

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUSINESS BAROMETER

September 2009

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

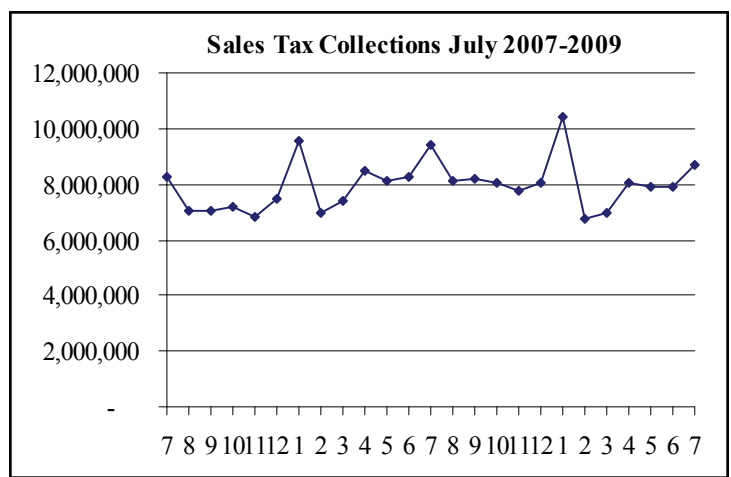
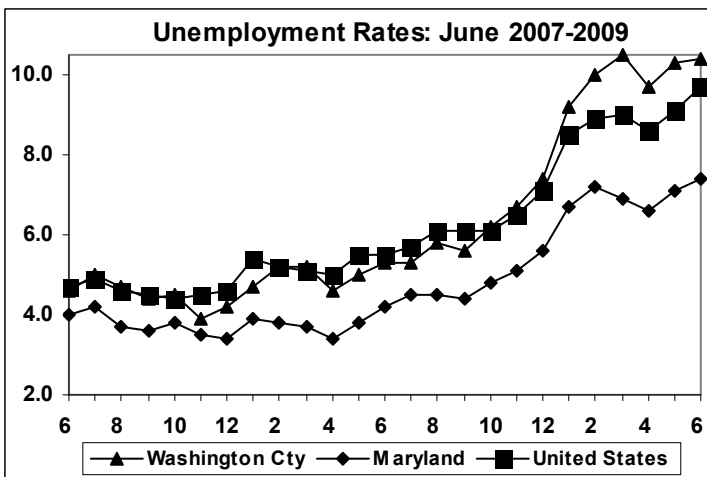
Percent Change from:

	July '09	June '09	July '08
Food and Beverage	\$2,089,214	10.69	3.26
Apparel	\$572,409	13.14	-12.85
General Merchandise	\$2,420,500	6.48	-3.58
Auto and Oil	\$614,682	4.98	-9.77
Furniture and Appliances	\$425,540	4.84	-25.44
Building and Industrial	\$1,011,026	16.81	-11.31
Utilities and Transportation	\$428,087	1.83	-6.37
Hardware, Machinery, and Equip.	\$184,676	-5.96	-6.45
Miscellaneous	\$936,314	25.32	-14.17

WASHINGTON	June '09	May '09	June '08
Labor Force	68,785	68,103	79,007
Employed	61,641	61,118	66,274
Unemployed	7,144	6,985	3,733
Unemployment Rate	10.4	10.3	5.3

	July '09	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	215.4	-0.16%	-2.10%
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS	215.4	-0.16%	-2.10%
URBAN WAGE AND CLERICAL	210.5	-0.21%	-2.67%

BUILDING PERMITS	July '09	June '09	July '08
COUNTY BUILDING PERMITS	\$22,430,312	\$10,613,427	\$6,351,750



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>