

BUSINESS BAROMETER February 2009

Sales Tax Collections by Class of Business (value in \$): Percent Change from:

	December '08	November '08	December '07
Food and Beverage	\$1,027,148	-3.0	40.9
Apparel	\$176,938	17.6	15.1
General Merchandise	\$864,517	34.5	6.9
Auto and Oil	\$273,842	4.2	8.5
Furniture and Appliances	\$147,144	23.5	6.7
Building and Industrial	\$269,320	-23.1	-16.9
Utilities and Transportation	\$320,034	12.1	62.7
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$106,546	-12.8	-0.6
Miscellaneous	\$207,639	-27.5	12.1

ALLEGANY CTY	November '08	October '08	November '07
Labor Force	35,677	35,731	35,498
Employed	33,484	33,616	33,894
Unemployed	2,193	2,115	1,604
Unemployment Rate	6.1	5.9	4.5

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	December '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	210.2	-1.03%	1.14%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	204.8	-1.20%	0.74%

BUILDING PERMITS	December '08	November '08	December '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$252,000	\$1,087,000	\$1,257,500

