

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

December 2008

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

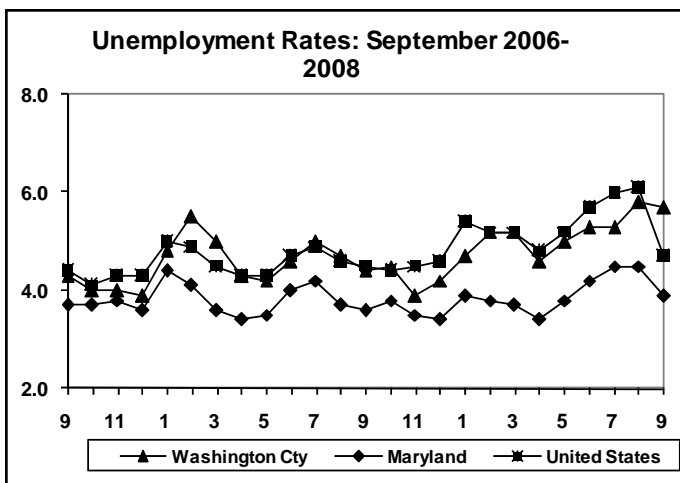
Percent Change from:

	October '08	September '08	October '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	September '08	August '08	September '07
Labor Force	68,640	69,651	69,788
Employed	64,925	65,635	66,684
Unemployed	3,915	4,016	3,104
Unemp Rate	5.7	5.8	4.4

	October '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	216.6	-1.01%	4.71%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	212.2	-1.28%	5.19%

BUILDING PERMITS	October '08	September '08	October '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$8,193,928	\$1,367,505	\$14,809,431



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>