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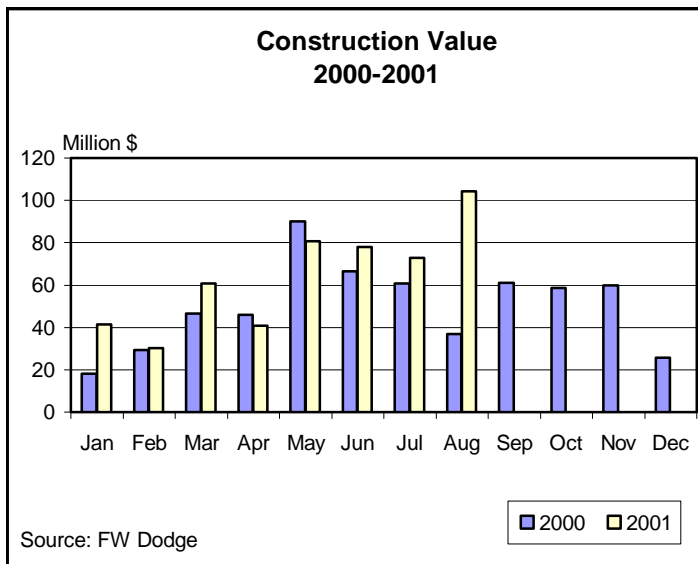
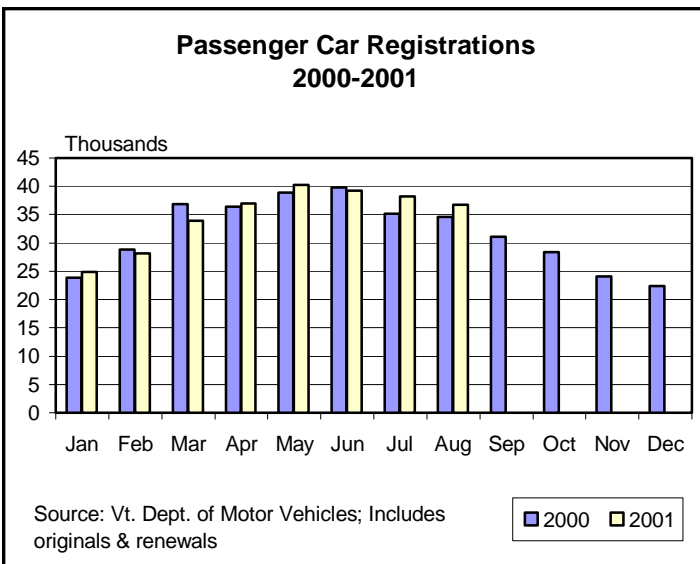
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<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A. *,Thousand)	299.1	299.3	298.3	-0.1%	0.3%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.7	39.5	40.0	0.5%	-0.7%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.1%	0.4
U.I. Initial Claims	1,916	3,556	1,838	-46.1%	4.2%
U.I. Exhaustees	196	226	135	-13.3%	45.2%
DET Job Placements	358	699	497	-48.8%	-28.0%
Passenger Car Registrations	36,790	38,179	34,549	-3.6%	6.5%
Total Current Car Registrations	393,033	391,623	383,984	0.4%	2.4%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	114,383	114,930	112,656	-0.5%	1.5%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	4,392	4,296	4,209	2.2%	4.3%

	<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	223	1,717	230	1,601	7.2%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	27,363	201,843	27,169	187,307	7.8%
<u>Construction Value (\$Million)</u>	104.2	515.2	36.9	394.2	30.7%
Residential	32.4	226.2	21.9	168.9	33.9%
Nonresidential	47.1	143.4	8.0	132.0	8.6%
Nonbuilding	24.7	145.6	9.0	93.3	56.1%
New Business Incorporations	101	801	94	860	-6.9%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	58,191	375,352	40,253	284,554	31.9%



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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>	56.8	124.2	121.4	-3.2%	2.4%
Personal Income	24.6	57.6	53.1	2.3%	8.4%
Sales & Use	15.7	35.6	37.4	-13.5%	-4.6%
Rooms & Meals	7.0	13.4	13.8	-1.4%	-3.0%
Corporate Income	0.0	0.8	1.9	3133.9%	-52.7%
Property Transfer*	0.8	1.5	1.2	34.2%	22.8%
Other**	8.7	15.3	13.9	2.2%	8.8%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	13.9	26.2	27.4	-16.6%	-4.2%
Gasoline	4.4	9.2	8.8	-11.5%	3.5%
Purchase and Use	4.7	8.3	7.9	-10.1%	5.5%
Motor Vehicle Fees	1.9	3.4	6.3	-45.5%	-44.8%
Other	2.9	5.3	4.5	-1.2%	20.8%
<u>Education Fund</u>	7.0	12.9	13.4	NA	-3.1%

* 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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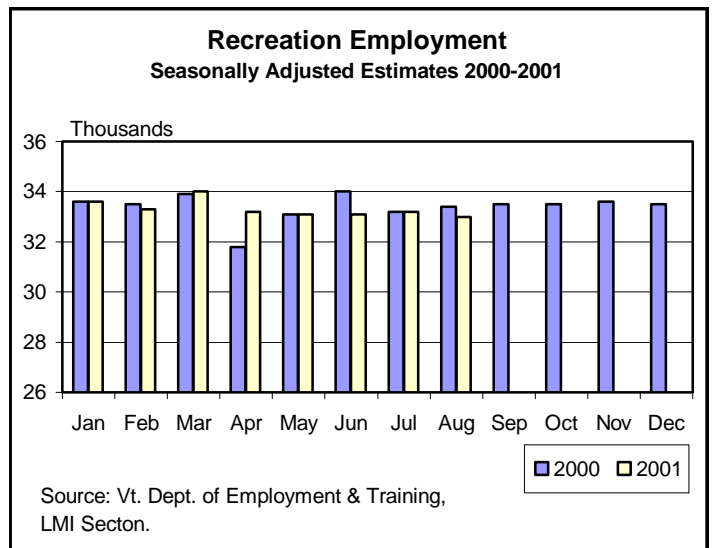
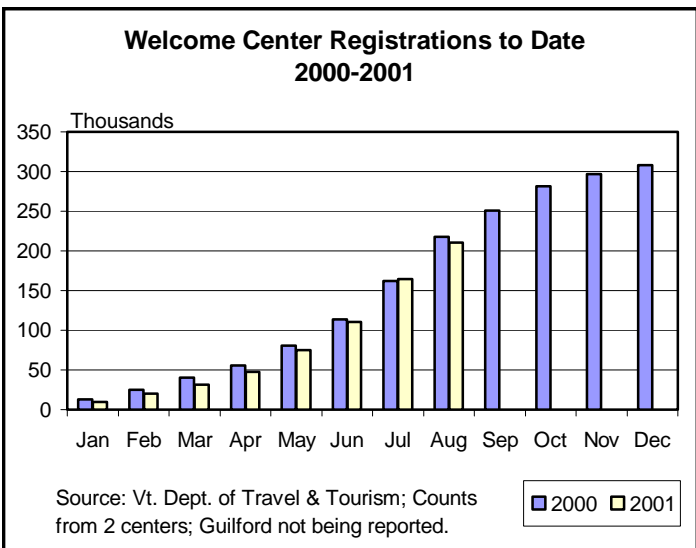
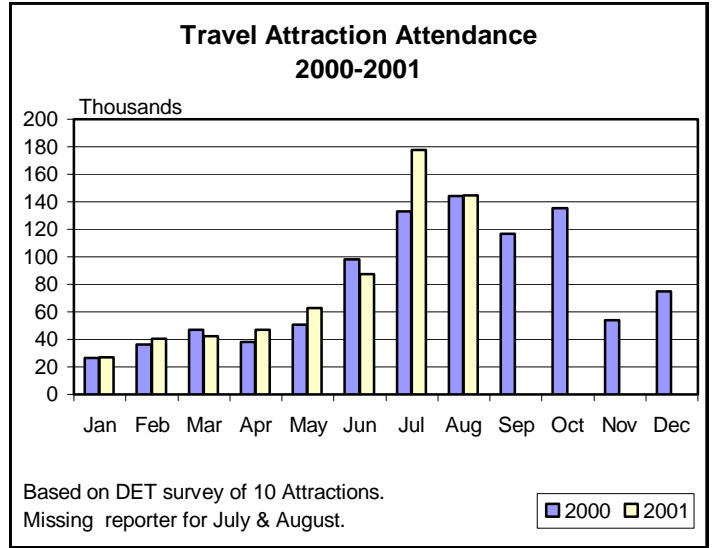
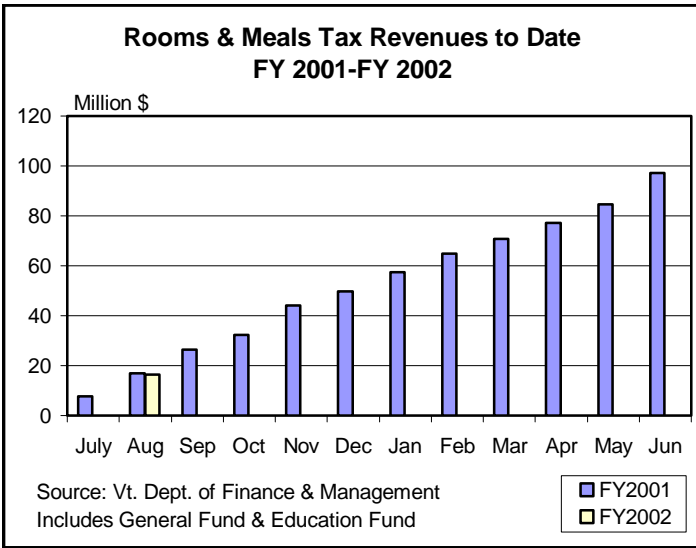
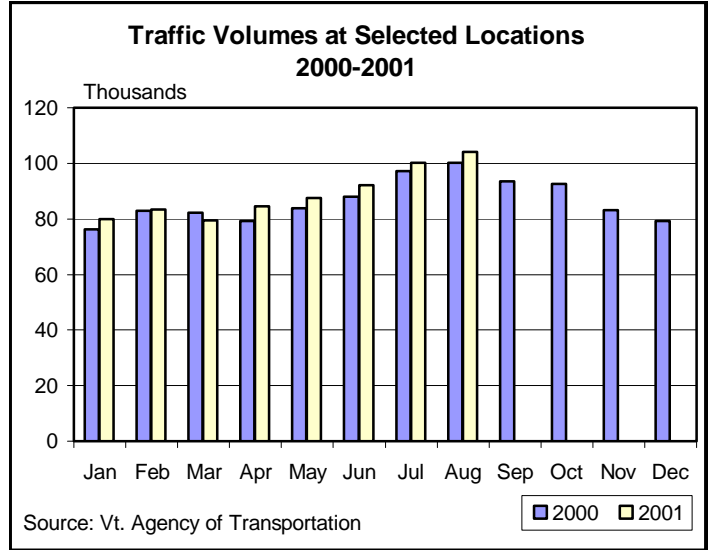
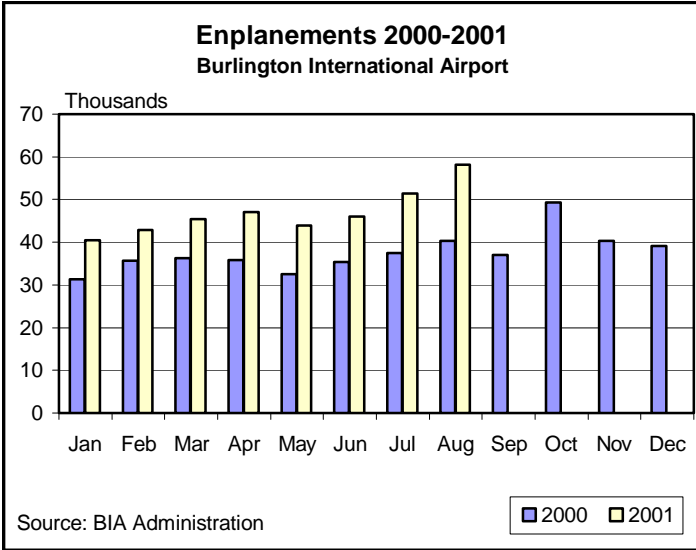
<u>TRAVEL & TOURISM</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Recreation Employment (S.A.,Thousand)	33.0	33.2	33.4	-0.6%	-1.2%
Selected Traffic Volume	104,154	100,274	100,177	3.9%	4.0%
<u>Motels & Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Average Room Rate (\$)	\$104.21	\$100.11	\$107.55	4.1%	-3.1%
Occupancy Rate (%)	51.2	44.6	55.1	6.6	-3.9
<u>Welcome Center Counts*</u>					
Guilford *	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fair Haven	30,239	37,440	37,242	-19.2%	-18.8%
Highgate	15,732	16,671	18,500	-5.6%	-15.0%

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

*Guilford's data temporarily not being reported, due to year-ago data not being comparable.

<u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts *</u>	<u>JUNE 2001</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	21,593	14,091	20,886	53.2%	3.4%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	50,007	45,134	48,916	10.8%	2.2%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	8,091	7,021	8,101	15.2%	-0.1%

* Not Available for year 2001 due to processing backlogs in the new income tax system.



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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)	120,636	316,497	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrounds (Campers)	137,460	346,248	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Private Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	79.9	72.3	65.0	46.9	25.4
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer)	119,646	303,847	125,962	310,560	-2.2%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) *	144,760	628,783	144,308	574,435	9.5%

* 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