

VERMONT ECONOMIC AND TRAVEL INDICATORS

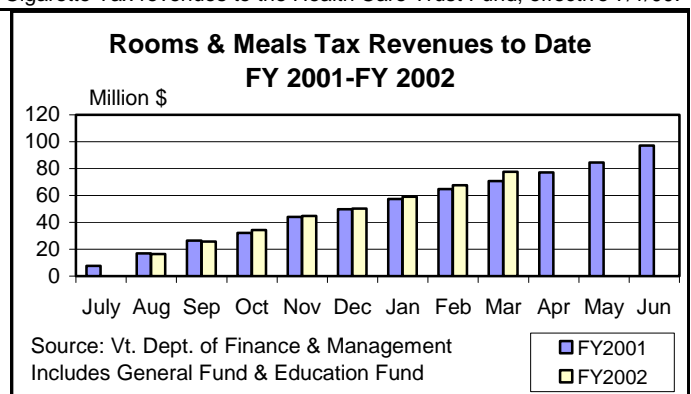
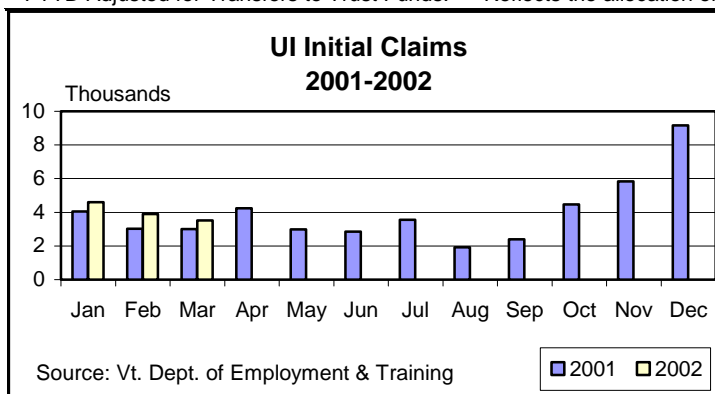
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<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.*,Thousand)	296.1	296.5	300.4	-0.1%	-1.4%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.8	39.9	39.8	-0.3%	0.0%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	3.9	3.5	3.3	11.4%	18.2%
U.I. Initial Claims	3,516	3,905	3,012	-10.0%	16.7%
U.I. Exhaustees	401	324	204	23.8%	96.6%
DET Job Placements	356	432	336	-17.6%	6.0%
Passenger Car Registrations	38,201	30,797	33,940	24.0%	12.6%
Total Current Car Registrations	396,438	394,785	386,896	0.4%	2.5%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	116,918	116,520	113,255	0.3%	3.2%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	4,462	4,425	4,215	0.8%	5.9%
New Business Incorporations	117	96	106	21.9%	10.4%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	43,643	42,147	45,429	3.5%	-3.9%

<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>	50.2	615.7	652.0	-20.8%	-5.6%
Personal Income	7.6	280.2	322.1	-64.0%	-13.0%
Sales & Use	15.7	166.6	160.6	40.7%	3.7%
Rooms & Meals	8.2	63.3	57.8	68.5%	9.6%
Corporate Income	2.0	15.9	25.8	-58.8%	-38.5%
Property Transfer*	0.4	6.0	5.3	33.3%	13.2%
Other**	16.3	83.7	80.4	-22.6%	4.2%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	17.1	134.9	129.4	39.0%	4.3%
Gasoline	4.1	37.5	39.3	26.2%	-4.5%
Purchase and Use	4.8	44.1	39.7	31.0%	11.1%
Motor Vehicle Fees	4.6	29.4	26.6	80.8%	10.7%
Other	2.1	12.1	23.8	20.2%	21.9%
<u>Education Fund</u>	7.4	98.2	100.6	NA	-2.3%

* 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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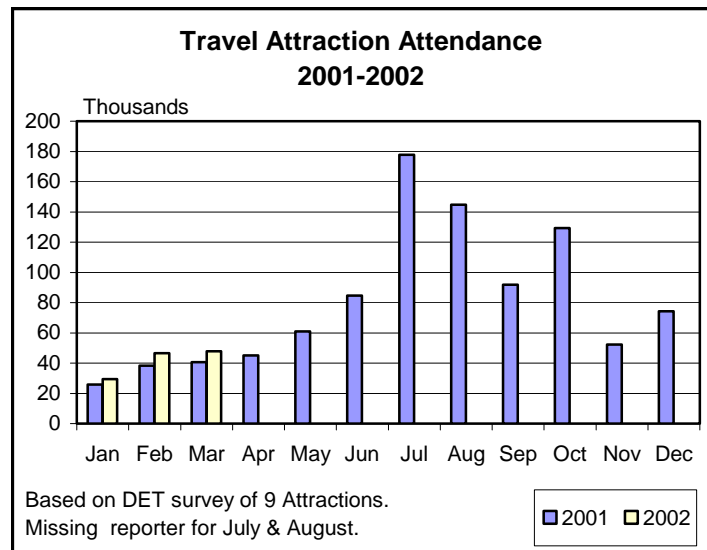
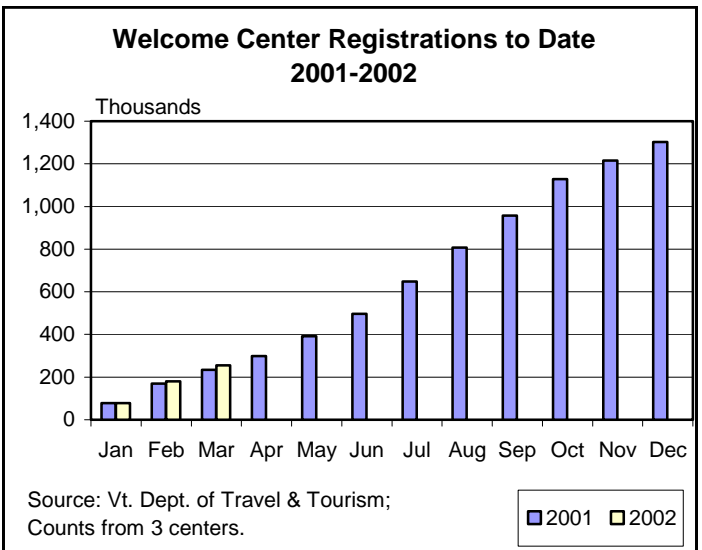
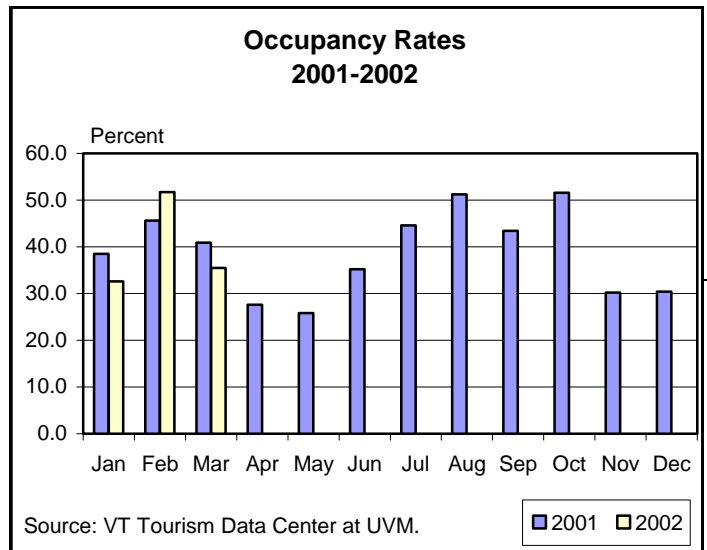
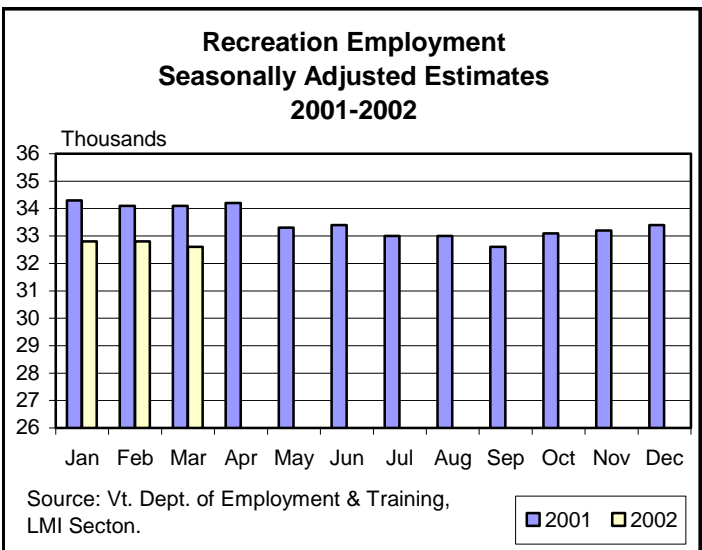
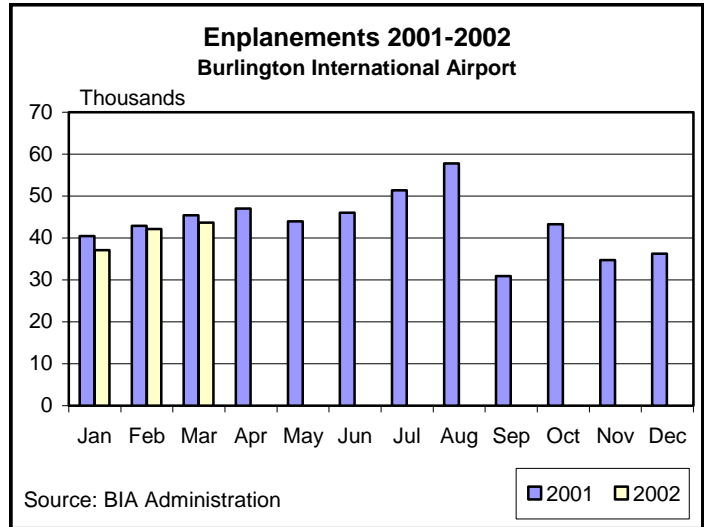
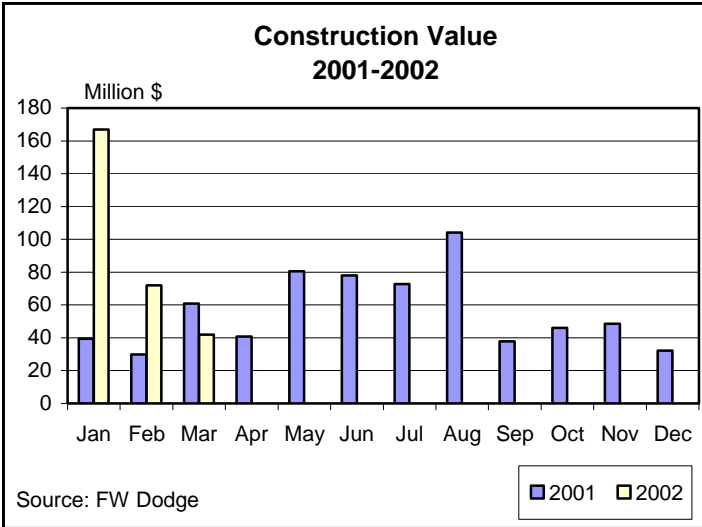
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>YR. TO DATE LAST YEAR</u>	<u>YR. TO DATE % CHANGE</u>
<u>Residential Building Permits</u>					
Housing Units	344	577	152	377	53.1%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	26,855	51,856	19,157	45,610	13.7%
<u>Construction Value (\$Million)</u>	41.9	276.2	54.6	123.7	123.3%
Residential	22.3	68.5	15.2	45.0	52.2%
Nonresidential	2.7	180.3	11.7	30.6	489.2%
Nonbuilding	16.9	27.4	27.7	48.1	-43.0%

<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)	32.6	32.8	34.1	-0.6%	-4.4%
Selected Traffic Volume	NA	86,761	79,467	NA	NA
<u>Motels & Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Average Room Rate (\$)	\$106.17	\$120.33	\$102.83	-11.8%	3.2%
Occupancy Rate (%)	35.5	51.7	40.9	-31.3%	-13.2%
<u>Welcome Center Counts</u>					
Guilford	60,144	88654	52069	-32.2%	15.5%
Fair Haven	10,864	9,156	8,190	18.7%	32.6%
Highgate	5,243	4,218	3,244	24.3%	61.6%

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

<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) *	47,824	123,718	40,565	104,660	18.2%

* Based on DET survey of 9 Attractions



<u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts *</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u> <u>2002</u>	<u>LAST</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR</u> <u>AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u> <u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u> <u>LAST YEAR</u>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	NA	NA	40,488	NA	NA
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	NA	NA	51,945	NA	NA
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	NA	NA	10,836	NA	NA

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

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