

# BUSINESS BAROMETER

April 2009

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

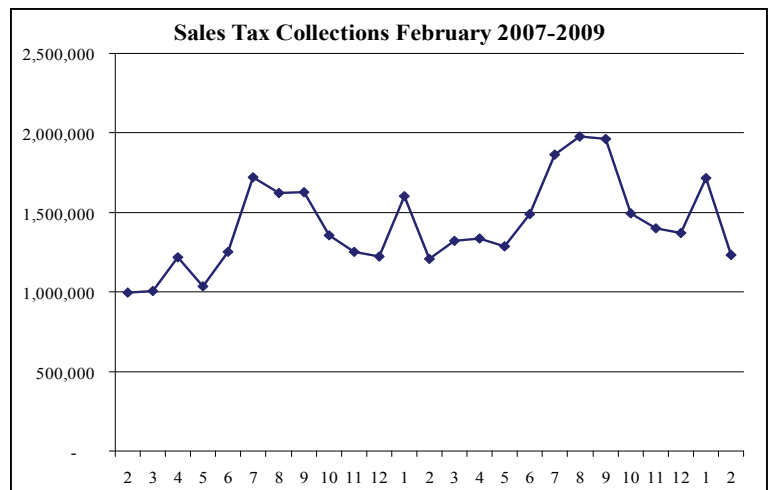
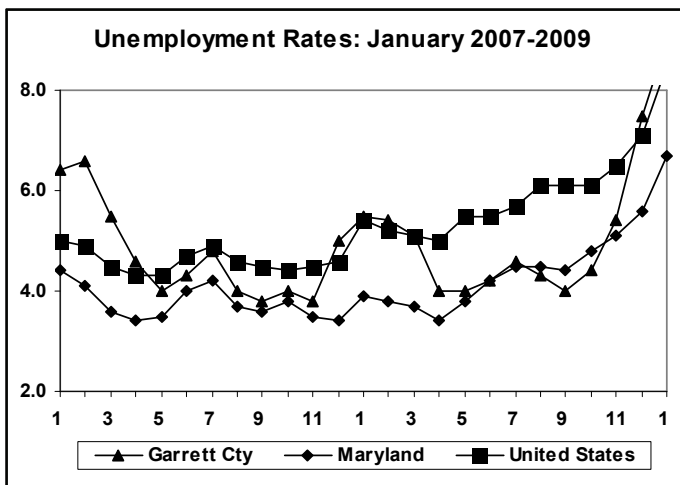
Percent Change from:

	February '09	January '09	February '08
Food and Beverage	\$277,567	-15.7	0.1
Apparel	\$4,501	-64.5	4.1
General Merchandise	\$350,568	-42.3	4.2
Auto and Oil	\$112,256	-13.4	-2.2
Furniture and Appliances	\$22,516	-35.9	-44.7
Building and Industrial	\$104,637	-24.7	-18.5
Utilities and Transportation	\$62,989	-21.1	4.9
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$31,208	-38.0	-0.6
Miscellaneous	\$267,240	-18.8	25.0

GARRETT	January '09	December '08	January '08
Labor Force	16,698	16,932	16,799
Employed	15,191	15,669	15,870
Unemployed	1,507	1,263	929
Unemp Rate	9.0	7.5	5.5

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	February '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	212.2	0.50%	-0.26%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	206.7	0.49%	-0.75%

BUILDING PERMITS	February '09	January '09	February '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$270,400	\$1,204,800	\$23,424,440



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>