

# Vermont Economic and Travel Indicators

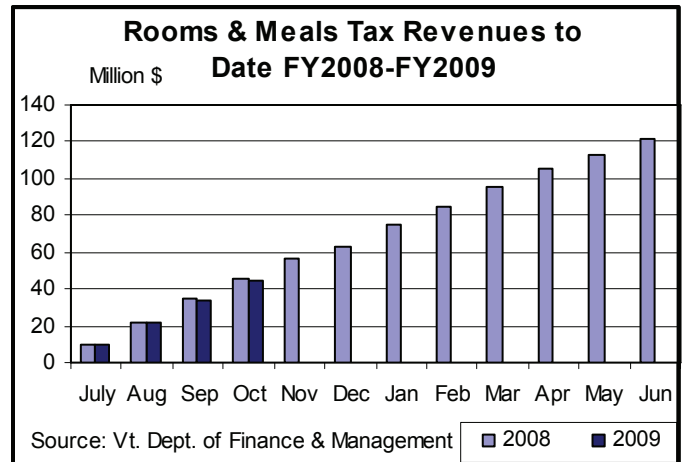
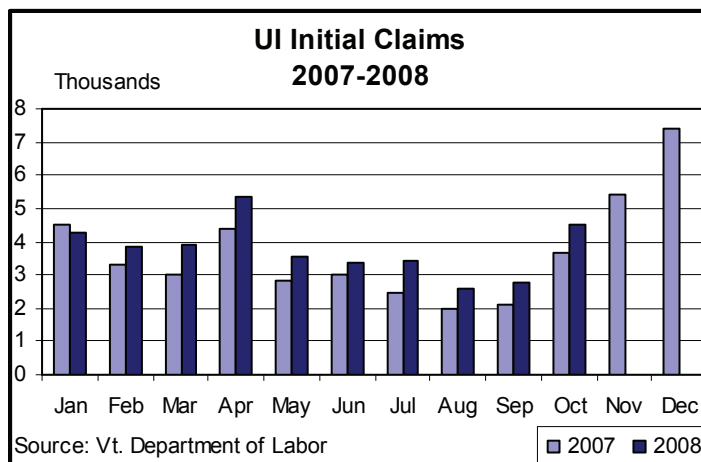
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LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.,Thousand)	307.1	306.6	308.0	0.2%	-0.3%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.4	39.4	39.2	0.0%	0.5%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	5.2	5.2	3.9	0.0%	33.3%
U.I. Initial Claims	4,533	2,741	3,665	65.4%	23.7%
U.I. Exhaustees	560	400	387	40.0%	44.7%
VDOL Jobs Filled (last 12 months)	903	943	1,114	-4.2%	-18.9%
Passenger Car Registrations	29,775	32,570	31,322	-8.6%	-4.9%
Total Current Car Registrations	392,605	412,033	412,651	-4.7%	-4.9%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	115,858	116,275	119,609	-0.4%	-3.1%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	5,504	5,461	5,787	0.8%	-4.9%
New Business Incorporations *	36	61	71	-41.0%	-49.3%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	69,556	63,544	65,670	9.5%	5.9%

\* 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>	91.2	385.3	382.5	-2.7%	0.7%
Personal Income	51.5	202.2	194.1	2.6%	4.2%
Sales & Use	19.9	74.4	77.2	1.4%	-3.6%
Corporate Income	1.0	15.2	22.8	-73.3%	-33.3%
Rooms & Meals	10.1	44.0	45.5	-9.5%	-3.3%
Property Transfer*	0.8	3.9	4.7	-18.0%	-17.8%
Other**	6.6	34.3	24.5	15.1%	39.6%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	17.4	70.7	78.1	-23.9%	-9.5%
Gasoline	5.0	21.4	21.9	-1.6%	-2.4%
Purchase and Use	4.2	16.5	18.8	-16.8%	-12.5%
Motor Vehicle Fees	5.2	21.6	22.1	-3.0%	-2.3%
Other	1.5	6.2	9.7	-72.2%	-36.4%
<u>Education Fund</u>	13.5	51.3	54.3	-10.1%	-5.5%

\* 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	70	1,274	133	1,811	-29.7%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	13,123	231,447	26,501	297,265	-22.1%

	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Construction Emp. (S.A., Thousand)	15.8	15.9	16.7	-0.6%	-5.4%

<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.) *	33.3	32.7	33.2	1.8%	0.3%
Selected Traffic Volume	90,136	87,892	95,162	2.6%	-5.3%

## Welcome Center Counts

Guilford	71,907	49,899	83,807	44.1%	-14.2%
Fair Haven	16,875	14,271	18,538	18.2%	-9.0%
Highgate	7,670	6,642	7,582	15.5%	1.2%

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

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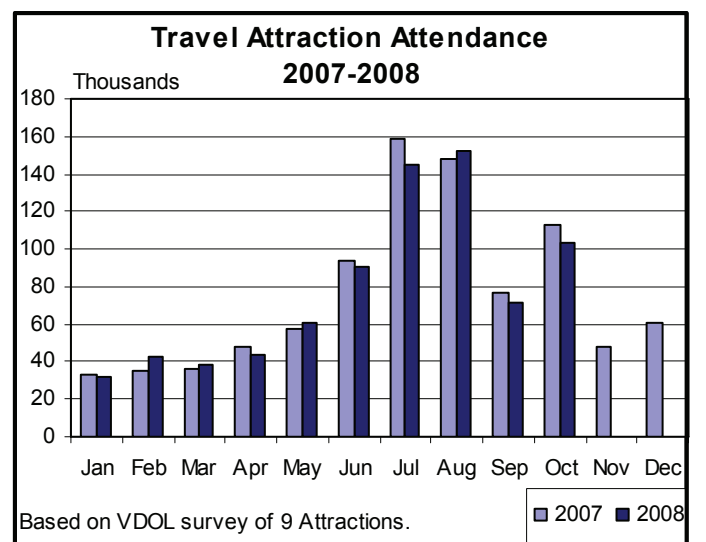
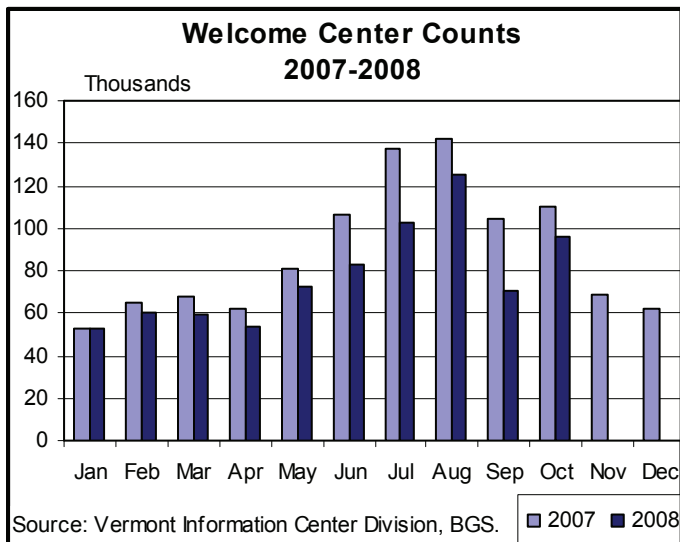
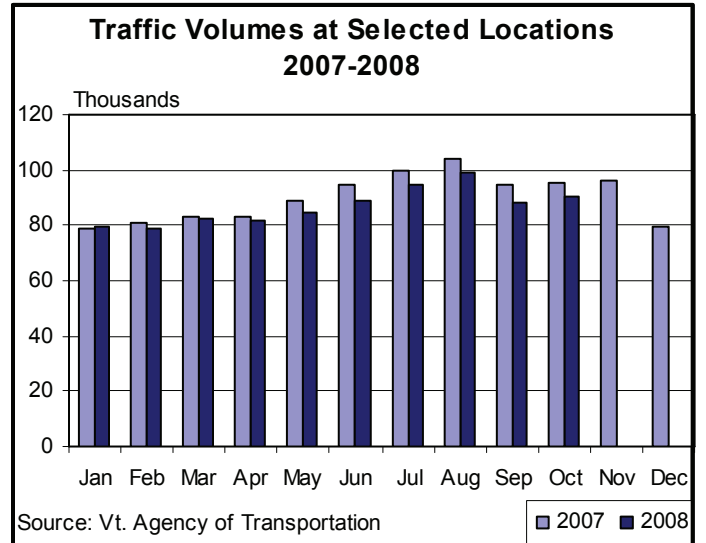
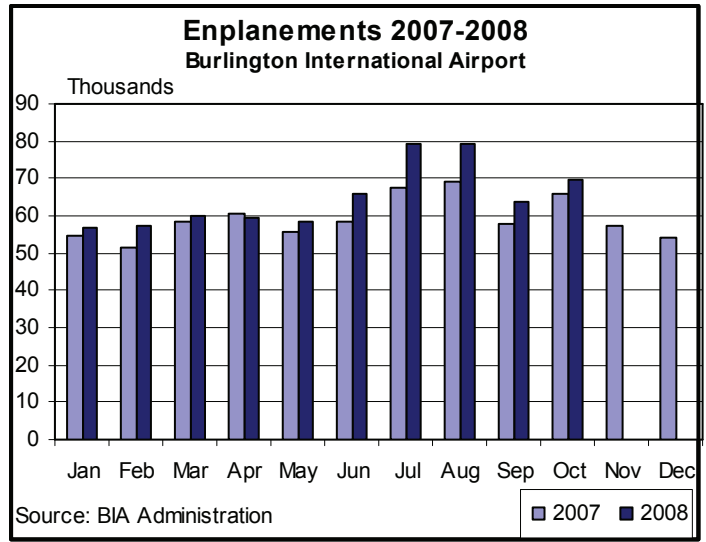
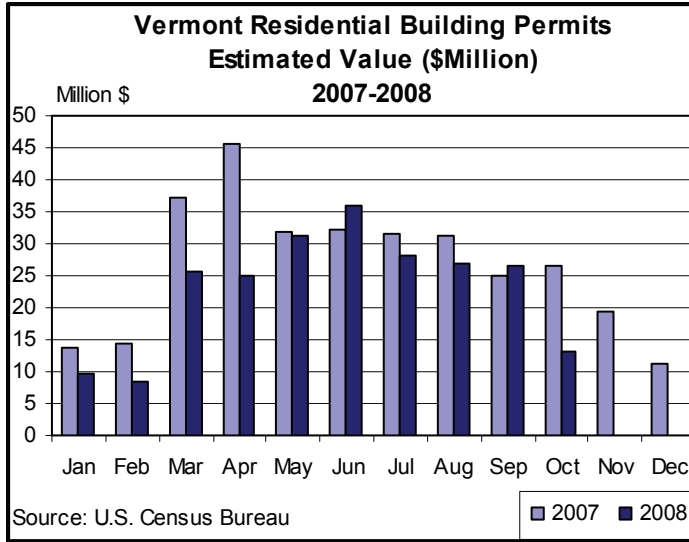
## Attendance Surveys

State Parks (Day Use)	11,879	321,759	8,250	338,617	-5.0%
State Campgrounds (Campers)	12,781	354,299	10,646	355,796	-0.4%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer) *	63,283	323,424	53,916	334,277	-3.2%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) **	103,438	779,218	112,694	798,628	-2.4%

\* Based on VDOL survey of 9 Attractions

\*\* Sept. & Oct. missing 1 attraction

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<b>ROOMS &amp; MEALS BUSINESS RECEIPTS **</b>	<b>CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) * 2008</b>	<b>CY 1st Qtr (Jan-Mar) * 2008</b>	<b>CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) 2007</b>	<b>% Change Last Quarter</b>	<b>% Change Last Year</b>
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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