



## Year of Recovery

The rise in sales and use tax revenue - Maryland's second largest source of general fund revenue - was broad-based, covering every category and fueled by consumer confidence and lower interest rates.

An improving job market gave Marylanders a greater feeling of security to make major purchases during fiscal year 1994 and helped to spur home buying.

The steady improvement in housing sales also yielded rising revenues from property transfer taxes. Sales of home-related goods, such as appliances and furniture, were healthy.

Gains in the capital goods sector reflected improved corporate profits and the resulting investment in equipment and facilities, especially in the telecommunications industry.

The improved economy also generated a strong showing for franchise tax receipts from financial institutions and gross receipts taxes paid by public utilities.

### Sales & Use Tax Collections

