

ECONOMIC AND TRAVEL INDICATORS

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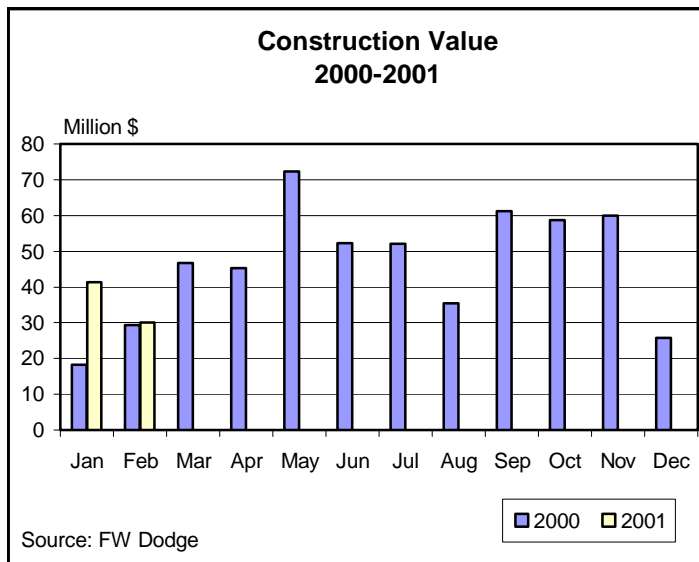
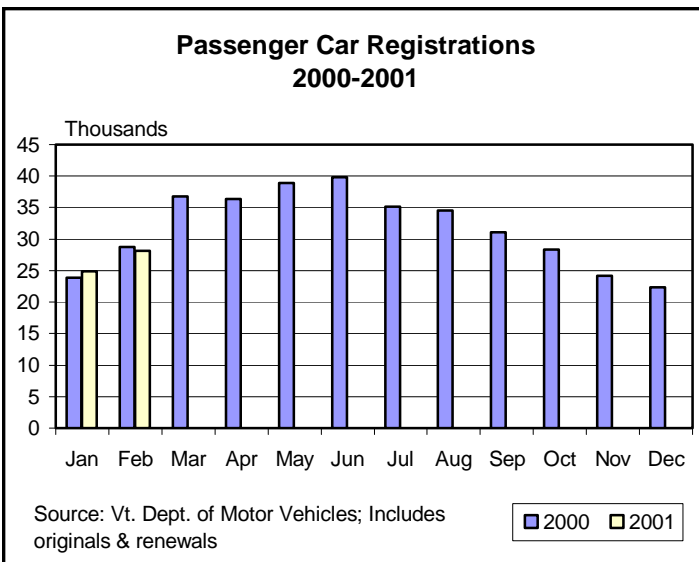
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<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A. *,Thousand)	301.1	299.6	296.1	0.5%	1.7%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	40.2	40.0	41.3	0.5%	-2.7%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.7%	-0.2
U.I. Initial Claims	3,020	4,049	2,564	-25.4%	17.8%
U.I. Exhaustees	141	212	149	-33.5%	-5.4%
DET Job Placements	358	390	301	-8.2%	18.9%
Passenger Car Registrations	28,171	24,891	28,781	13.2%	-2.1%
Total Current Car Registrations	389,056	389,105	381,681	0.0%	1.9%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	114,108	114,252	112,785	-0.1%	1.2%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	4,199	4,181	4,283	0.4%	-2.0%

	<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	117	230	99	190	21.1%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	14,361	26,827	10,718	21,738	23.4%
<u>Construction Value (\$Million)</u>	30.1	68.7	29.3	47.6	44.3%
Residential	14.6	30.2	10.0	21.7	39.2%
Nonresidential	5.7	18.2	5.5	10.3	76.7%
Nonbuilding	9.8	20.4	13.9	15.6	30.8%
New Business Incorporations	83	180	97	230	-21.7%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	42,924	83,353	35,601	66,943	24.5%



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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>	60.0	588.6	559.3	40.2%	5.2%
Personal Income	25.3	300.8	269.8	81.0%	11.5%
Sales & Use	17.9	149.5	147.5	55.1%	1.3%
Rooms & Meals	6.1	52.9	49.3	45.6%	7.3%
Corporate Income	1.0	21.1	16.1	272.0%	7.3%
Property Transfer*	0.5	5.0	4.8	30.5%	3.0%
Other**	9.2	59.3	71.7	-30.3%	-17.3%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	12.4	113.7	110.0	17.2%	3.3%
Gasoline	3.3	34.7	34.8	-18.3%	-0.3%
Purchase and Use	3.7	35.6	33.7	30.1%	5.7%
Motor Vehicle Fees	2.5	22.8	24.5	-0.3%	-7.1%
Other	2.8	20.6	17.0	147.0%	21.0%
<u>Education Fund</u>	5.4	92.3	93.3	-24.3%	-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.

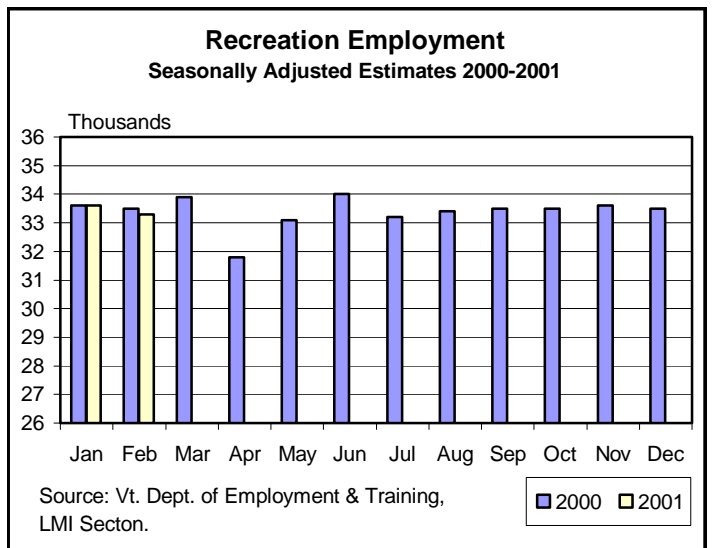
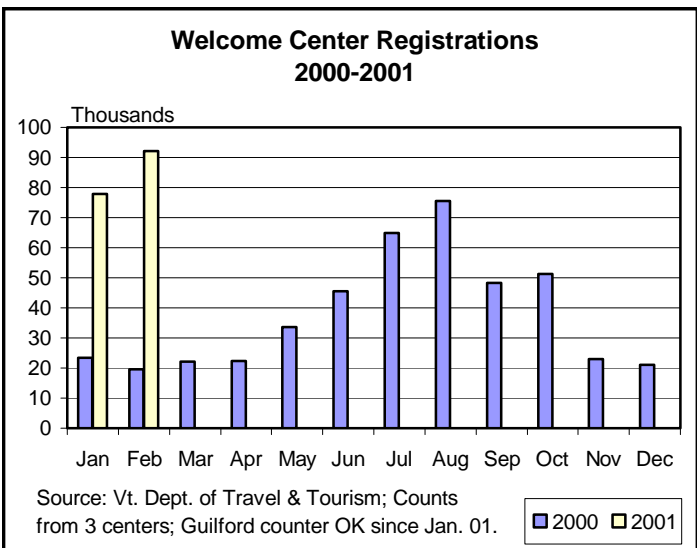
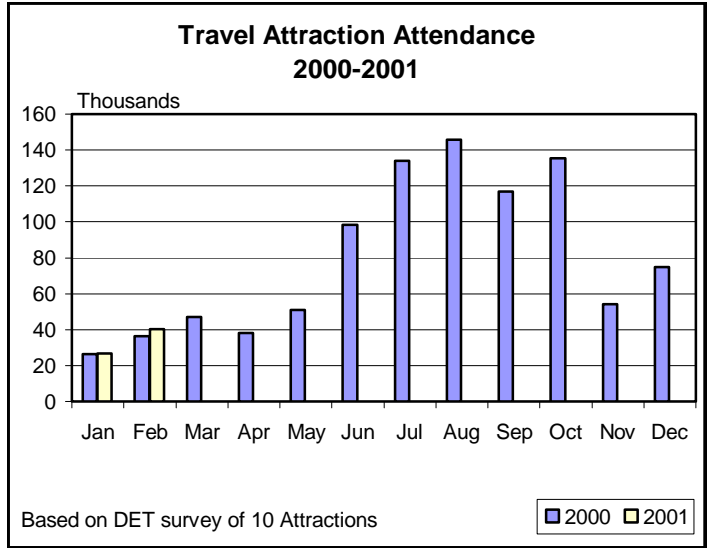
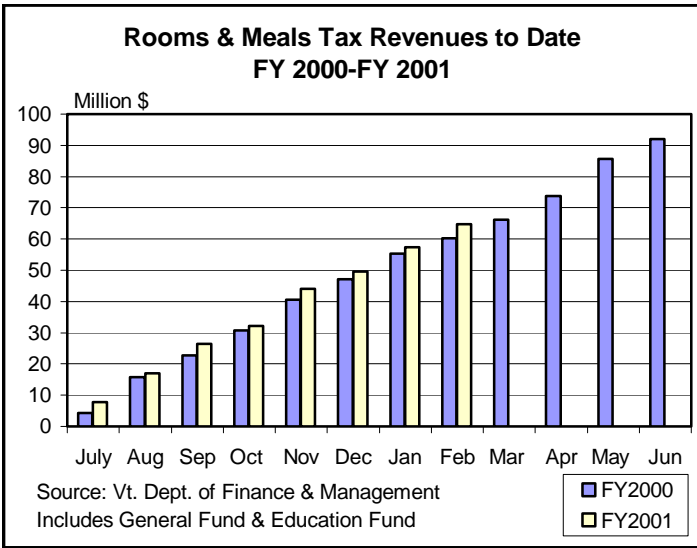
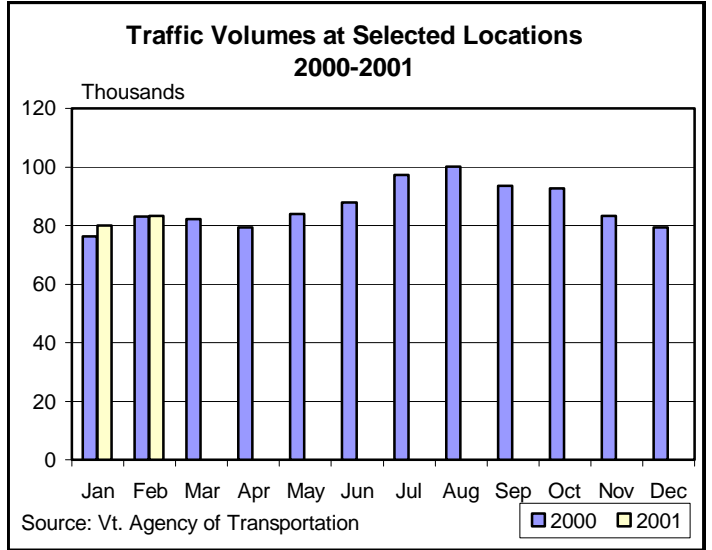
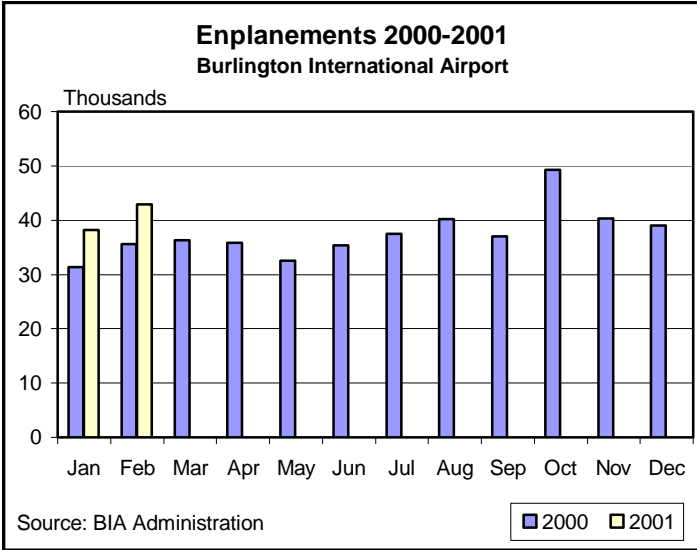
<u>TRAVEL & TOURISM</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Recreation Employment (S.A.,Thousand)	33.3	33.6	33.5	-0.9%	-0.6%
Selected Traffic Volume	83,315	79,958	82,970	4.2%	0.4%
<u>Motels & Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Average Room Rate (\$)	\$114.59	\$112.67	\$103.15	1.7%	11.1%
Occupancy Rate (%)	45.6	38.5	45.4	7.1	0.2
<u>Welcome Center Counts*</u>					
Guilford *	81,636	67,935	8,265	20.2%	887.7%
Fair Haven	8,007	7,051	8,107	13.6%	-1.2%
Highgate	2,511	2,780	3,221	-9.7%	-22.0%

**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>JANUARY 2001</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	29,444	28,556	26,500	3.1%	11.1%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	47,641	50,862	44,703	-6.3%	6.6%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	9,718	9,945	9,470	-2.3%	2.6%

* November & December 2000 & January 2001 delayed until early April.



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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)	40,294	67,070	36,188	62,705	7.0%
<u>Skier Days (Survey)</u>					
Alpine (Preliminary)	930,916	2,509,025	983,762	2,285,823	9.8%

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