

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)	309.4	309.6	305.1	-0.1%	1.4%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	38.9	38.8	40.2	0.3%	-3.2%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	4.0	3.7	3.4	8.1%	17.6%
U.I. Initial Claims	3,655	2,162	3,024	69.1%	20.9%
U.I. Exhaustees	397	237	334	67.5%	18.9%
DET Jobs Filled (last 12 months)	1,645	NA	2,036	NA	-19.2%
Passenger Car Registrations	29,886	32,540	29,574	-8.2%	1.1%
Total Current Car Registrations	413,051	412,067	411,549	0.2%	0.4%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	122,014	121,990	121,697	0.0%	0.3%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million) **	5,601	5,495	5,314	1.9%	5.4%
New Business Incorporations *	73	72	72	1.4%	1.4%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	64,934	55,051	65,441	18.0%	-0.8%

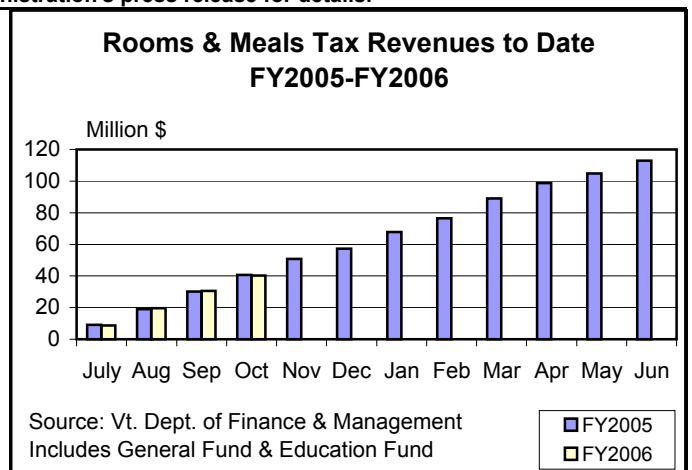
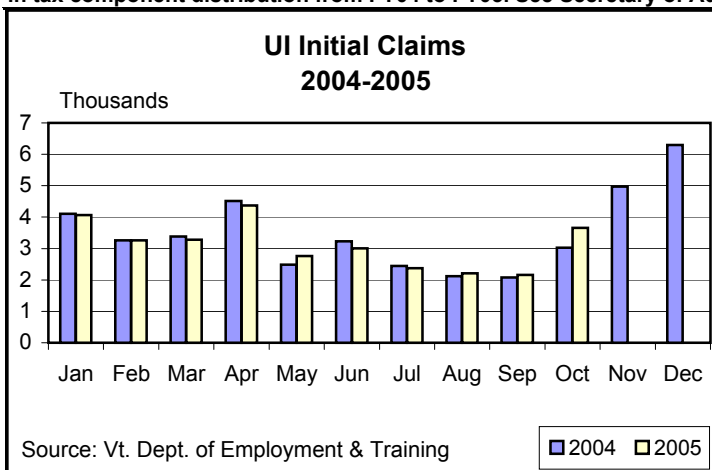
* Includes "closed" corporations.

** 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>	90.3	362.6	329.6	6.2%	10.0%
Personal Income	45.4	171.0	160.1	4.8%	6.8%
Sales & Use	21.0	74.7	71.7	5.0%	4.2%
Rooms & Meals	9.8	40.3	40.6	-6.0%	-0.7%
Corporate Income	5.0	21.0	16.2	107.4%	29.9%
Property Transfer*	1.2	5.5	4.6	15.5%	19.6%
Other**	6.9	24.8	24.4	1.9%	1.6%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	18.7	72.3	71.8	7.2	0.8%
Gasoline	5.3	23.3	23.0	-8.5	1.4%
Purchase and Use	4.3	19.6	19.5	-12.4	0.5%
Motor Vehicle Fees	6.0	18.4	18.8	47.6	-2.1%
Other	1.2	5.1	6.0	-5.5	-14.6%
<u>Education Fund</u>	13.8	52.9	50.7	NA	4.4%

* 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. **Please note that comparisons from prior year are difficult, given the change in tax component distribution from FY04 to FY05. See Secretary of Administration's press release for details.**



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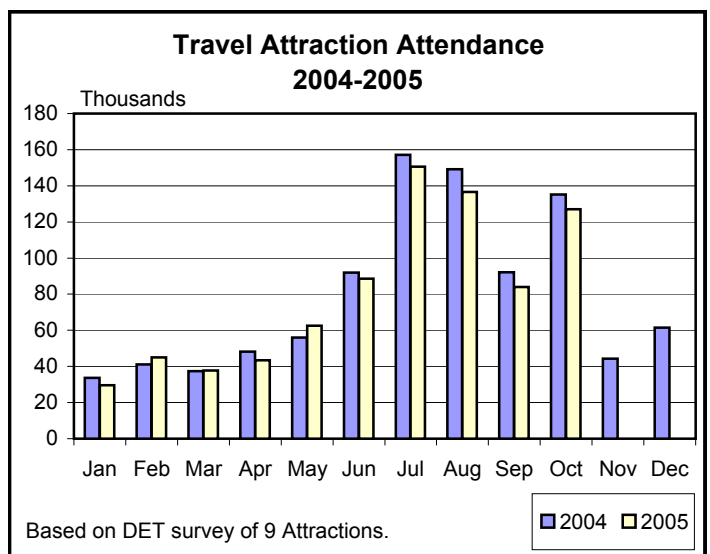
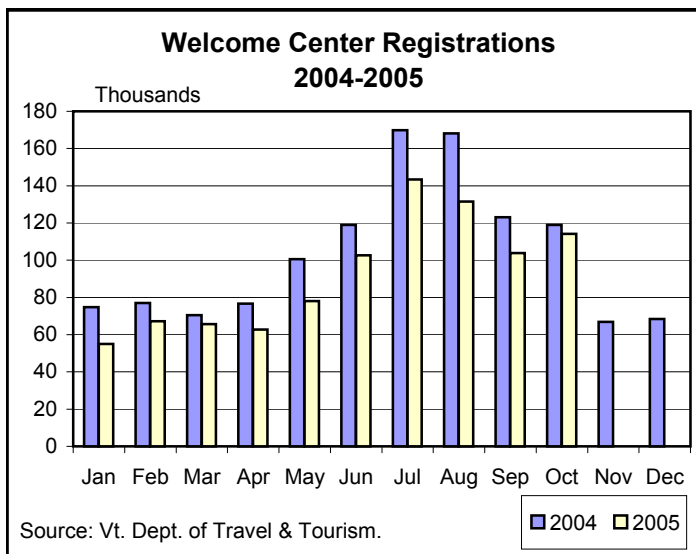
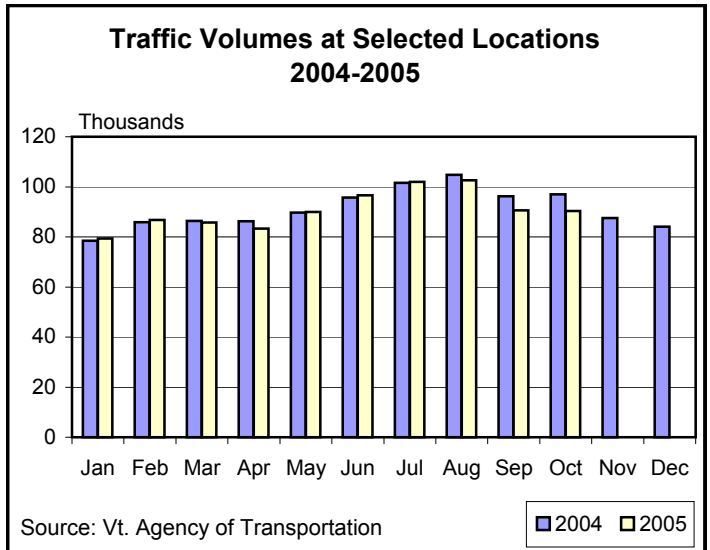
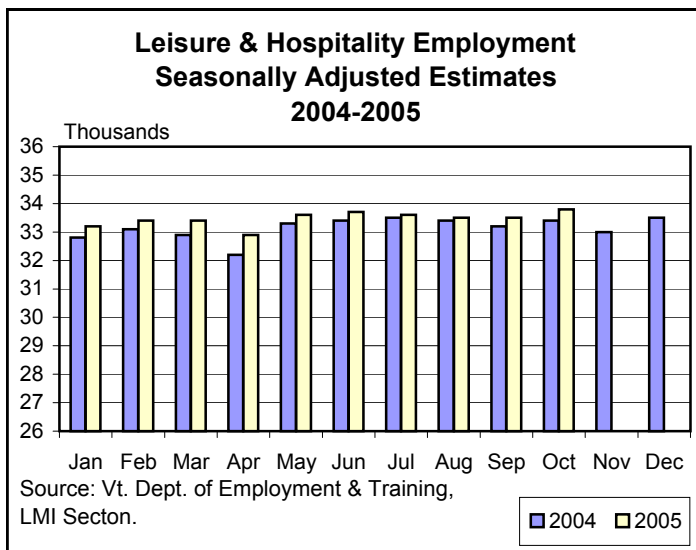
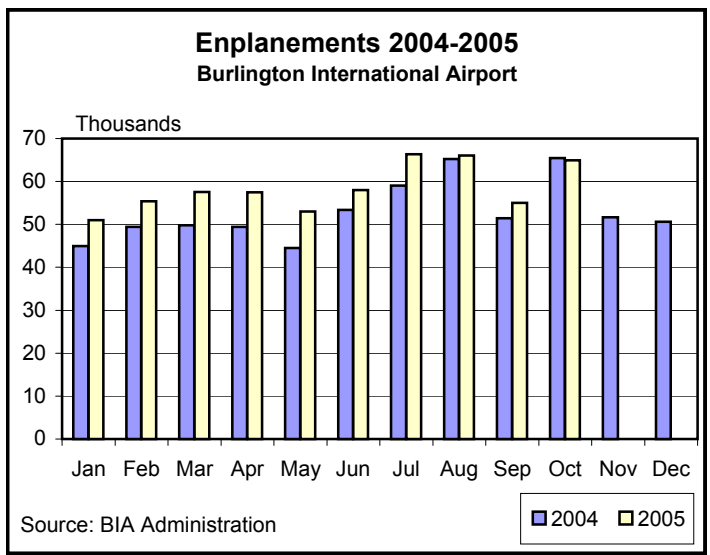
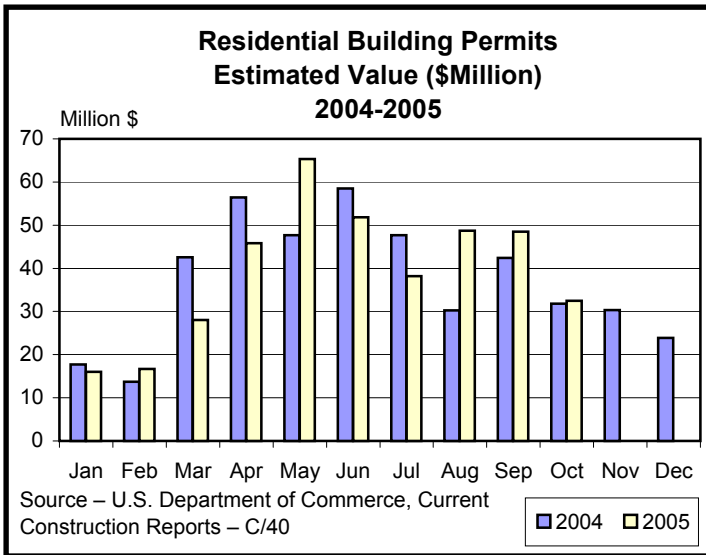
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>YR. TO DATE LAST YEAR</u>	<u>YR. TO DATE % CHANGE</u>
<u>Residential Building Permits</u>					
Housing Units	230	2,772	249	3,093	-10.4%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	32,487	401,486	31,791	398,366	0.8%
	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Construction Emp. (S.A.,Thousand)	17.8	17.7	16.7	0.6%	6.6%

<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) *	33.8	33.5	33.4	0.9%	1.2%
Selected Traffic Volume	90,346	90,545	96,961	-0.2%	-6.8%
<u>Welcome Center Counts</u>					
Guilford	94,158	85,494	102,107	10.1%	-7.8%
Fair Haven	13,936	11,984	12,514	16.3%	11.4%
Highgate	5,990	6,293	4,424	-4.8%	35.4%

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

<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)	6,865	366,487	9,863	357,295	2.6%
State Campgrounds (Campers)	10,449	341,948	13,270	365,125	-6.3%
Private Campgrounds (Occup. Rate, %)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer) *	53,779	495,621	69,449	521,966	-5.0%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) *	127,009	804,922	135,198	841,980	-4.4%

* Based on DET survey of 9 Attractions



<u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts **</u>	<u>CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) * 2005</u>	<u>CY 1st Qtr (Jan-Mar) * 2005</u>	<u>CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) 2004</u>	<u>% Change Last Quarter</u>	<u>% Change Last Year</u>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	51,923	101,492	49,897	-48.8%	4.1%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	169,869	176,525	161,775	-3.8%	5.0%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	26,762	34,832	25,382	-23.2%	5.4%

* Numbers are preliminary.

** All Business Receipts are for the Calendar Year (CY).

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