

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

June 2008

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

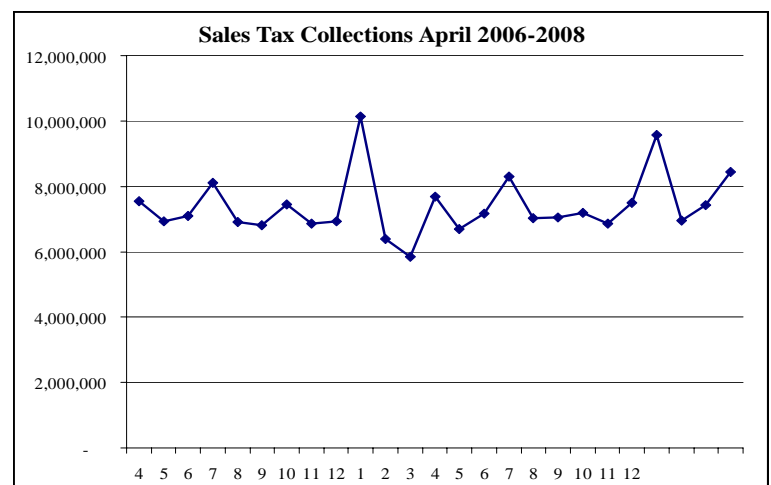
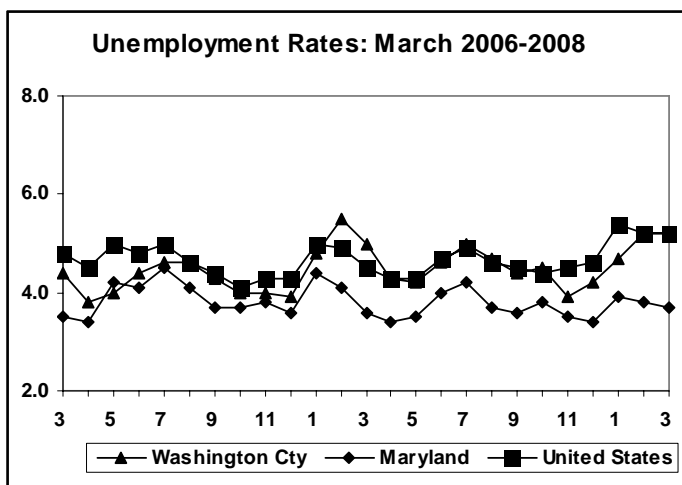
Percent Change from:

| | April '08 | March '08 | April '07 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Food and Beverage | \$1,939,057 | 15.3 | 14.2 |
| Apparel | \$557,960 | 26.7 | 12.9 |
| General Merchandise | \$2,266,365 | 15.9 | 28.1 |
| Auto and Oil | \$610,083 | 12.8 | -0.5 |
| Furniture and Appliances | \$635,405 | 7.2 | -7.6 |
| Building and Industrial | \$877,096 | 21.2 | 6.1 |
| Utilities and Transportation | \$476,444 | -10.7 | 16.9 |
| Hardware, Machinery, and Equip. | \$159,422 | -4.0 | -14.2 |
| Miscellaneous | \$914,684 | 15.1 | 20.5 |

| WASHINGTON | March '08 | February '08 | March '07 |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Labor Force | 68,727 | 68,621 | 70,982 |
| Employed | 65,149 | 65,059 | 67,468 |
| Unemployed | 3,578 | 3,562 | 3,514 |
| Unemp Rate | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.0 |

| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX | April '08 | Monthly % Change | Annual % Change |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|
| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | 214.8 | 0.61% | 3.31% |
| URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL | 210.7 | 0.74% | 3.47% |

| BUILDING PERMITS | April '08 | March '08 | April '07 |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS | \$13,987,630 | \$5,436,789 | \$24,031,999 |



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>