

# Vermont Economic and Travel Indicators

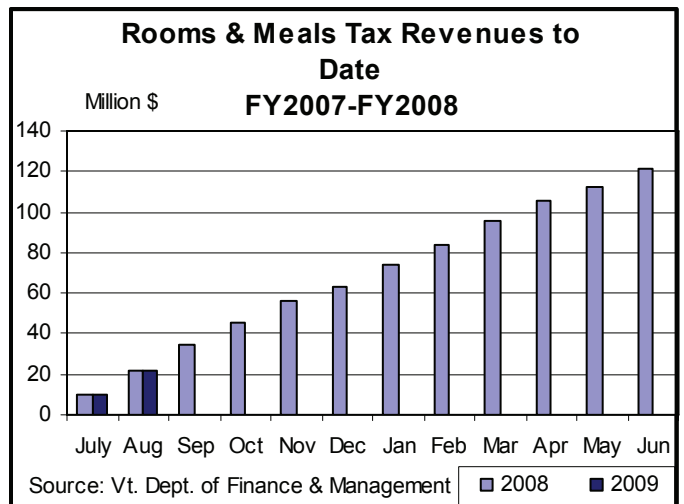
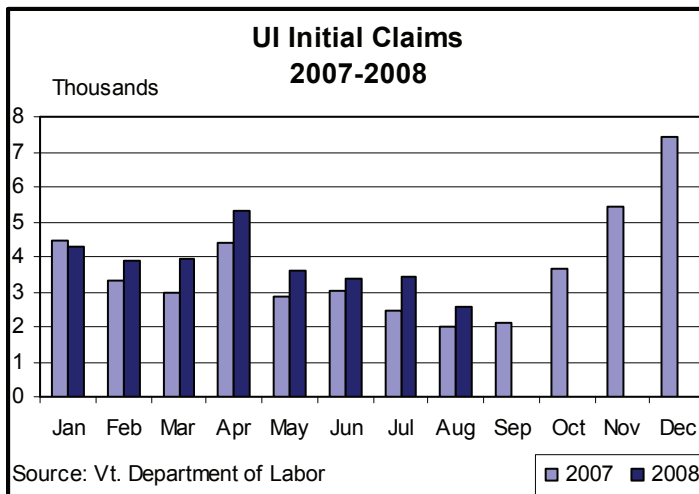
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LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.,Thousand)	306.5	307.3	307.5	-0.3%	-0.3%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.8	39.4	40.2	1.0%	-1.0%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	4.9	4.8	3.8	2.1%	28.9%
U.I. Initial Claims	2,595	3,411	1,997	-23.9%	29.9%
U.I. Exhaustees	361	497	285	-27.4%	26.7%
VDOL Jobs Filled (last 12 months)	989	1,072	1,024	-7.7%	-3.4%
Passenger Car Registrations	34,293	36,482	36,176	-6.0%	-5.2%
Total Current Car Registrations	412,965	412,316	412,173	0.2%	0.2%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	116,718	116,901	119,435	-0.2%	-2.3%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	5,365	4,370	5,634	22.8%	-4.8%
New Business Incorporations *	48	50	69	-4.0%	-30.4%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	79,304	79,154	68,922	0.2%	15.1%

\* Includes "closed" corporations.

STATE TAX REVENUES (\$Million)	CURRENT MONTH	FISCAL YR TO DATE	FYTD LAST YEAR	% CHANGE LAST YEAR	% CHANGE LAST FYTD
<u>General Fund</u>	69.9	166.6	172.1	-11.0%	-3.2%
Personal Income	31.2	83.4	80.4	-8.0%	3.8%
Sales & Use	16.0	36.7	40.3	-12.3%	-8.8%
Rooms & Meals	11.1	21.4	22.2	-6.7%	-3.6%
Corporate Income	0.0	1.9	5.3	-93.0%	-64.2%
Property Transfer*	0.9	2.1	2.4	-31.0%	-13.2%
Other**	5.0	13.5	11.0	21.5%	22.2%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	17.9	34.3	35.7	-11.2%	-1.9%
Gasoline	5.5	10.4	10.9	0.5%	-4.7%
Purchase and Use	4.1	7.6	8.6	-20.7%	-11.7%
Motor Vehicle Fees	5.8	11.1	11.3	-6.6%	-1.6%
Other	1.4	2.8	2.9	-12.7%	-3.0%
<u>Education Fund</u>	11.4	24.6	27.1	-13.5%	-9.3%

\* 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.



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<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR AGO	YR. TO DATE LAST YEAR	YR. TO DATE % CHANGE
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## Residential Building Permits

Housing Units	167	1,052	205	1,508	-30.2%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	26,934	192,211	31,438	245,949	-21.8%

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Construction Emp. (S.A., Thousand)	16.0	16.2	16.6	-1.2%	-3.6%

<u>TRAVEL &amp; TOURISM</u>	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
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Leisure & Hospitality Emp. (SA -Thous.) *	33.0	32.8	33.0	0.6%	0.0%
Selected Traffic Volume	99,137	94,656	104,287	4.7%	-4.9%

## Welcome Center Counts

Guilford	86,629	72,476	108,576	19.5%	-20.2%
Fair Haven	22,519	18,016	21,468	25.0%	4.9%
Highgate	15,864	11,700	11,977	35.6%	32.5%

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

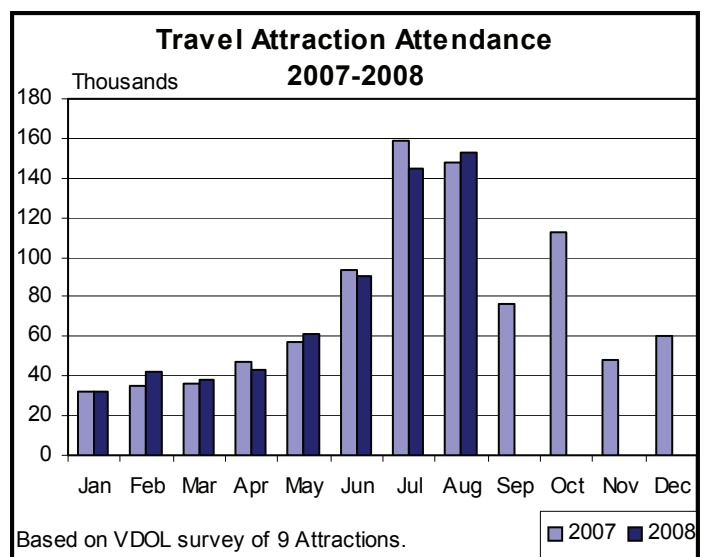
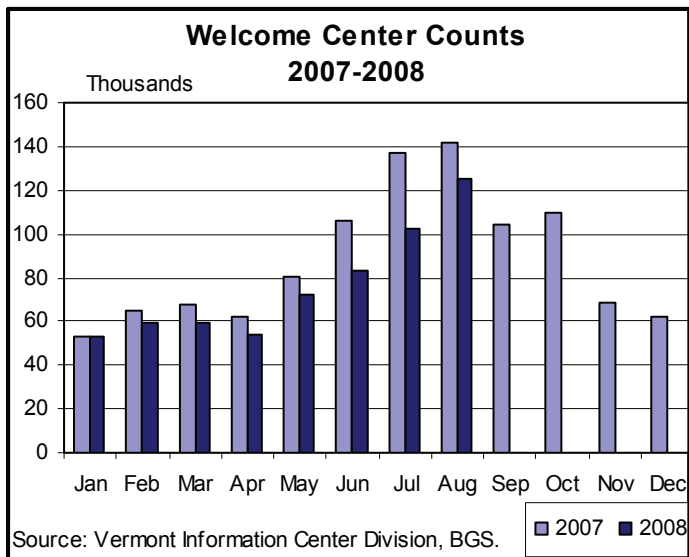
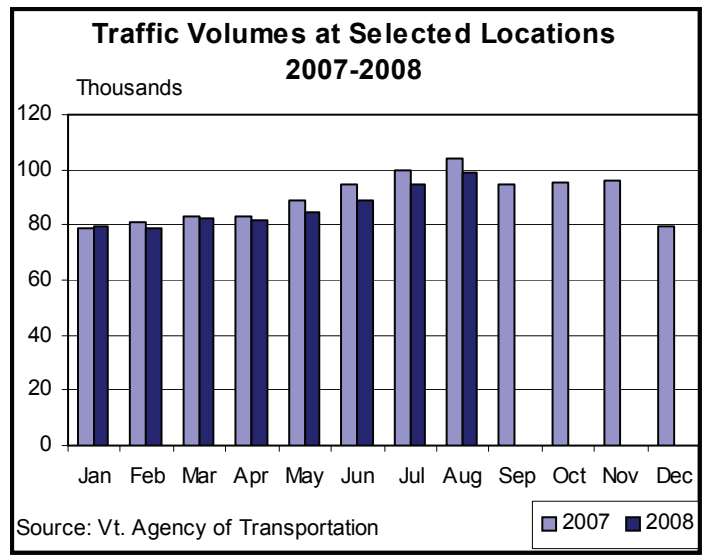
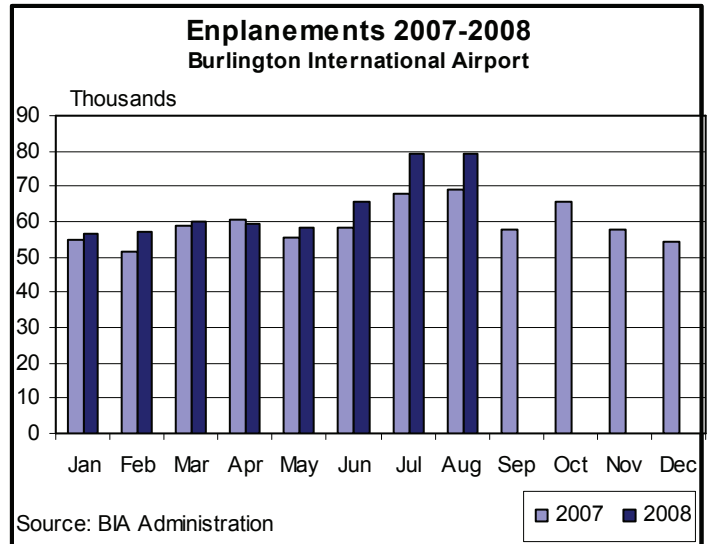
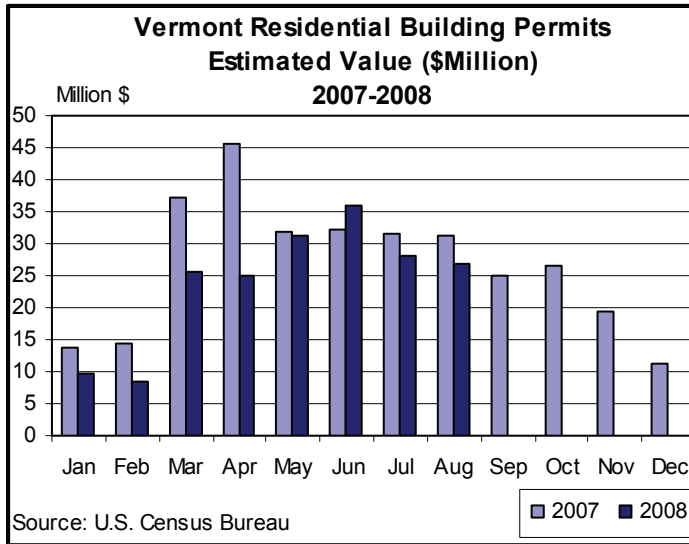
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## Attendance Surveys

State Parks (Day Use)	94,386	291,938	107,911	302,189	-3.4%
State Campgrounds (Campers)	123,758	321,834	118,041	308,810	4.2%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer) *	85,659	219,439	90,789	229,407	-4.3%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) *	152,681	604,709	148,082	609,655	-0.8%

\* Based on VDOL survey of 9 Attractions

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ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS RECEIPTS **	CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) * 2008	CY 1st Qtr (Jan-Mar) * 2008	CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) 2007	% Change Last Quarter	% Change Last Year
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	60,265	113,518	58,152	-46.9%	3.6%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	186,695	194,662	182,765	-4.1%	2.2%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	29,593	36,791	29,062	-19.6%	1.8%

\* Numbers are preliminary.

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

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