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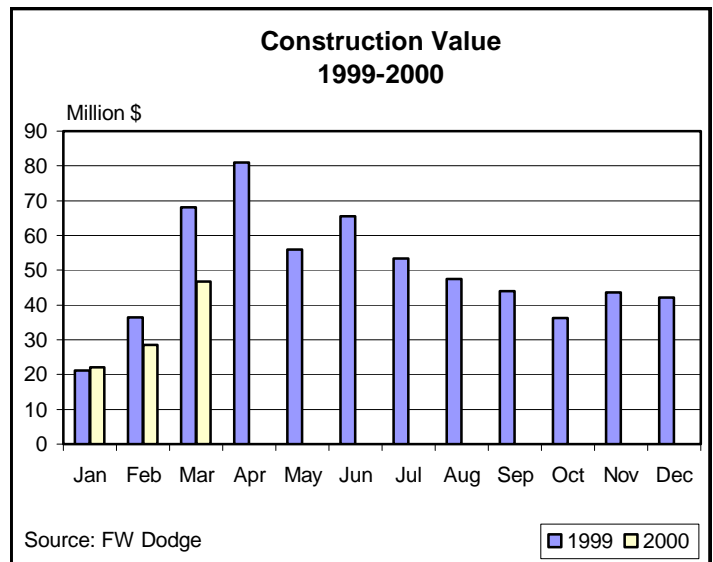
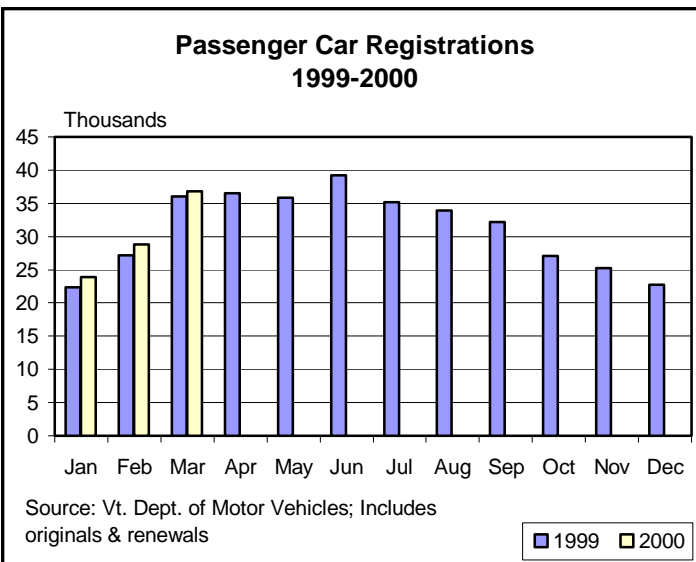
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<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A. *,Thousand)	294.6	294.5	289.4	0.0%	1.8%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	40.9	41.3	38.9	-1.0%	5.1%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	2.4	2.8	3.2	-0.4	-0.8
U.I. Initial Claims	2,783	2,564	2,879	8.5%	-3.3%
U.I. Exhaustees	158	149	229	6.0%	-31.0%
DET Job Placements	525	301	438	74.4%	19.9%
Passenger Car Registrations	36,821	28,781	36,022	27.9%	2.2%
Total Current Car Registrations	380,905	381,681	372,076	-0.2%	2.4%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	112,349	112,785	111,030	-0.4%	1.2%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	4,133	4,283	4,494	-3.5%	-8.0%

	<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	194	380	206	389	-2.3%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	22,838	44,890	21,037	41,045	9.4%
<u>Construction Value (\$Million)</u>	46.7	95.7	68.1	125.6	-23.8%
Residential	19.7	40.8	21.8	39.7	2.8%
Nonresidential	14.8	27.3	44.6	70.9	-61.5%
Nonbuilding	12.2	27.6	1.7	15.0	84.0%
New Business Incorporations	128	358	137	345	3.8%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	36,252	103,195	35,664	102,654	0.5%



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<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>	56.6	615.9	605.2	-14.2%	1.8%
Personal Income	11.6	281.5	260.4	-13.5%	8.1%
Sales & Use	11.1	158.6	157.5	-40.8%	0.7%
Rooms & Meals	4.7	54.0	55.5	-45.0%	-2.6%
Corporate Income	10.2	26.3	34.3	8.9%	-23.3%
Property Transfer*	0.4	5.2	4.7	-3.5%	10.5%
Other	18.5	90.2	92.8	20.9%	-2.8%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	16.8	126.8	117.6	4.7%	7.9%
Gasoline	4.2	38.9	36.3	-13.3%	7.3%
Purchase and Use	4.7	38.4	35.0	9.3%	9.5%
Motor Vehicle Fees	4.5	28.9	26.7	12.2%	8.5%
Other	1.4	8.0	19.5	1.4%	1.9%
<u>Education Fund</u>	7.8	101.1	79.9	NA	26.5%

* FYTD Adjusted for Transfers to Trust Funds

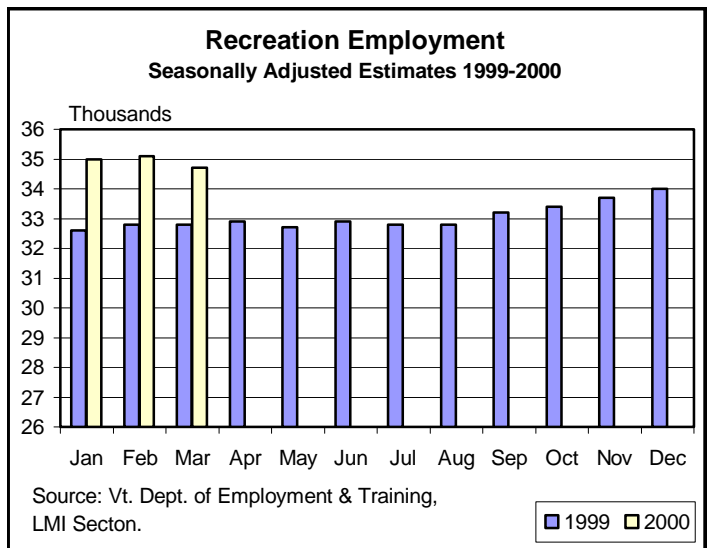
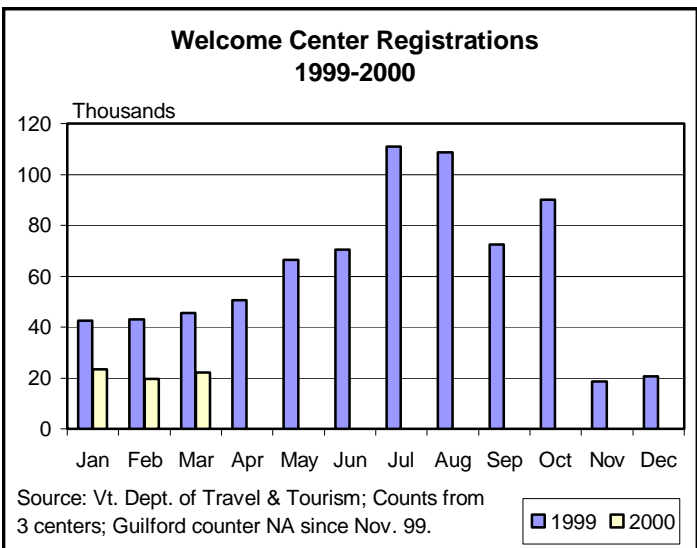
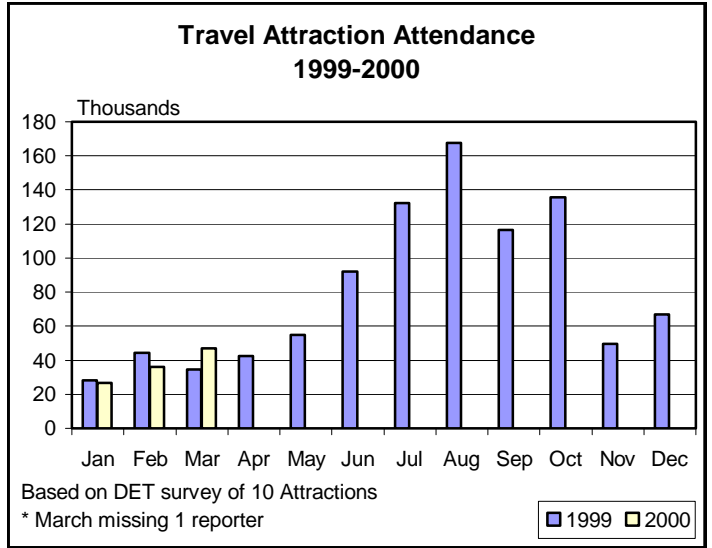
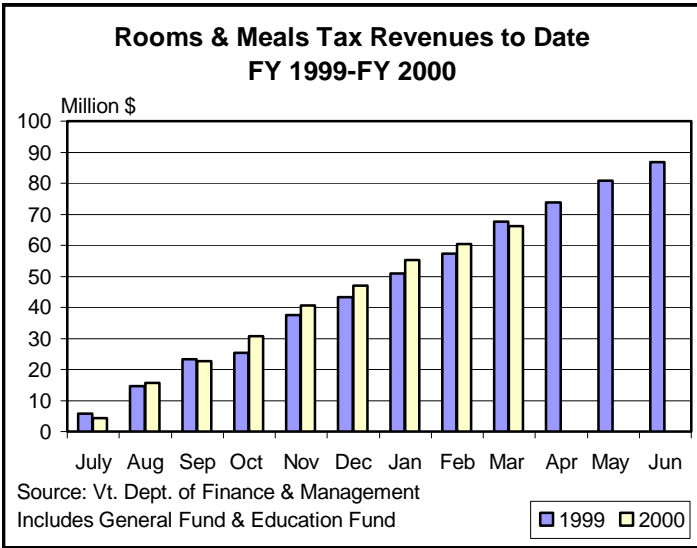
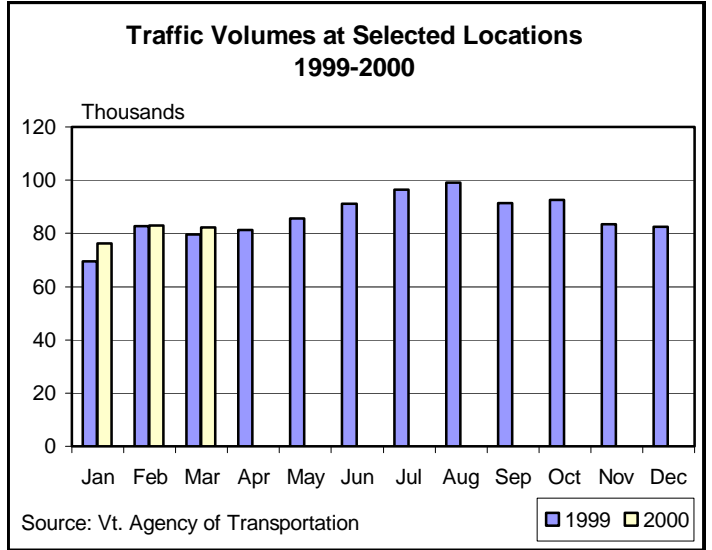
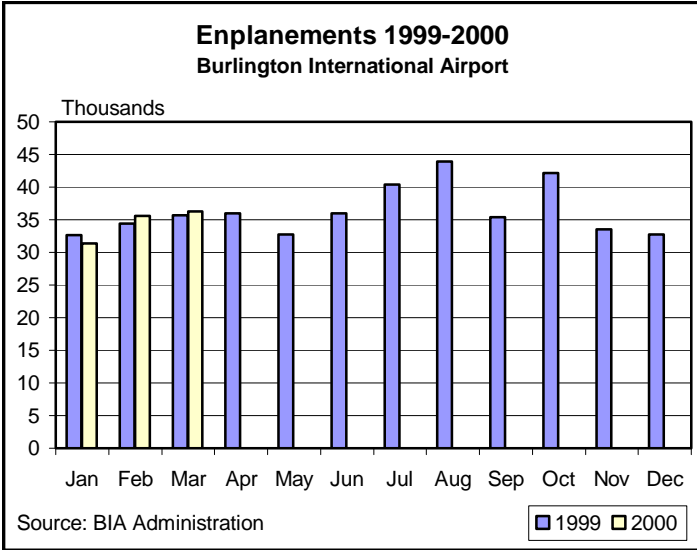
<u>TRAVEL & TOURISM</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Recreation Employment (S.A.,Thousand)	34.7	35.1	32.8	-1.1%	5.8%
Selected Traffic Volume	82,240	82,970	79,479	-0.9%	3.5%
<u>Motels & Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Average Room Rate (\$)	\$99.83	\$103.15	\$98.44	-3.2%	1.4%
Occupancy Rate (%)	28.1	45.4	30.5	-17.3	-2.4
<u>Welcome Center Counts</u>					
Guilford *	6,398	8,265	32,282	-22.6%	-80.2%
Fair Haven	9,322	8,107	7,885	15.0%	18.2%
Highgate	6,304	3,221	5,394	95.7%	16.9%

**Lodging occupancy and room rate data based on a survey conducted by the Vermont Tourism Data Center at UVM.

*Guilford Welcome Center moved during November; electronic counter not yet installed

	<u>FEBRUARY 2000</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
<u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts *</u>					
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	35,140	26,500	34,195	32.6%	2.8%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	50,019	44,703	46,948	11.9%	6.5%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	10,815	9,470	10,009	14.2%	8.1%

* Year ago data may be overstated due to change in reporting methodology.



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<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)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrounds (Campers)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Private Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd)*	46,928	109,633	33,586	106,146	3.3%
<u>Skier Days (Survey)</u>					
Alpine (Preliminary)	295,198	2,007,999	323,071	2,077,521	-3.3%

* Missing 1 reporter

DATA SOURCES

New England Telephone Co.; U.S. Dept. of Commerce; F.W. Dodge & Co.; Burlington Airport Administration; Vt. Departments of Employment & Training, Finance & Management, Forests, Parks and Recreation, Taxes, Motor Vehicles, Tourism & Marketing, Vt. Agency of Transportation; Secretary of State's Office; Vt. Division for Historic Preservation; University of Vermont

NOTE: Survey data for comparison only; Not intended as statewide estimates