## Business Barometer

**March-03** | **Feb-03** | **Mar-02**
---|---|---
Food and Beverage | 506,202 | -11.59 | -14.78  
Apparel | 115,676 | 15.71 | -11.93  
General Merchandise | 484,568 | 8.19 | 12.87  
Auto and Oil | 161,367 | 9.46 | -43.99  
Furniture and Appliances | 154,261 | 20.67 | -6.65  
Building and Industrial | 171,334 | -10.94 | -23.21  
Utilities and Transportation | 231,741 | -3.27 | 5.03  
Hardware, Machinery and Eq | 37,797 | -4.29 | -20.29  
Miscellaneous | 119,045 | -24.72 | -14.88  

### Allegany

**ALLEGANY**

| | Feb-2003 | Jan-2003 | Feb-2002 |
---|---|---|---|
Labor Force | 32,526 | 32,579 | 32,405  
Employed | 30,159 | 30,090 | 29,525  
Unemployed | 2,367 | 2,489 | 2,880  
Unemp Rate | 7.3 | 7.6 | 8.9  

### Consumer Price Index

| Index | March-03 | Monthly % change | Annual % change |
---|---|---|---|
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | 184.2 | 0.60% | 3.02%  
URBAN WAGE & CLERICAL | 180.3 | 0.61% | 3.21%  

### Building Permits

| | Mar-03 | Feb-03 | Mar-02 |
---|---|---|---|
COUNTY BLD PERMITS | 332,000 | 852,900 | 1,754,295  
CITY BLD PERMIT | 301,563 | 2,073,110 | 5,274,238  

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