

# WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

October 2009

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

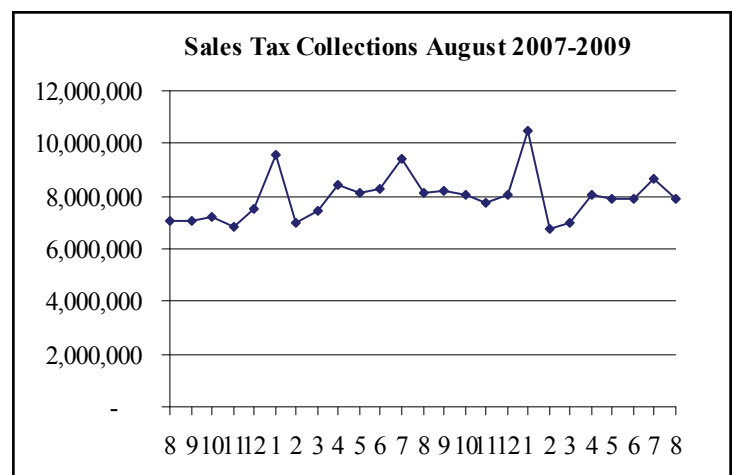
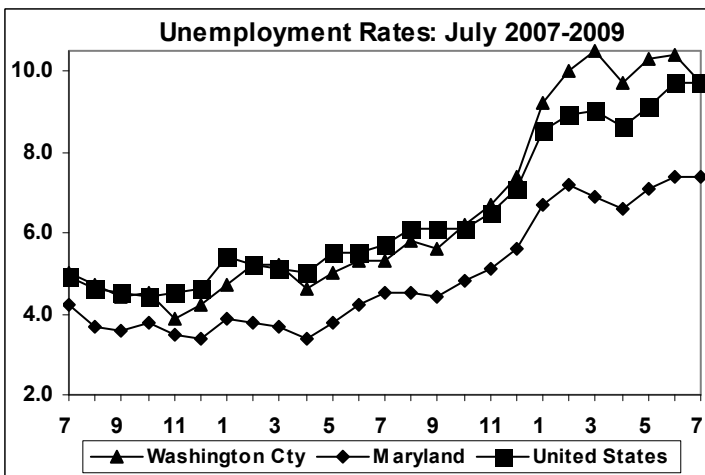
Percent Change from:

	August '09	July '09	August '08
Food and Beverage	\$2,062,199	-1.29	10.67
Apparel	\$442,505	-22.69	-0.92
General Merchandise	\$2,088,740	-13.71	-0.55
Auto and Oil	\$600,620	-2.29	-6.86
Furniture and Appliances	\$427,025	0.35	-20.84
Building and Industrial	\$894,713	-11.50	-14.10
Utilities and Transportation	\$442,969	3.48	-5.06
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$136,038	-26.34	-4.35
Miscellaneous	\$767,133	-18.07	-9.39

WASHINGTON	July '09	June '09	July '08
Labor Force	68,332	68,785	70,175
Employed	61,670	61,641	66,464
Unemployed	6,662	7,144	3,711
Unemployment Rate	9.7	10.4	5.3

	August '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	215.8	0.22%	-1.48%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	211.2	0.30%	-1.90%

BUILDING PERMITS	August '09	July '09	August '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$2,515,161	\$22,430,312	\$12,940,279



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, Washington County Planning and Community Development Division, and <http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/outside.jsp?survey=la>