

# WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

July 2008

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

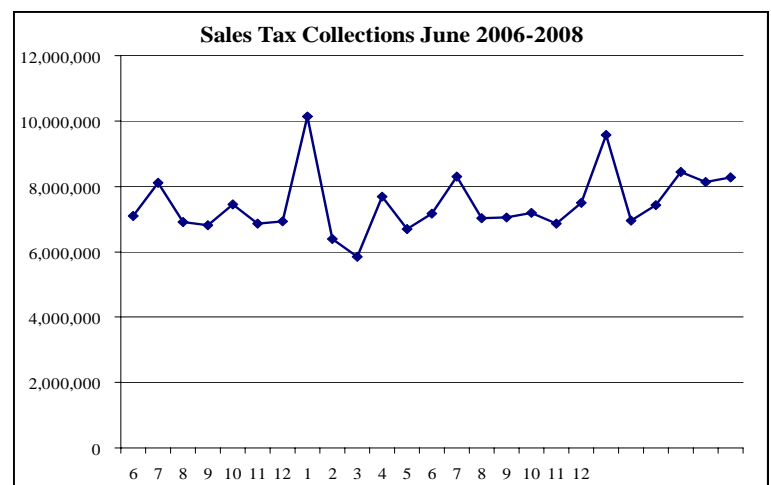
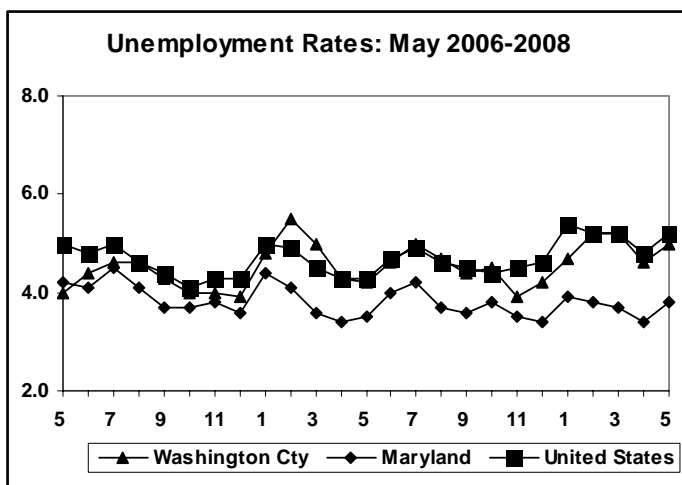
Percent Change from:

	June '08	May '08	June '07
Food and Beverage	\$1,895,922	3.5	22.6
Apparel	\$546,035	17.5	30.6
General Merchandise	\$2,292,882	9.5	30.3
Auto and Oil	\$617,586	1.6	7.9
Furniture and Appliances	\$531,195	-0.7	-3.0
Building and Industrial	\$1,007,968	-6.5	-0.4
Utilities and Transportation	\$382,395	-13.5	5.7
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$186,168	-10.3	12.6
Miscellaneous	\$799,303	-6.4	4.6

WASHINGTON	May '08	April '08	May '07
Labor Force	69,138	68,017	70,192
Employed	65,713	64,885	67,253
Unemployed	3,425	3,132	2,939
Unemp Rate	5.0	4.6	4.2

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	June '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	218.8	1.01%	3.95%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	215.2	1.15%	4.36%

BUILDING PERMITS	June '08	May '08	June '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$5,407,364	\$268,610,605	\$9,188,298



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>