

# WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

March 2009

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

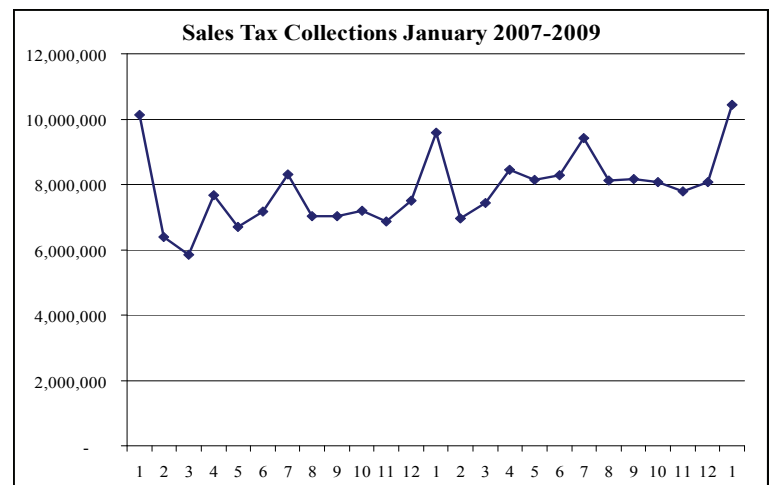
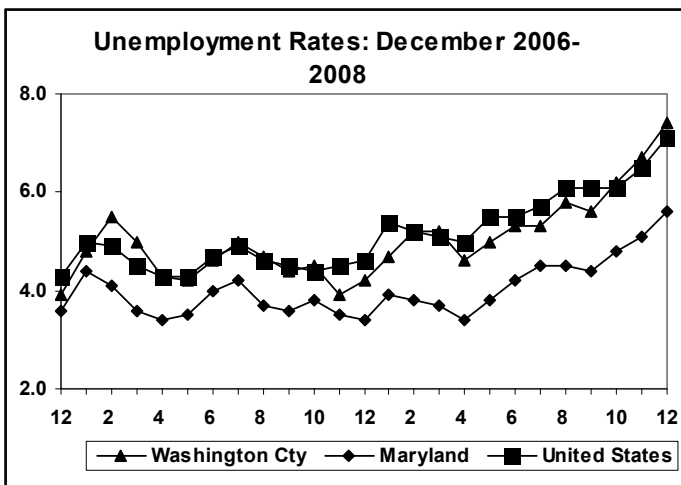
Percent Change from:

	January '09	December '08	January '08
Food and Beverage	\$2,037,351	20.6	20.0
Apparel	\$808,124	48.0	8.0
General Merchandise	\$3,848,339	49.7	11.5
Auto and Oil	\$581,511	13.2	14.0
Furniture and Appliances	\$691,552	18.3	-8.9
Building and Industrial	\$726,017	-2.6	-2.1
Utilities and Transportation	\$548,963	11.2	38.1
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$151,955	7.6	-11.8
Miscellaneous	\$1,049,691	34.4	-4.0

WASHINGTON	December '08	November '08	December '07
Labor Force	69,080	69,122	69,728
Employed	63,989	64,516	66,798
Unemployed	5,091	4,606	2,930
Unemp Rate	7.4	6.7	4.2

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	January '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	211.1	0.44%	-0.40%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	205.7	0.43%	-0.93%

BUILDING PERMITS	January '09	December '08	January '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$880,000	\$2,327,246	\$10,520,730



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>