

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

July 2009

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

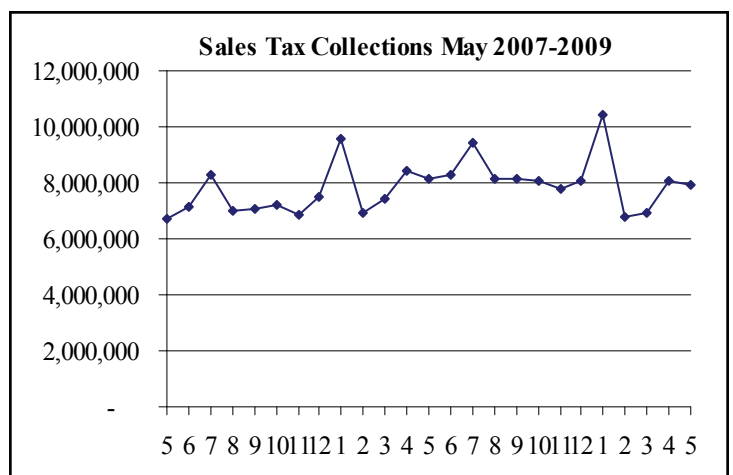
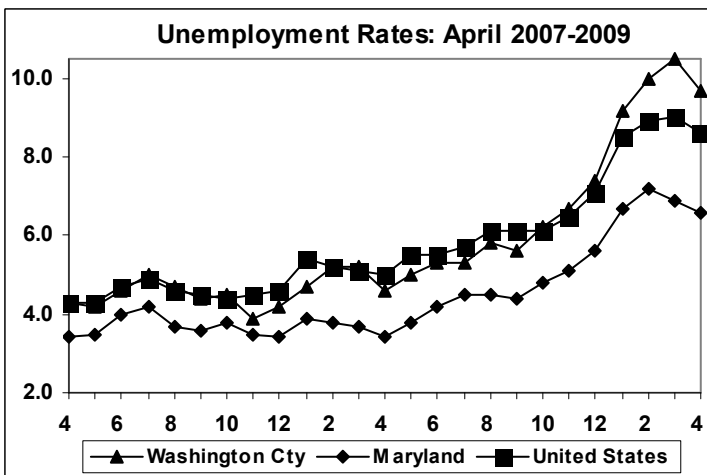
Percent Change from:

	May '09	April '09	May '08
Food and Beverage	\$1,969,360	-7.67	7.51
Apparel	\$495,577	-7.34	6.68
General Merchandise	\$2,077,787	-1.77	-0.73
Auto and Oil	\$543,043	-7.63	-10.66
Furniture and Appliances	\$426,714	-17.38	-20.26
Building and Industrial	\$879,417	17.22	-18.44
Utilities and Transportation	\$468,090	-16.31	5.89
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$183,766	31.01	-11.43
Miscellaneous	\$841,914	17.12	-1.38

WASHINGTON	April '09	March '09	April '08
Labor Force	67,973	68,468	68,017
Employed	61,392	61,271	64,885
Unemployed	6,581	7,197	3,132
Unemployment Rate	9.7	10.5	4.6

	May '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	213.9	0.29%	-1.28%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	208.8	0.41%	-1.89%

BUILDING PERMITS	May '09	April '09	May '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$2,185,842	\$9,616,385	\$268,610,605



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>