

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

November 2009

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

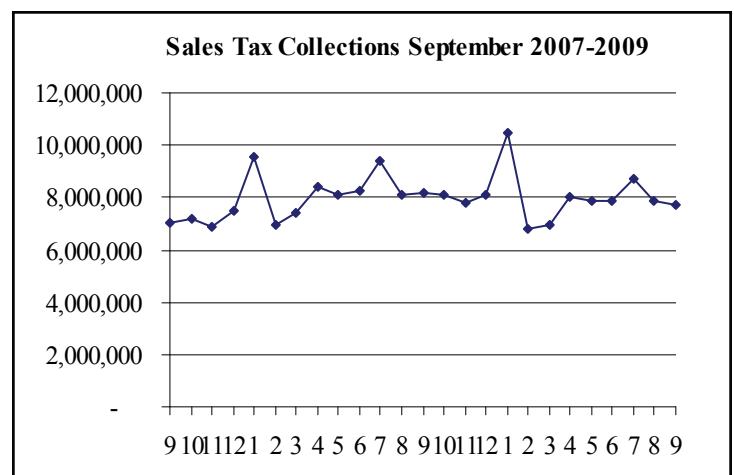
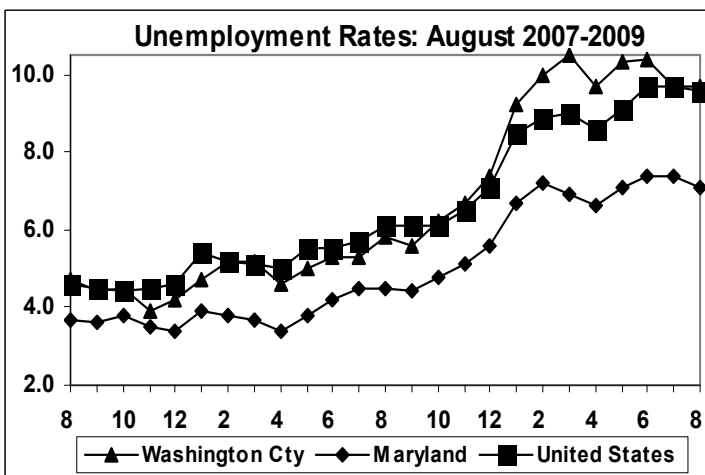
Percent Change from:

	September '09	August '09	September '08
Food and Beverage	\$1,827,379	-11.39	-0.04
Apparel	\$518,612	17.20	-4.68
General Merchandise	\$2,206,760	5.65	0.14
Auto and Oil	\$547,140	-8.90	-16.32
Furniture and Appliances	\$455,944	6.77	-21.15
Building and Industrial	\$751,318	-16.03	-18.81
Utilities and Transportation	\$547,983	23.71	16.64
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$185,690	36.50	8.34
Miscellaneous	\$709,757	-7.48	-8.51

WASHINGTON	August '09	July '09	August '08
Labor Force	68,063	68,332	69,651
Employed	61,295	61,670	65,635
Unemployed	6,768	6,662	4,016
Unemployment Rate	9.7	9.7	5.8

	September '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	216.0	0.06%	-1.29%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	211.3	0.08%	-1.68%

BUILDING PERMITS	September '09	August '09	September '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$2,646,145	\$2,515,161	\$1,367,505



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>