

# Vermont Economic and Travel Indicators

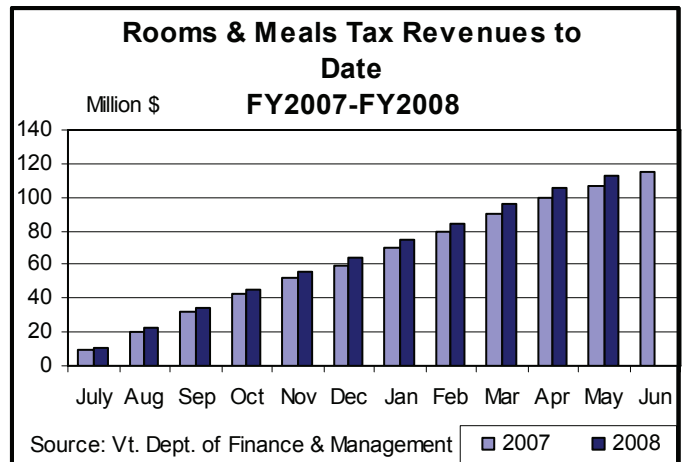
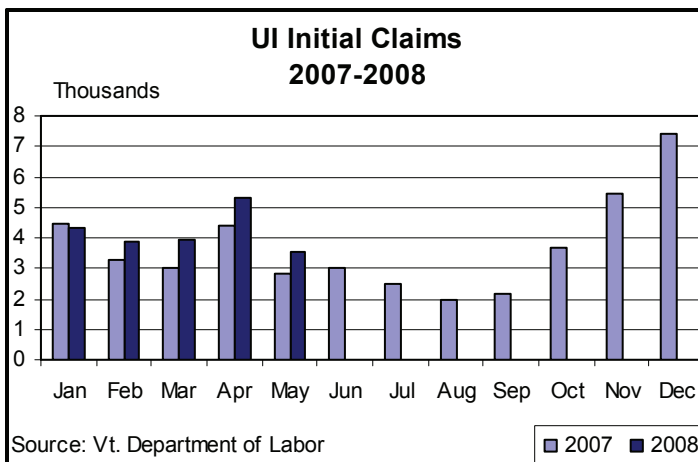
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LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.,Thousand)	308.4	307.2	308.4	0.4%	0.0%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.5	39.3	39.4	0.5%	0.3%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	4.9	4.4	3.8	11.4%	28.9%
U.I. Initial Claims	3,573	5,331	2,849	-33.0%	25.4%
U.I. Exhaustees	443	534	513	-17.0%	-13.6%
VDOL Jobs Filled (last 12 months)	1,125	1,155	1,090	-2.6%	3.2%
Passenger Car Registrations	38,978	36,529	37,058	6.7%	5.2%
Total Current Car Registrations	413,691	411,736	412,071	0.5%	0.4%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	118,353	118,197	119,791	0.1%	-1.2%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	5,433	5,282	5,620	2.9%	-3.3%
New Business Incorporations *	73	67	74	9.0%	-1.4%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	58,166	59,478	55,496	-2.2%	4.8%

\* 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>	62.0	1091.5	1043.7	2.3%	4.6%
Personal Income	20.7	559.5	521.8	-12.7%	7.2%
Sales & Use	15.2	207.8	204.2	-6.2%	1.8%
Rooms & Meals	7.3	12.4	106.7	2.2%	5.4%
Corporate Income	1.0	63.1	59.5	-52.5%	6.1%
Property Transfer*	0.8	10.2	11.4	-6.4%	-10.4%
Other**	6.1	69.0	68.5	47.7%	0.7%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	19.0	199.3	195.0	-3.3%	2.2%
Gasoline	4.3	57.2	57.9	-4.8%	-1.2%
Purchase and Use	5.1	46.6	46.9	-4.1%	-0.7%
Motor Vehicle Fees	6.9	59.3	57.5	3.4%	3.2%
Other	1.7	21.5	16.7	-4.6%	29.0%
<u>Education Fund</u>	11.8	145.0	144.4	-4.3%	0.4%

\* 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.



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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	131	517	191	815	-36.6%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	31,114	98,914	31,932	141,704	-30.2%

	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Construction Emp. (S.A.,Thousand)	16.6	15.7	17.2	5.7%	-3.5%

<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.) *	32.7	33.3	32.9	-1.8%	-0.6%
Selected Traffic Volume	84,657	81,896	88,763	3.4%	-4.6%

## Welcome Center Counts

Guilford	50,979	39,956	61,597	27.6%	-17.2%
Fair Haven	13,425	9,046	12,481	48.4%	7.6%
Highgate	7,755	5,008	6,652	54.9%	16.6%

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

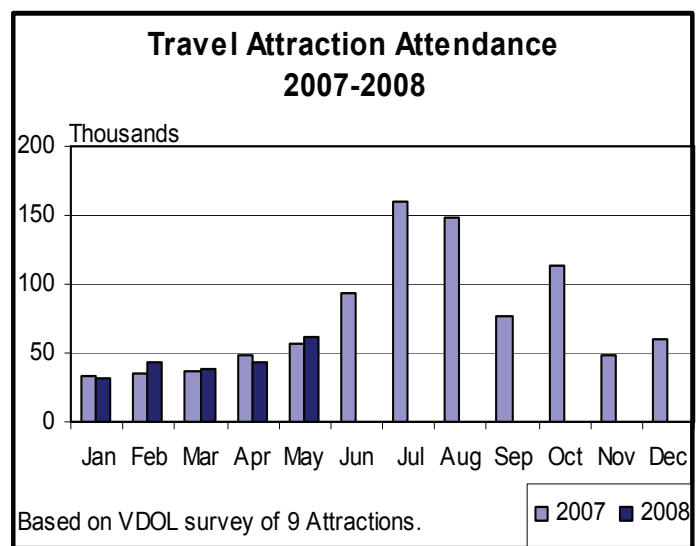
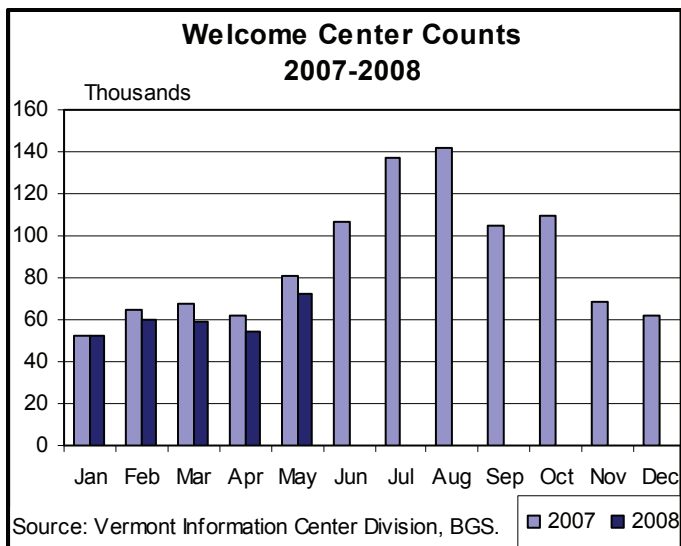
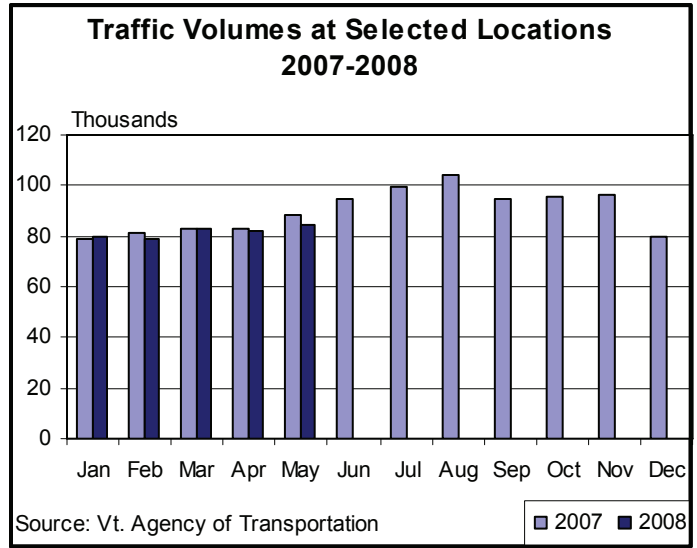
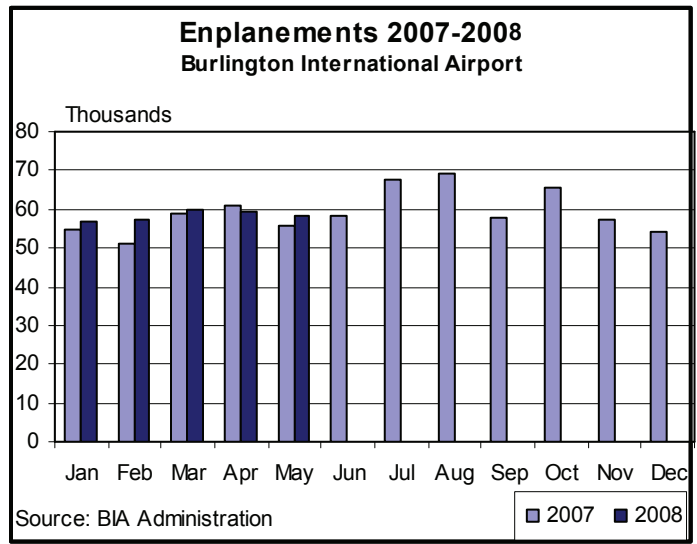
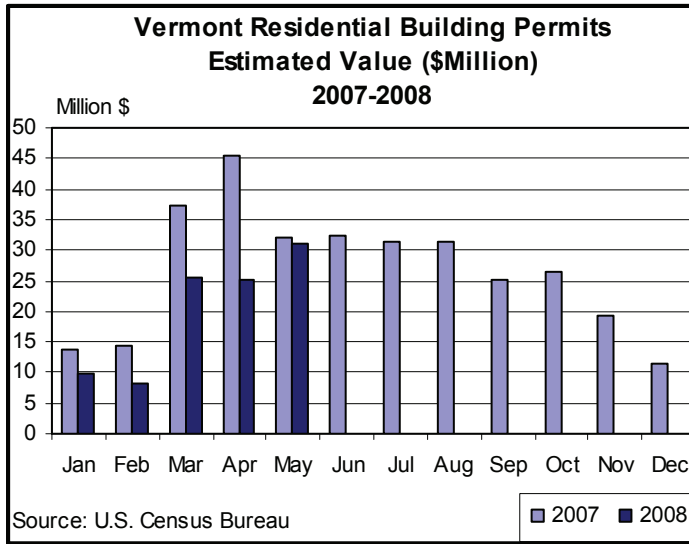
<u>SEASONAL INDICATORS</u>	CURRENT MONTH	SEASON TO DATE	YEAR AGO	SEASON T.D. YEAR AGO	SEASON T.D. % CHANGE
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## Attendance Surveys

State Parks (Day Use)	12,291	12,291	11,801	11,801	4.2%
State Campgrounds (Campers)	22,657	22,657	20,960	20,960	8.1%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer) *	19,515	19,515	17,565	17,565	11.1%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) *	60,932	217,114	57,244	209,120	3.8%

\* Based on VDOL survey of 9 Attractions

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<b>ROOMS &amp; MEALS BUSINESS RECEIPTS **</b>	<b>CY 1st Qtr (Jan-Mar) * 2008</b>	<b>CY 4th Qtr (Oct-Dec) 2007</b>	<b>CY 1st Qtr (Jan-Mar) 2007</b>	<b>% Change Last Quarter</b>	<b>% Change Last Year</b>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	113,518	86,988	96,978	30.5%	17.1%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	194,662	191,744	187,213	1.5%	4.0%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	36,791	32,849	35,384	12.0%	4.0%

\* Numbers are preliminary.

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

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