

BUSINESS BAROMETER

July 2009

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

Percent Change from:

	May '09	April '09	May '08
Food and Beverage	\$297,895	3.25	0.61
Apparel	\$7,070	18.35	131.35
General Merchandise	\$361,255	-0.48	-2.92
Auto and Oil	\$119,213	-2.30	-17.92
Furniture and Appliances	\$32,173	14.01	5.01
Building and Industrial	\$130,414	-5.28	-27.01
Utilities and Transportation	\$65,161	-17.54	2.13
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$40,496	23.40	-36.47
Miscellaneous	\$126,604	-10.47	-3.74

GARRETT	April '09	March '09	April '08
Labor Force	16,083	16,226	16,561
Employed	14,878	14,777	15,894
Unemployed	1,205	1,449	667
Unemployment Rate	7.5	8.9	4.0

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	May '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	213.9	0.29%	-1.28%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	208.8	0.41%	-1.89%

BUILDING PERMITS	May '09	April '09	May '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$65,447,629	\$4,187,055	\$6,374,021

