

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

June 2009

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

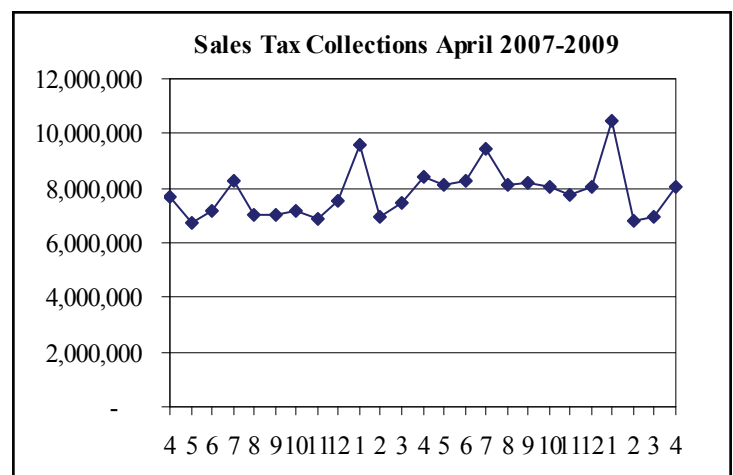
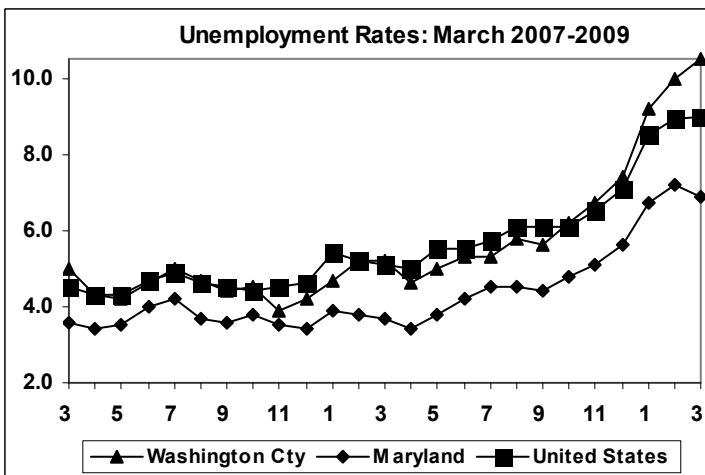
Percent Change from:

	April '09	March '09	April '08
Food and Beverage	\$2,133,009	23.31	10.00
Apparel	\$534,856	32.35	-4.14
General Merchandise	\$2,115,250	8.01	-6.67
Auto and Oil	\$587,922	14.14	-3.63
Furniture and Appliances	\$516,492	6.71	-18.71
Building and Industrial	\$750,199	29.71	-14.47
Utilities and Transportation	\$559,307	9.74	17.39
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$140,274	34.44	-12.01
Miscellaneous	\$718,819	9.76	-21.41

WASHINGTON	March '09	February '09	March '08
Labor Force	68,468	67,845	68,711
Employed	61,271	61,062	65,146
Unemployed	7,197	6,783	3,565
Unemployment Rate	10.5	10.0	5.2

	April '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	213.2	0.25%	-0.74%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	207.9	0.34%	-1.32%

BUILDING PERMITS	April '09	March '09	April '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$9,616,385	\$1,647,898	\$13,987,630



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>