

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

May 2009

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

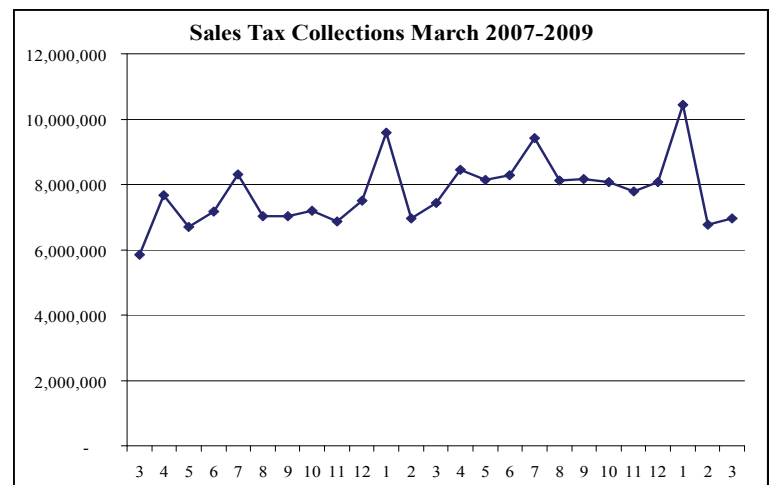
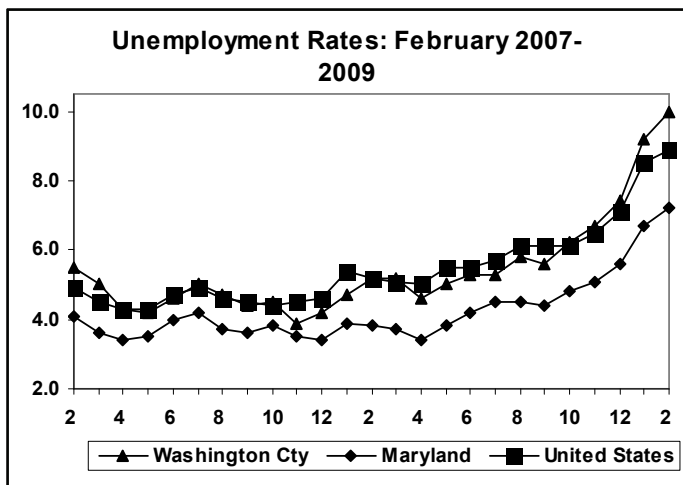
Percent Change from:

	March '09	February '09	March '08
Food and Beverage	\$1,729,794	6.5	2.9
Apparel	\$404,109	6.9	-8.3
General Merchandise	\$1,958,452	9.4	0.2
Auto and Oil	\$515,100	8.8	-4.7
Furniture and Appliances	\$484,033	-0.5	-18.4
Building and Industrial	\$578,348	-4.0	-20.1
Utilities and Transportation	\$509,666	-5.5	-4.4
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$104,341	-14.5	-37.2
Miscellaneous	\$654,899	-13.8	-17.6

WASHINGTON	February '09	January '09	February '08
Labor Force	67,845	67,827	68,621
Employed	61,062	61,608	65,059
Unemployed	6,783	6,219	3,562
Unemp Rate	10.0	9.2	5.2

	March '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	212.7	0.24%	-0.63%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	207.2	0.25%	-1.17%

BUILDING PERMITS	March '09	February '09	March '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$1,647,898	\$1,294,535	\$5,436,789



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>