

# BUSINESS BAROMETER January 2008

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

Percent Change from:

	November '08	October '08	November '07
Food and Beverage	\$1,847,198	3.5%	21.5%
Apparel	\$456,833	-13.0%	18.9%
General Merchandise	\$1,987,544	-2.1%	13.1%
Auto and Oil	\$606,745	-4.2%	11.7%
Furniture and Appliances	\$502,312	-11.0%	-8.9%
Building and Industrial	\$958,869	.5%	11.4%
Utilities and Transportation	\$480,856	2.6%	39.0%
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$147,426	-28.3%	5.7%
Miscellaneous	\$748,939	-12.7%	1.0%

WASHINGTON CTY	October '08	September '08	October '07
Labor Force	69,146	68,640	70,115
Employed	64,830	64,925	66,987
Unemployed	4,316	3,915	3,128
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	5.6%	4.5%

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	November '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	212.4	-1.92%	3.04%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	207.3	-2.30%	3.06%

BUILDING PERMITS	November '08	October '08	November '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	2,540,085	8,193,928	4,592,180

