

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

April 2009

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

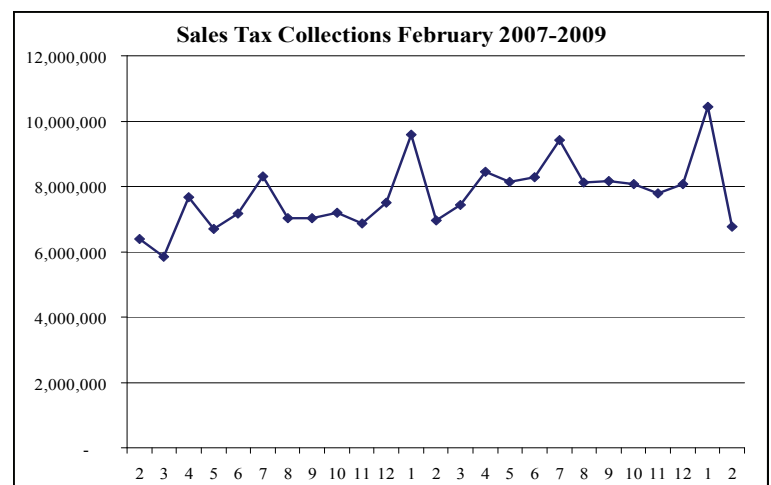
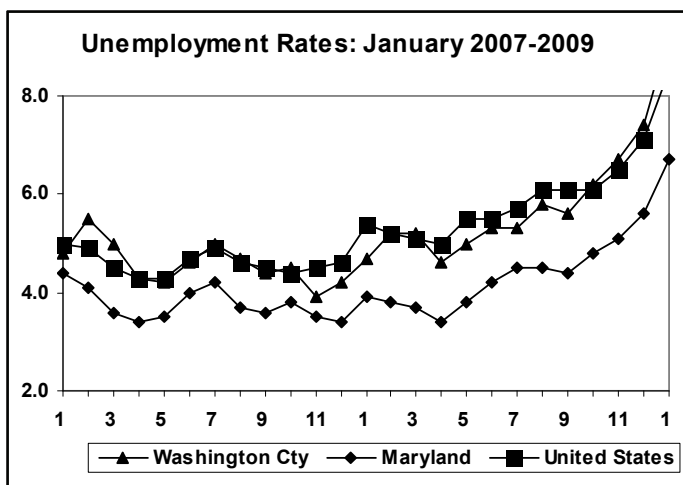
Percent Change from:

	February '09	January '09	February '08
Food and Beverage	\$1,623,841	-20.3	8.7
Apparel	\$378,137	-53.2	12.4
General Merchandise	\$1,790,221	-53.5	1.2
Auto and Oil	\$473,388	-18.6	-16.7
Furniture and Appliances	\$486,246	-29.7	-14.2
Building and Industrial	\$602,725	-17.0	-24.3
Utilities and Transportation	\$539,577	-1.7	21.8
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$122,073	-19.7	-38.3
Miscellaneous	\$759,925	-27.6	-3.3

WASHINGTON	January '09	December '08	January '08
Labor Force	67,827	69,080	68,422
Employed	61,608	63,989	65,214
Unemployed	6,219	5,091	3,208
Unemp Rate	9.2	7.4	4.7

	February '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	212.2	0.50%	-0.26%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	206.7	0.49%	-0.75%

BUILDING PERMITS	February '09	January '09	February '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$1,294,535	\$880,000	\$135,659,461



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>