

BUSINESS BAROMETER

May 2009

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

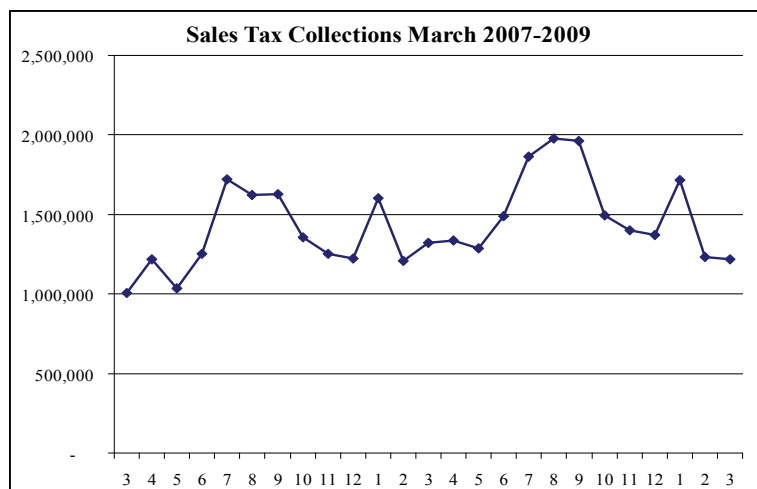
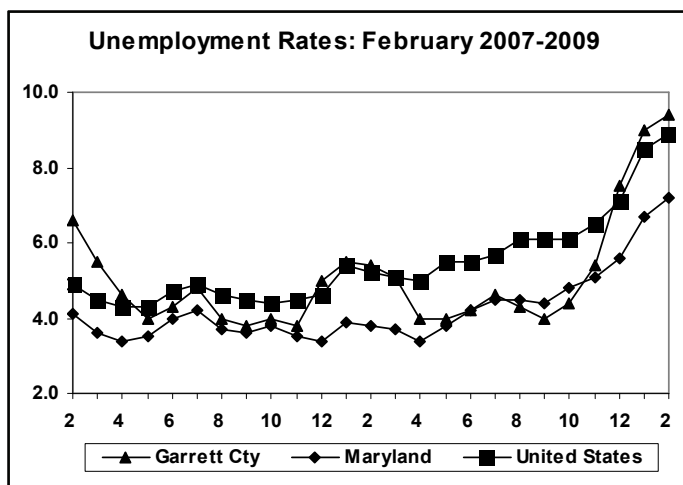
Percent Change from:

	March '09	February '09	March '08
Food and Beverage	\$277,082	-0.2	-9.1
Apparel	\$5,378	19.5	4.6
General Merchandise	\$368,324	5.1	-3.7
Auto and Oil	\$96,388	-14.1	-11.9
Furniture and Appliances	\$31,917	41.8	-19.5
Building and Industrial	\$98,341	-6.0	-19.1
Utilities and Transportation	\$67,659	7.4	-2.1
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$29,378	-5.9	7.2
Miscellaneous	\$244,998	-8.3	-6.1

GARRETT	February '09	January '09	February '08
Labor Force	16,476	16,698	17,002
Employed	14,932	15,191	16,086
Unemployed	1,544	1,507	916
Unemp Rate	9.4	9.0	5.4

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	March '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	212.7	0.24%	-0.63%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	207.2	0.25%	-1.17%

BUILDING PERMITS	March '09	February '09	March '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$3,708,936	\$270,400	\$6,453,880



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>