

VERMONT ECONOMIC AND TRAVEL INDICATORS

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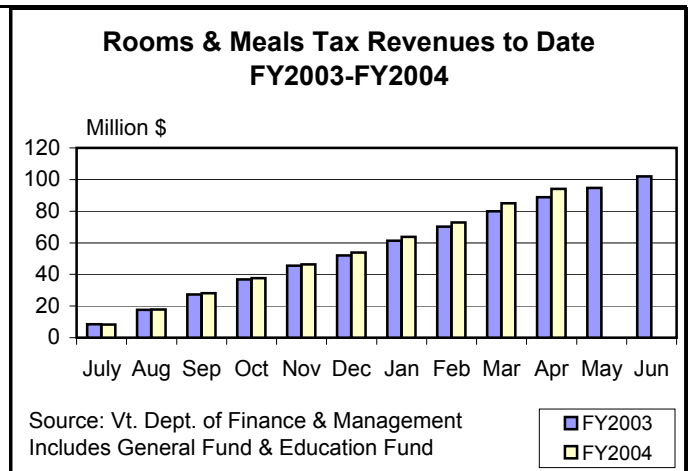
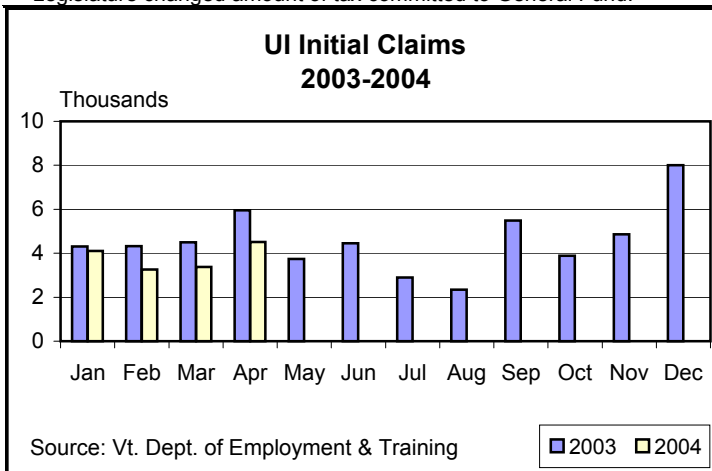
<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.,Thousand)	300.5	299.1	296.7	0.5%	1.3%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	40.0	40.0	40.1	0.0%	-0.2%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	3.6	3.6	4.7	0.0%	-23.4%
U.I. Initial Claims	4515	3381	5954	33.5%	-24.2%
U.I. Exhaustees	546	467	768	16.9%	-28.9%
DET Jobs Filled (last 12 months)	NA	NA	3,231	NA	NA
Passenger Car Registrations	38,311	36,817	35,798	4.1%	7.0%
Total Current Car Registrations	408,124	408,248	401,292	0.0%	1.7%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	120,938	121,206	118,189	-0.2%	2.3%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million) **	5,102	5,019	4,766	1.7%	7.0%
New Business Incorporations *	89	125	112	-28.8%	-20.5%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	49,448	49,788	42,282	-0.7%	16.9%

* Includes "closed" corporations. ** Bank Deposits adjusted to include 1 additional bank (2003-2004).

<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>	123.2	809.0	742.1	10.1%	9.0%
Personal Income	81.1	371.1	355.8	5.5%	4.3%
Sales & Use	22.2	214.6	186.9	27.8%	14.8%
Rooms & Meals	7.5	76.6	72.3	5.4%	6.0%
Corporate Income	6.5	33.6	22.1	43.3%	51.9%
Property Transfer*	0.9	9.7	8.3	30.0%	16.5%
Other**	4.1	49.0	44.6	-11.8%	10.0%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	19.7	172.0	162.5	12.7%	5.8%
Gasoline	4.4	45.7	44.7	19.8%	2.1%
Purchase and Use	7.2	57.2	52.1	18.0%	9.7%
Motor Vehicle Fees	5.4	42.5	40.6	-2.9%	4.8%
Other	1.4	12.7	12.2	9.2%	4.2%
<u>Education Fund</u>	13.3	138.6	116.9	NA	18.6%

* 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.

***Legislature changed amount of tax committed to General Fund.



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<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	<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	447	1,048	331	755	38.8%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	56,406	128,656	45,192	101,925	26.2%
	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Construction Emp. (S.A.,Thousand)	16.1	15.8	14.9	1.9%	8.1%

<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>
Leisure & Hospitality Emp. (S.A.,Thousand) *	32.9	32.9	31.6	0.0%	4.1%
Selected Traffic Volume	86,313	86,431	82,727	-0.1%	4.3%
<u>Motels & Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Occupancy Rate (%)	35.5	36.8	NA	-3.6%	NA
<u>Welcome Center Counts</u>					
Guilford	58,093	54,539	40,027	6.5%	45.1%
Fair Haven	13,332	10,815	12,461	23.3%	7.0%
Highgate	5,237	5,149	4,352	1.7%	20.3%

* Now NAICS based and includes sectors 71 (arts, ent., & rec.) & 72 (accommodations & food srvs). Not comparable to previous reported data.

**Motels & Hotels occupancy rate data is based on a survey of properties conducted by the Vermont Department of Tourism & Marketing.

<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)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
State Campgrounds (Campers)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Private Campgrounds (Occup. Rate, %)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) *	48,261	160,324	47,002	146,899	9.1%

* Based on DET survey of 9 Attractions

