

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

August 2009

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

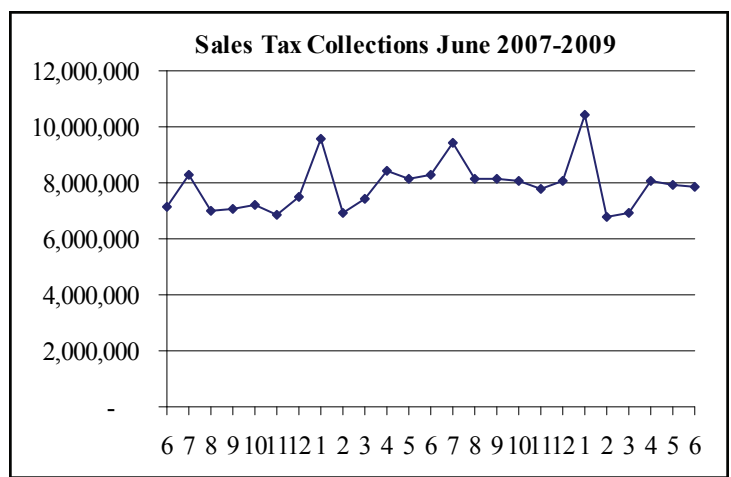
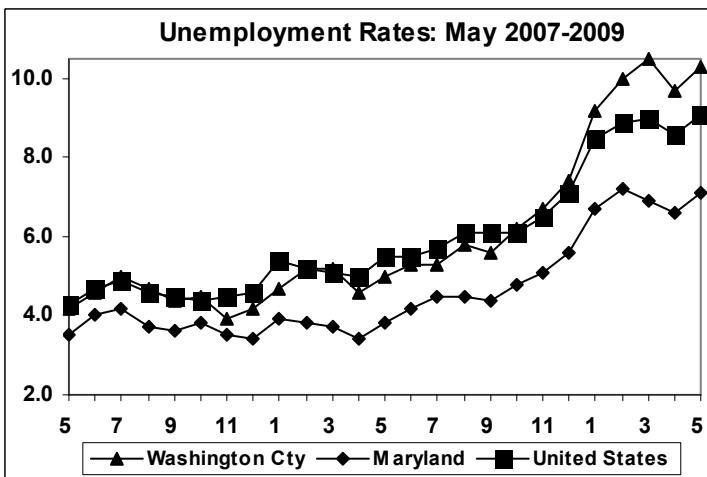
Percent Change from:

	June '09	May '09	June '08
Food and Beverage	\$1,887,448	-4.16	-6.13
Apparel	\$505,922	2.09	-7.35
General Merchandise	\$2,273,208	9.41	-0.86
Auto and Oil	\$585,526	7.82	-5.19
Furniture and Appliances	\$405,892	-4.88	-23.59
Building and Industrial	\$865,557	-1.58	-14.13
Utilities and Transportation	\$420,376	-10.19	9.93
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$196,380	6.86	5.49
Miscellaneous	\$747,115	-11.26	-6.53

WASHINGTON	May '09	April '09	May '08
Labor Force	68,103	67,973	69,138
Employed	61,118	61,392	65,713
Unemployed	6,985	6,581	3,425
Unemployment Rate	10.3	9.7	5.0

	June '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX			
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	215.7	0.86%	-1.43%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	211.0	1.05%	-1.98%

BUILDING PERMITS	June '09	May '09	June '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$10,613,427	\$2,185,842	\$5,407,364



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>