

BUSINESS BAROMETER

March 2009

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

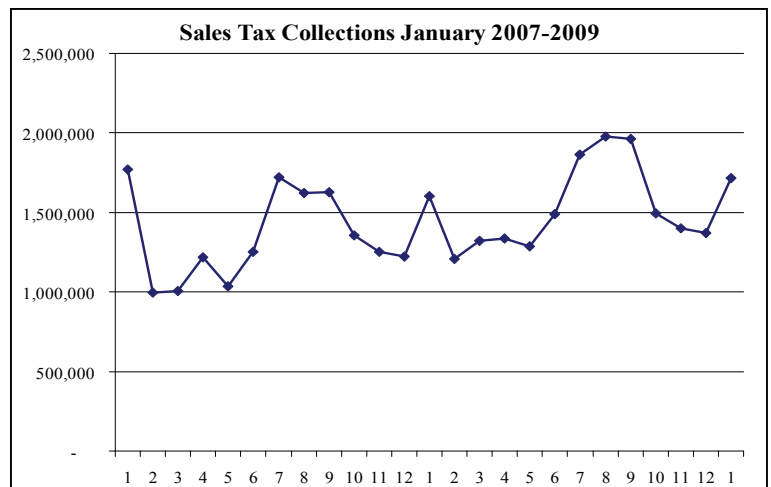
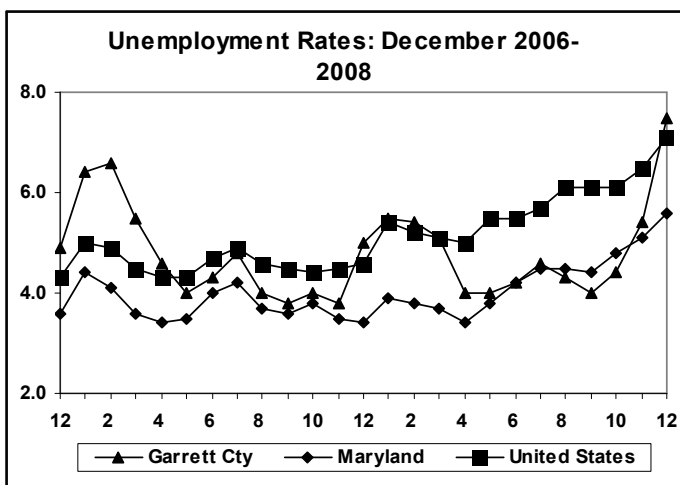
Percent Change from:

	January '09	December '08	January '08
Food and Beverage	\$329,337	5.0	-0.8
Apparel	\$12,686	119.7	-5.0
General Merchandise	\$607,957	27.9	9.5
Auto and Oil	\$129,688	-4.1	3.7
Furniture and Appliances	\$35,105	27.4	-45.8
Building and Industrial	\$138,920	0.4	-6.1
Utilities and Transportation	\$79,883	-0.8	51.4
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$50,326	28.1	40.0
Miscellaneous	\$328,989	109.9	20.0

GARRETT	December '08	November '08	December '07
Labor Force	16,932	16,639	16,719
Employed	15,669	15,743	15,886
Unemployed	1,263	896	833
Unemp Rate	7.5	5.4	5.0

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	\$1,204,800	\$1,971,574	\$3,761,681



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>