

# WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

February 2009

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

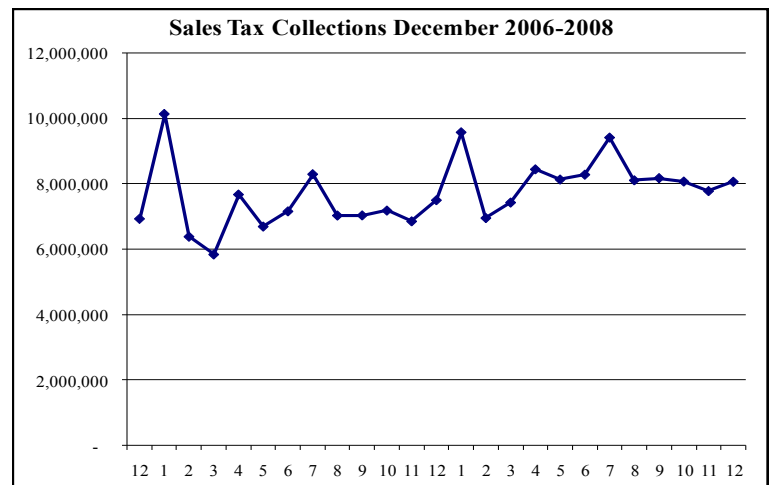
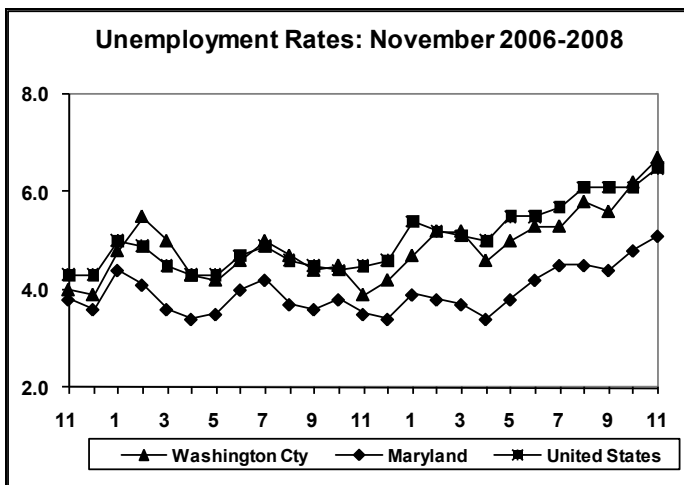
Percent Change from:

	December '08	November '08	December '07
Food and Beverage	\$1,828,147	-1.9	18.4
Apparel	\$544,096	21.8	25.7
General Merchandise	\$2,203,607	4.9	19.5
Auto and Oil	\$653,834	1.4	26.1
Furniture and Appliances	\$578,239	7.2	-3.8
Building and Industrial	\$925,364	-11.2	3.3
Utilities and Transportation	\$469,814	0.7	70.4
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$171,401	20.5	41.9
Miscellaneous	\$775,744	-8.4	8.6

WASHINGTON	November '08	October '08	November '07
Labor Force	69,122	69,146	69,911
Employed	64,516	64,830	67,167
Unemployed	4,606	4,316	2,744
Unemp Rate	6.7	6.2	3.9

	December '08	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	210.2	-1.03%	1.14%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	204.8	-1.20%	0.74%

BUILDING PERMITS	December '08	November '08	December '07
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$2,327,246	\$2,540,085	\$1,734,938



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>