

# BUSINESS BAROMETER February 2009

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

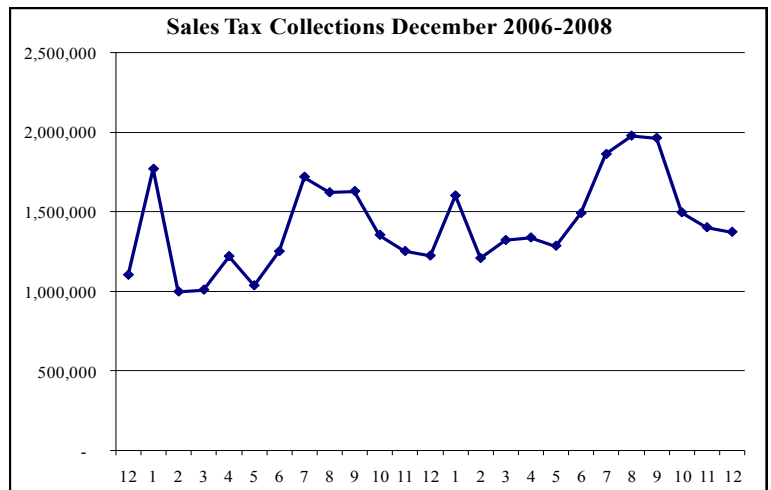
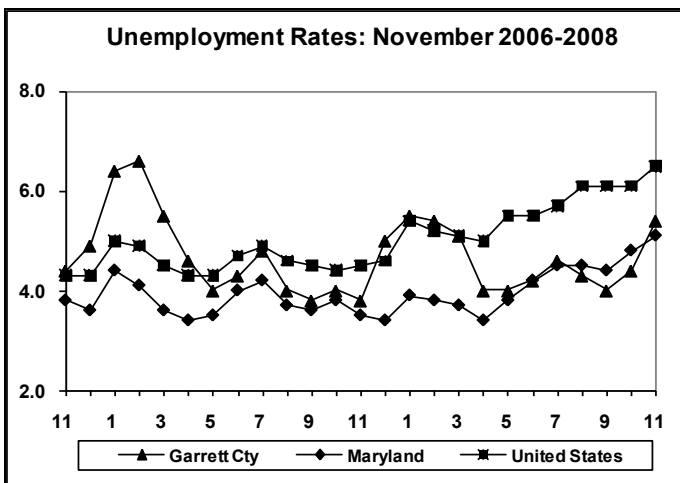
Percent Change from:

	December '08	November '08	December '07
Food and Beverage	\$492,594	0.0	24.7
Apparel	\$9,352	23.4	0.1
General Merchandise	\$460,131	8.8	28.2
Auto and Oil	\$155,739	1.1	0.0
Furniture and Appliances	\$49,099	-23.8	-26.0
Building and Industrial	\$223,778	-2.0	19.7
Utilities and Transportation	\$89,732	1.3	38.3
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$58,148	2.7	40.4
Miscellaneous	\$425,582	-8.1	21.5

GARRETT	November '08	October '08	November '07
Labor Force	16,639	16,811	16,280
Employed	15,743	16,070	15,659
Unemployed	896	741	621
Unemp Rate	5.4	4.4	3.8

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	\$1,971,574	\$2,937,056	\$4,045,499



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, City of Cumberland Planning and Zoning, and <http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/outside.jsp?survey=la>