

VERMONT ECONOMIC AND TRAVEL INDICATORS

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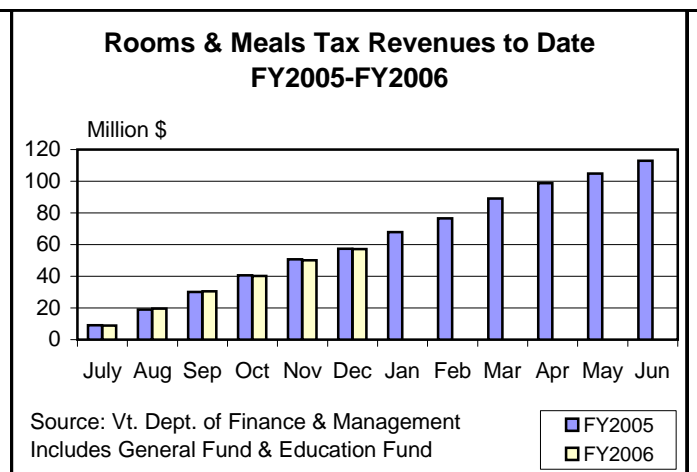
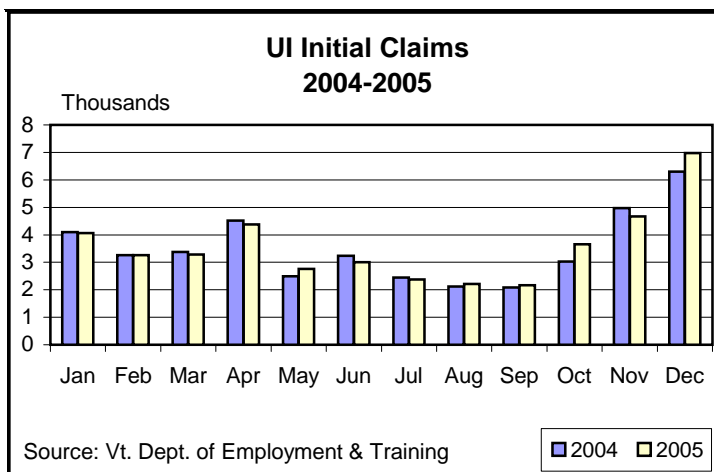
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<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.,Thousand)	310.7	309.2	306.6	0.5%	1.3%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.0	38.8	40.3	0.5%	-3.2%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	3.6	3.5	3.6	2.9%	0.0%
U.I. Initial Claims	6,976	4,665	6,223	49.5%	12.1%
U.I. Exhaustees	296	319	269	-7.2%	10.0%
DET Jobs Filled (last 12 months)	1,626	1,613	1,776	0.8%	-8.4%
Passenger Car Registrations	23,757	25,626	23,120	-7.3%	2.8%
Total Current Car Registrations	412,242	411,677	410,193	0.1%	0.5%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	121,774	121,556	121,368	0.2%	0.3%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million) **	5,636	5,523	5,297	2.0%	6.4%
New Business Incorporations *	108	50	118	116.0%	-8.5%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	54,454	52,307	50,653	4.1%	7.5%

* Includes "closed" corporations. ** Bank Deposits adjusted to include 1 additional bank (2003-2004).

<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>	97.9	521.4	486.6	3.5%	7.2%
Personal Income	50.7	249.5	238.0	1.1%	4.8%
Sales & Use	17.6	108.6	104.3	7.7%	4.1%
Rooms & Meals	7.1	57.2	57.3	7.4%	-0.3%
Corporate Income	10.6	27.5	22.2	18.4%	23.8%
Property Transfer*	1.1	8.5	8.1	-38.5%	4.6%
Other**	7.2	35.6	34.8	-7.8%	2.5%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	14.8	102.7	102.0	-1.5%	0.7%
Gasoline	4.9	33.4	33.1	-1.7%	1.1%
Purchase and Use	3.6	26.7	27.6	-6.5%	-3.3%
Motor Vehicle Fees	3.5	26.0	26.1	-5.6%	-0.5%
Other	1.2	7.6	7.7	22.5%	-1.3%
<u>Education Fund</u>	11.7	78.1	131.7	NA	-40.7%

the allocation of all Cigarette Tax revenues to the Health Care Trust Fund, effective 7/1/00. ***Legislature changed amount of tax committed to General Fund. **Please note**



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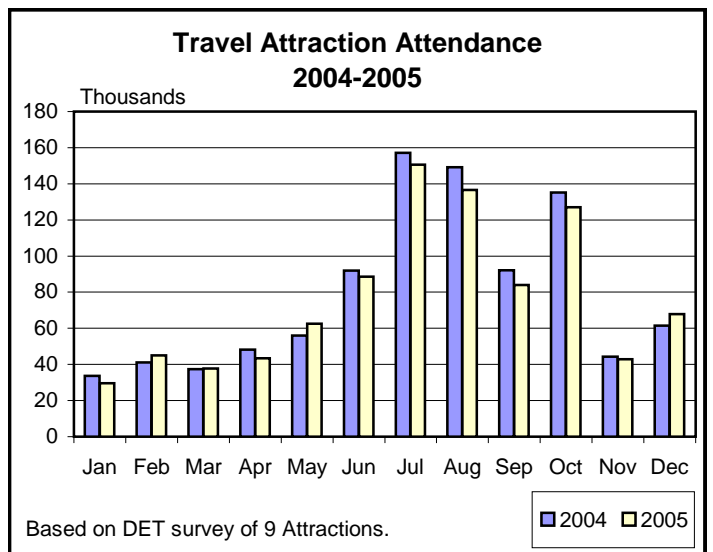
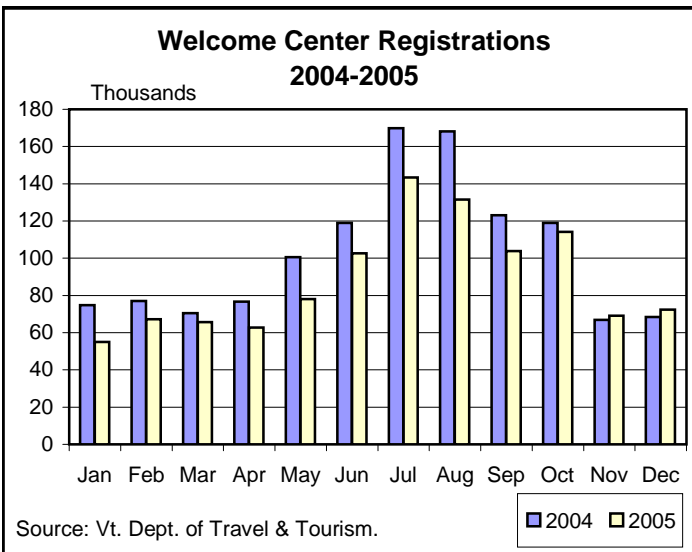
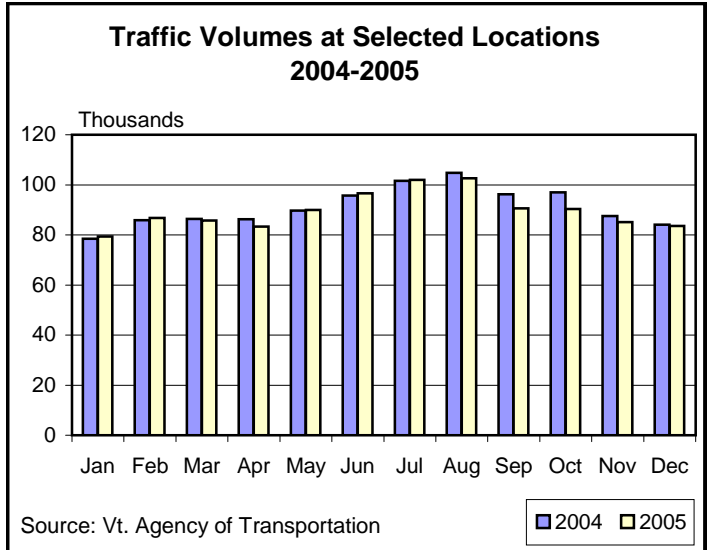
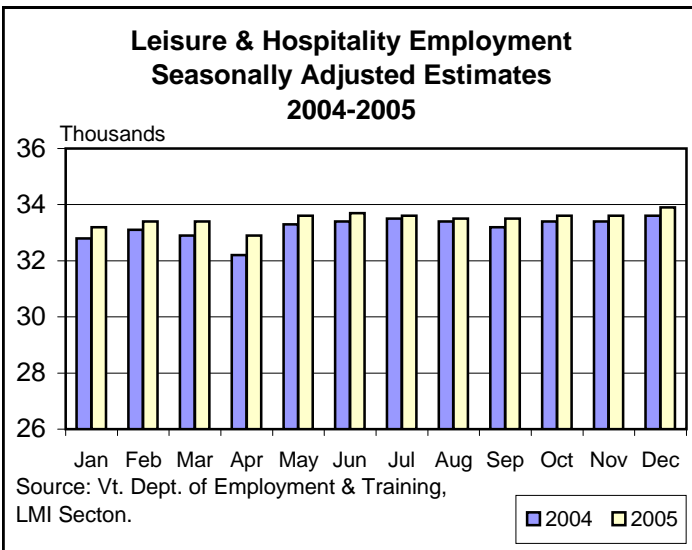
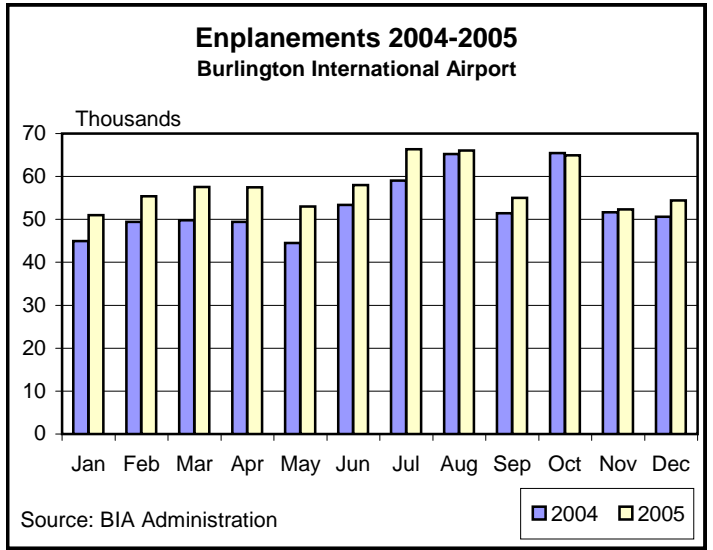
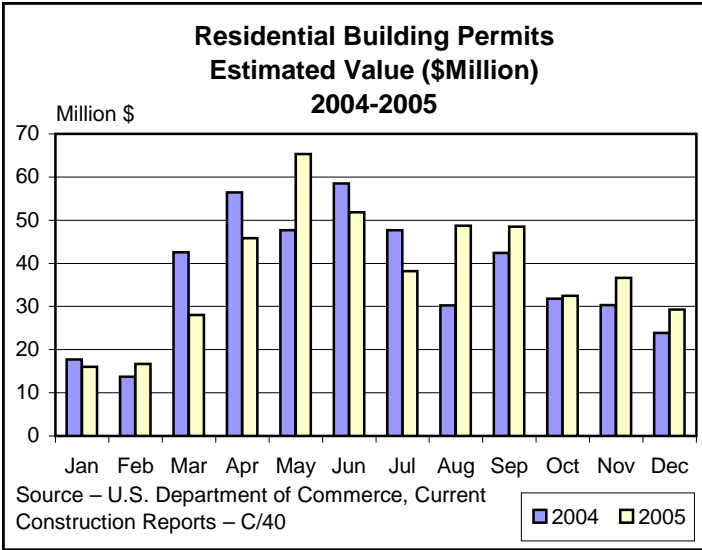
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>YR. TO DATE LAST YEAR</u>	<u>YR. TO DATE % CHANGE</u>
<u>Residential Building Permits</u>					
Housing Units	147	3,034	170	3,491	-13.1%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	29,333	467,429	23,935	452,299	3.3%
	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Construction Emp. (S.A.,Thousand)	17.8	17.7	16.7	0.6%	6.6%

<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>
Leisure & Hospitality Emp. (S.A.,Thousand) *	33.9	33.6	33.6	0.9%	0.9%
Selected Traffic Volume	83,601	85,107	84,068	-1.8%	-0.6%
<u>Welcome Center Counts</u>					
Guilford	62,286	58,773	61,435	6.0%	1.4%
Fair Haven	6,792	6,955	5,489	-2.3%	23.7%
Highgate	3,372	3,401	1,428	-0.9%	136.1%

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

<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)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
State Campgrounds (Campers)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Private Campgrounds (Occup. Rate, %)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer) *	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) *	67,773	915,514	61,539	947,727	-3.4%

* Based on DET survey of 9 Attractions



<u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts **</u>	<u>CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) * 2005</u>	<u>CY 1st Qtr (Jan-Mar) * 2005</u>	<u>CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) 2004</u>	<u>% Change Last Quarter</u>	<u>% Change Last Year</u>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	51,923	101,492	49,897	-48.8%	4.1%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	169,869	176,525	161,775	-3.8%	5.0%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	26,762	34,832	25,382	-23.2%	5.4%

* Numbers are preliminary.

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

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