237	10.3	5.3
Furniture and Appliances	\$570,701	7.4	-4.7
Building and Industrial	\$1,139,916	13.1	6.3
Utilities and Transportation	\$457,205	19.6	13.1
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$197,412	6.0	12.3
Miscellaneous	\$1,090,920	36.5	3.5

WASHINGTON	July '08	June '08	July '07
Labor Force	70,175	79,007	71,152
Employed	66,464	66,274	67,621
Unemployed	3,711	3,733	3,531
Unemp Rate	5.3	5.3	5.0

	August '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	219.1	-0.40%	0.53%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	215.3	-0.49%	0.50%

BUILDING PERMITS	August '08	July '08	August '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$12,940,279	\$6,351,750	\$11,849,683



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>