

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

November 2008

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

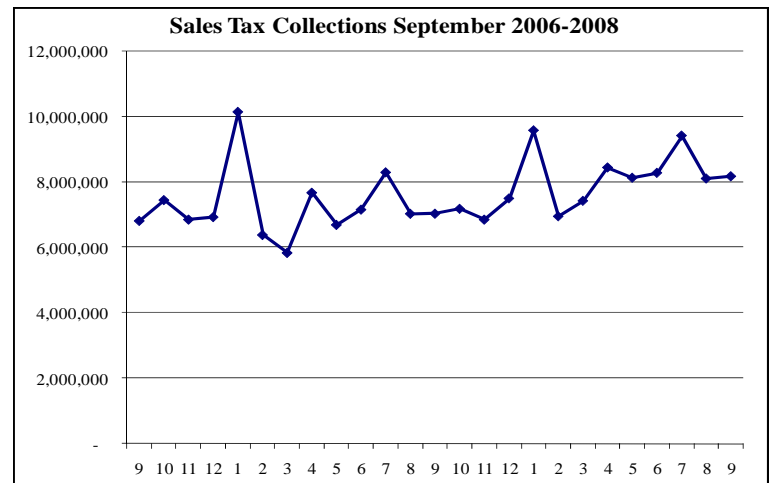
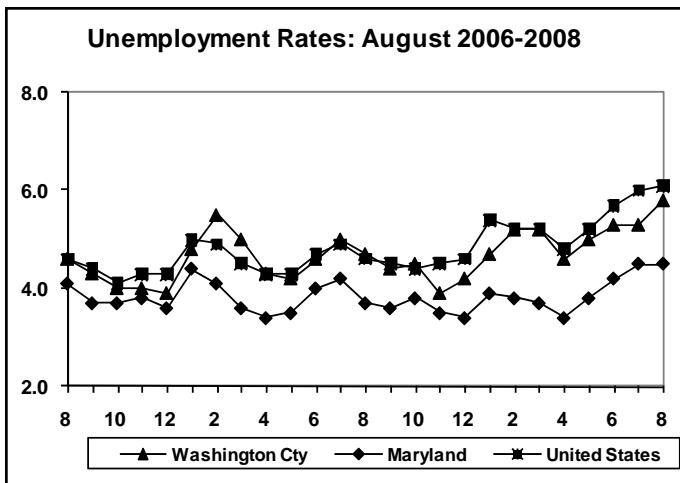
Percent Change from:

	September '08	August '08	September '07
Food and Beverage	\$1,828,147	-1.9	18.4
Apparel	\$544,096	21.8	25.7
General Merchandise	\$2,203,607	4.9	19.5
Auto and Oil	\$653,834	1.4	26.1
Furniture and Appliances	\$578,239	7.2	-3.8
Building and Industrial	\$925,364	-11.2	3.3
Utilities and Transportation	\$469,814	0.7	70.4
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$171,401	20.5	41.9
Miscellaneous	\$775,744	-8.4	8.6

WASHINGTON	August '08	July '08	August '07
Labor Force	69,651	70,175	70,206
Employed	65,635	66,464	66,886
Unemployed	4,016	3,711	3,320
Unemp Rate	5.8	5.3	4.7

	September '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	218.8	-0.14%	5.08%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	214.9	-0.15%	5.57%

BUILDING PERMITS	September '08	August '08	September '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$1,367,505	\$12,940,279	\$5,110,901



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>