

BUSINESS BAROMETER

August 2009

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

Percent Change from:

| | June '09 | May '09 | June '08 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------|----------|
| Food and Beverage | \$1,035,259 | 14.5 | 5.6 |
| Apparel | \$140,908 | -71.6 | -8.3 |
| General Merchandise | \$728,827 | 12.0 | 0.7 |
| Auto and Oil | \$271,723 | 5.0 | -7.9 |
| Furniture and Appliances | \$116,936 | -6.9 | -14.6 |
| Building and Industrial | \$367,094 | 6.8 | -13.7 |
| Utilities and Transportation | \$244,437 | -16.6 | 9.1 |
| Hardware, Machinery, and Equip. | \$144,807 | 35.8 | 2.9 |
| Miscellaneous | \$218,917 | 18.8 | 9.9 |

| ALLEGANY | May '09 | April '09 | May '08 |
|-------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Labor Force | 35,473 | 35,332 | 35,612 |
| Employed | 32,534 | 32,415 | 33,868 |
| Unemployed | 2,939 | 2,917 | 1,744 |
| Unemployment Rate | 8.3 | 8.3 | 4.9 |

| CONSUMER PRICE INDEX | June '09 | Monthly % Change | Annual % Change |
|-------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|
| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | 215.7 | 0.86% | -1.43% |
| URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL | 211.0 | 1.05% | -1.98% |

| BUILDING PERMITS | June '09 | May '09 | June '08 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS | \$848,940 | \$1,845,300 | \$2,338,500 |

