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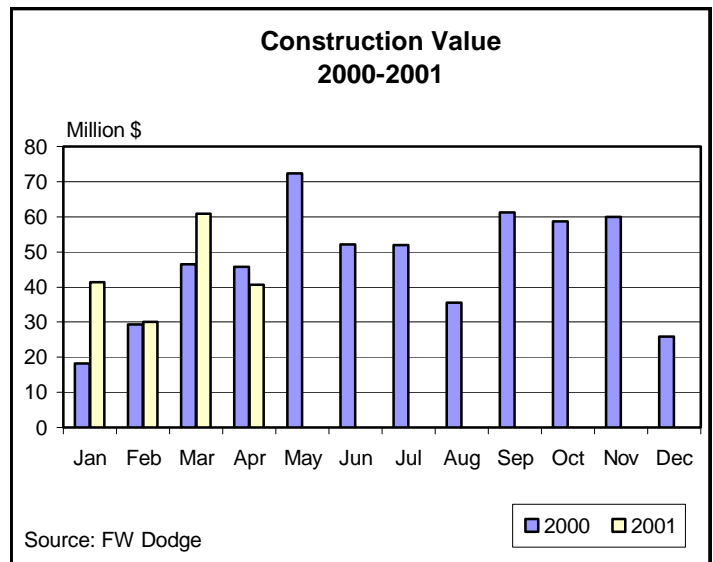
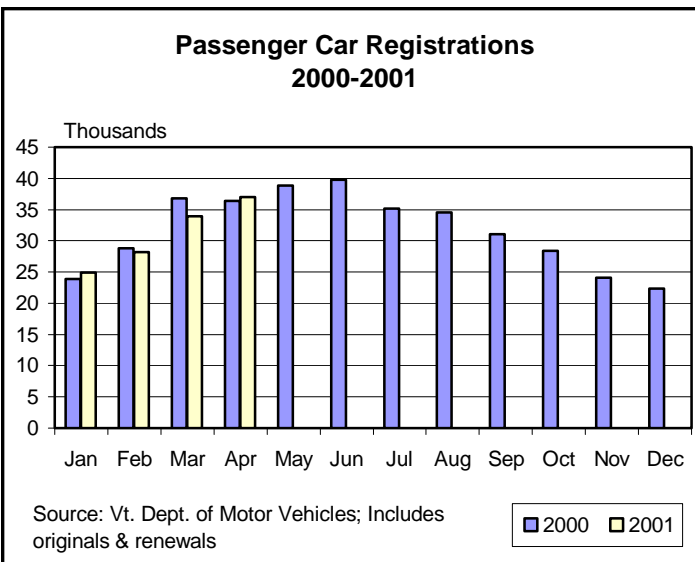
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<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A. *,Thousand)	299.8	300.4	296.3	-0.2%	1.2%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.7	39.8	39.8	-0.3%	-0.3%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.3%	0.1
U.I. Initial Claims	4,233	3,013	3,629	40.5%	16.6%
U.I. Exhaustees	375	204	245	83.8%	53.1%
DET Job Placements	347	336	508	3.3%	-31.7%
Passenger Car Registrations	36,972	33,940	36,401	8.9%	1.6%
Total Current Car Registrations	387,656	386,896	383,286	0.2%	1.1%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	113,516	113,255	112,860	0.2%	0.6%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	4,217	4,215	4,127	0.0%	2.2%

	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>YR. TO DATE LAST YEAR</u>	<u>YR. TO DATE % CHANGE</u>
<u>Residential Building Permits</u>					
Housing Units	194	570	223	605	-5.8%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	25,234	70,859	25,484	70,592	0.4%
<u>Construction Value (\$Million)</u>	40.7	170.4	45.8	139.8	21.9%
Residential	35.1	80.3	20.1	61.3	31.0%
Nonresidential	1.5	38.0	14.9	40.0	-5.0%
Nonbuilding	4.1	52.2	10.8	38.5	35.6%
New Business Incorporations	132	418	95	453	-7.7%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	47,045	175,827	35,781	138,976	26.5%



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<u>STATE TAX REVENUES (\$Million)</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>FISCAL YR TO DATE</u>	<u>FYTD LAST YEAR</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST FYTD</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	37.0	689.0	690.8	-50.6%	-0.3%
Personal Income	18.1	340.1	330.4	-63.1%	2.9%
Sales & Use	8.3	168.9	171.2	-33.9%	-1.3%
Rooms & Meals	5.3	63.1	60.3	-15.7%	4.5%
Corporate Income	0.5	26.4	28.2	-71.0%	-6.5%
Property Transfer*	0.4	5.7	5.7	-31.0%	-1.2%
Other**	4.4	84.8	94.9	-6.1%	-10.6%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	14.7	144.0	142.3	-5.2%	1.2%
Gasoline	4.0	43.3	42.2	26.8%	2.8%
Purchase and Use	4.2	43.9	44.2	-27.6%	-0.6%
Motor Vehicle Fees	3.8	30.4	33.0	-6.4%	-7.9%
Other	2.7	26.4	23.0	9.3%	15.0%
<u>Education Fund</u>	6.4	106.4	107.5	NA	-1.0%

* FYTD Adjusted for Transfers to Trust Funds. ** Reflects the allocation of all Cigarette Tax revenues to the Health Care Trust Fund, effective 7/1/00.

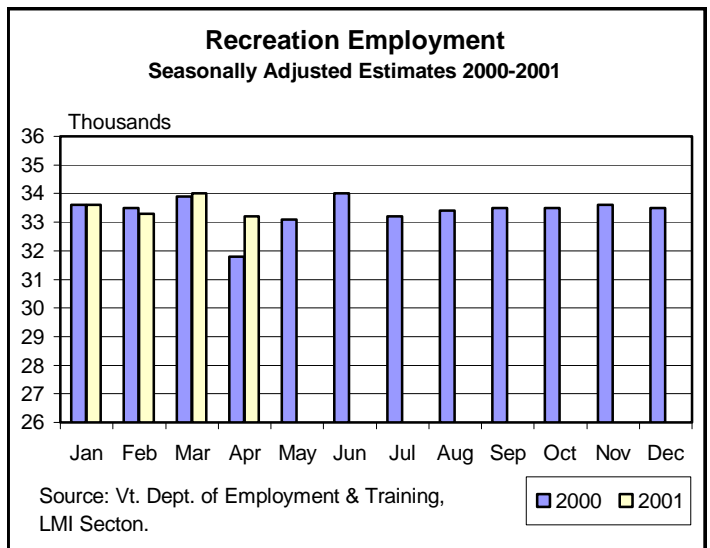
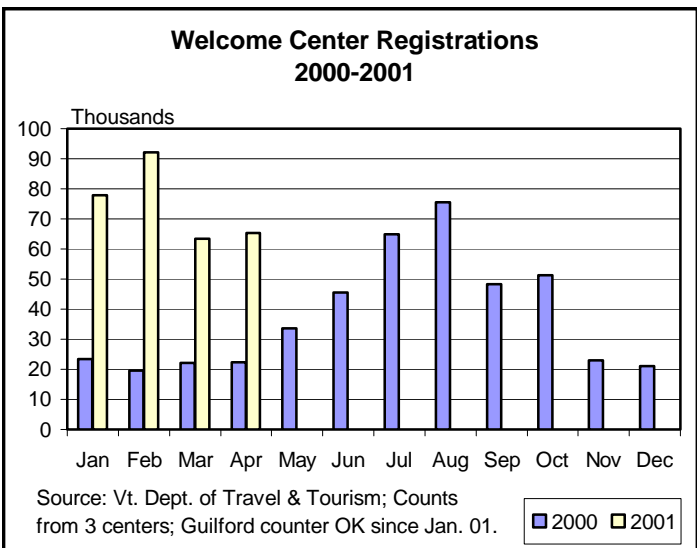
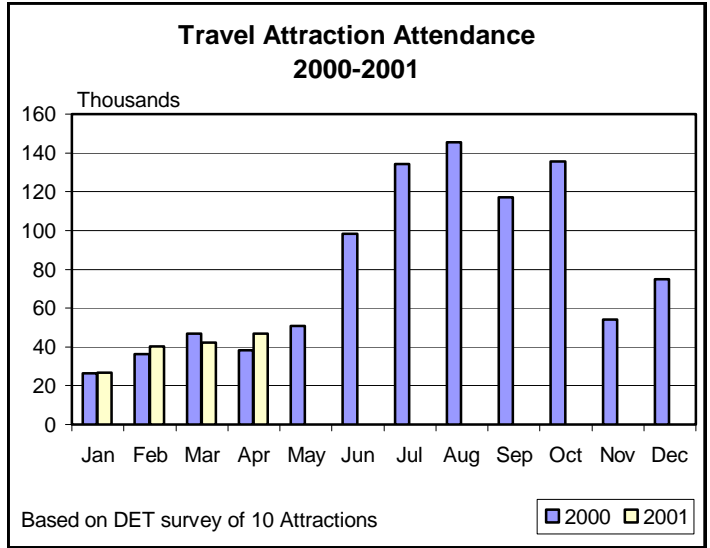
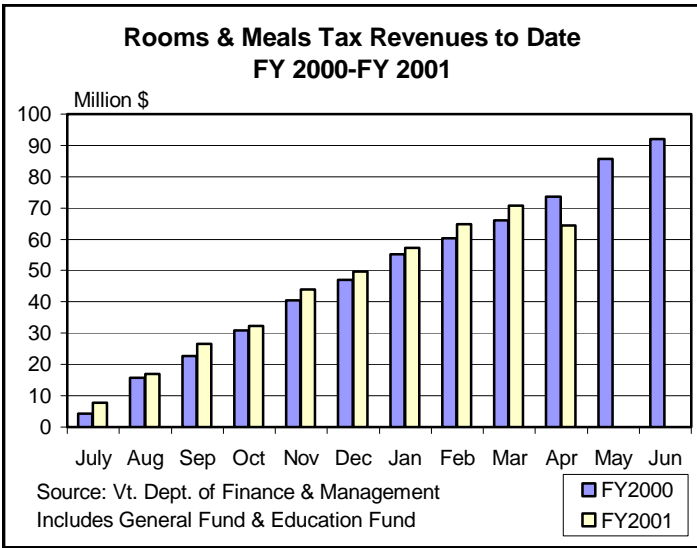
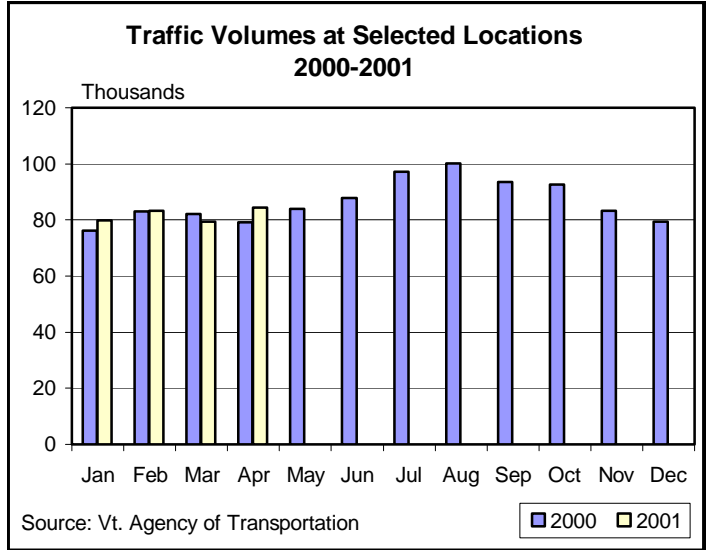
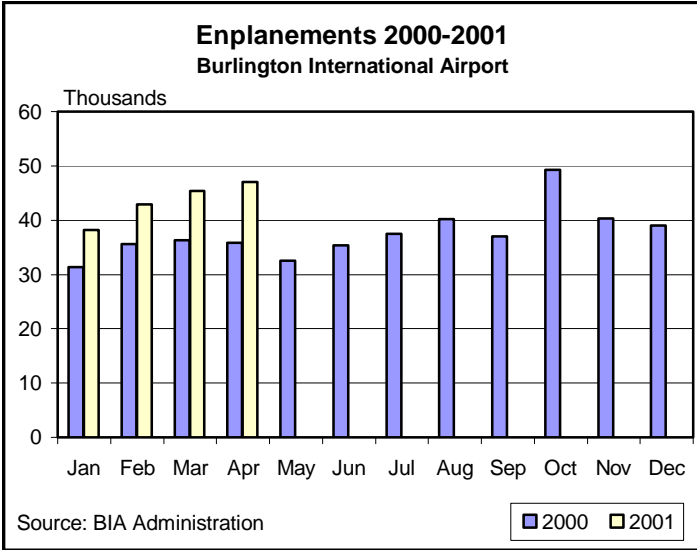
<u>TRAVEL & TOURISM</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Recreation Employment (S.A.,Thousand)	33.2	34.0	31.8	-2.4%	4.4%
Selected Traffic Volume	84,415	79,467	79,266	6.2%	6.5%
<u>Motels & Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Average Room Rate (\$)	\$87.17	\$102.83	\$87.71	-15.2%	-0.6%
Occupancy Rate (%)	27.6	40.9	25.3	-13.3	2.3
<u>Welcome Center Counts*</u>					
Guilford *	49,930	52,069	6,635	-4.1%	652.5%
Fair Haven	12,424	8,190	9,911	51.7%	25.4%
Highgate	3,049	3,244	5,858	-6.0%	-48.0%

**Lodging occupancy and room rate data based on a survey conducted by the Vermont Tourism Data Center at UVM.

*Guilford Welcome Center moved during Nov.99; electronic counter not yet installed; reinstalled as of Jan. 01.

<u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts *</u>	<u>MARCH 2001</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	NA	NA	23,166	NA	NA
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	NA	NA	46,602	NA	NA
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	NA	NA	9,622	NA	NA

* Not Available due to processing backlogs in the new income tax system.



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<u>SEASONAL INDICATORS</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>SEASON TO DATE</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>SEASON T.D. YEAR AGO</u>	<u>SEASON T.D. % CHANGE</u>
<u>Attendance Surveys</u>					
State Parks (Day Use)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrounds (Campers)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Private Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd)	46,830	156,069	38,141	147,961	5.5%
<u>Skier Days (Survey)</u>					
Alpine (Preliminary)	247,811	4,579,719	95,481	3,957,457	15.7%

DATA SOURCES

New England Telephone Co.; U.S. Dept. of Commerce; F.W. Dodge & Co.; Burlington Airport Administration; Vt. Departments of Employment & Training, Finance & Management, Forests, Parks and Recreation, Taxes, Motor Vehicles, Tourism & Marketing, Vt. Agency of Transportation; Secretary of State's Office; Vt. Division for Historic Preservation; University of Vermont

NOTE: Survey data for comparison only; Not intended as statewide estimates