

BUSINESS BAROMETER

March 2009

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

Percent Change from:

	January '09	December '08	January '08
Food and Beverage	\$1,062,724	3.5	23.8
Apparel	\$248,996	40.7	0.4
General Merchandise	\$1,179,029	36.4	10.7
Auto and Oil	\$265,391	-3.1	6.1
Furniture and Appliances	\$175,020	18.9	-9.1
Building and Industrial	\$278,356	3.4	-4.8
Utilities and Transportation	\$344,368	7.6	54.5
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$133,033	24.9	22.9
Miscellaneous	\$307,971	48.3	3.7

ALLEGANY CTY	December '08	November '08	December '07
Labor Force	35,347	35,677	35,522
Employed	32,877	33,484	33,725
Unemployed	2,470	2,193	1,797
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.1	5.1

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	January '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	211.1	0.44%	-0.40%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	205.7	0.43%	-0.93%

BUILDING PERMITS	January '09	December '08	January '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$869,450	\$252,000	\$155,500

