

Vermont Economic and Travel Indicators

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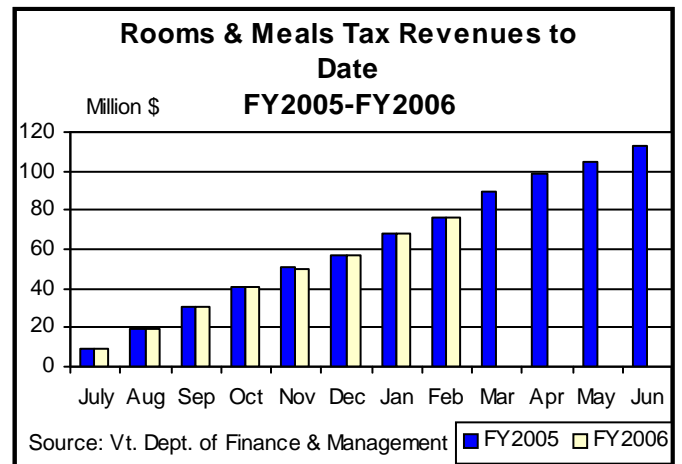
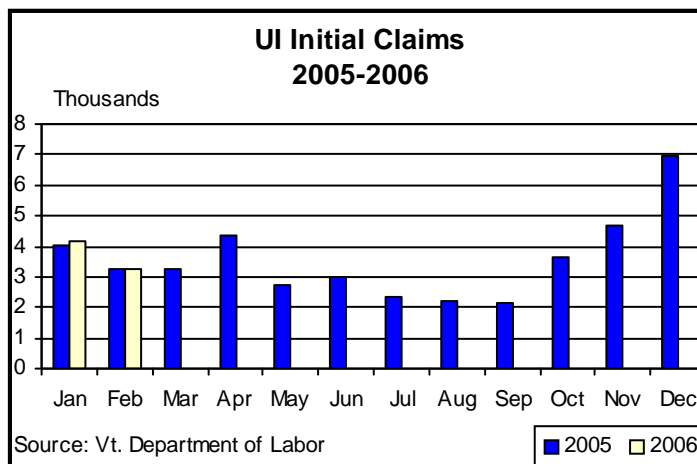
<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.,Thousand)	306.0	306.4	304.7	-0.1%	0.4%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	38.8	39.5	40.3	-1.8%	-3.7%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	3.5	3.4	3.6	2.9%	-2.8%
U.I. Initial Claims	3,235	4,138	3,207	-21.8%	0.9%
U.I. Exhaustees	240	352	264	-31.8%	-9.1%
DET Jobs Filled (last 12 months)	1,534	1,584	NA	-3.2%	NA
Passenger Car Registrations	27,459	24,603	26,278	11.6%	4.5%
Total Current Car Registrations	411,605	412,035	410,294	-0.1%	0.3%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	121,627	121,677	121,495	0.0%	0.1%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	5,506	5,546	5,366	-0.7%	2.6%
New Business Incorporations *	72	92	89	-21.7%	-19.1%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	54,003	53,219	55,413	1.5%	-2.5%

* 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>	55.2	711.9	656.8	7.7%	8.4%
Personal Income	2.0	332.9	310.3	-62.9%	7.3%
Sales & Use	15.3	151.6	143.9	11.0%	5.3%
Rooms & Meals	8.8	76.4	76.5	0.4%	-0.2%
Corporate Income	0.5	30.9	25.0	-45.9%	23.5%
Property Transfer*	0.8	10.4	9.9	23.1%	4.6%
Other**	4.1	47.7	45.8	20.0%	4.2%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	13.6	132.1	130.6	6.3%	1.2%
Gasoline	4.5	43.4	43.6	-7.3%	-0.4%
Purchase and Use	3.2	33.4	34.3	7.8%	-2.7%
Motor Vehicle Fees	3.9	33.6	33.0	14.7%	1.9%
Other	1.3	10.4	9.7	42.2%	6.9%
<u>Education Fund</u>	10.4	106.0	158.3	NA	-33.0%

* 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. ***Legislature changed amount of tax committed to General Fund. **Please note that comparisons from prior year are difficult, given the change in tax component distribution from FY04 to FY05. See Secretary of Administration's press release for details.**



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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	149	262	113	222	18.0%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	23,427	49,028	16,672	32,565	50.6%

	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Construction Emp. (S.A., Thousand)	16.4	16.5	16.3	-0.6%	0.6%

<u>TRAVEL & TOURISM</u>	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
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Leisure & Hospitality Emp. (S.A., Thousand) *	32.8	32.8	33.0	0.0%	-0.6%
Selected Traffic Volume	85,637	80,403	86,795	6.5%	-1.3%

Welcome Center Counts

Guilford	57,394	47,197	60,376	21.6%	-4.9%
Fair Haven	5,437	6,174	4,917	-11.9%	10.6%
Highgate	2,800	3,339	1,847	-16.1%	51.6%

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

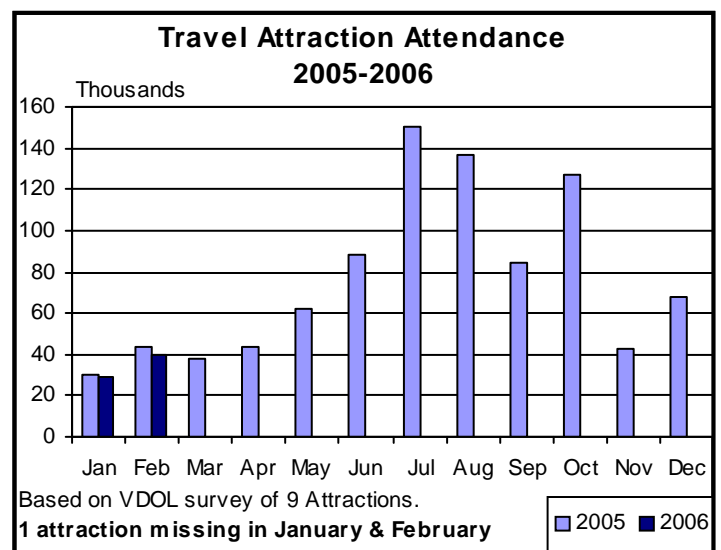
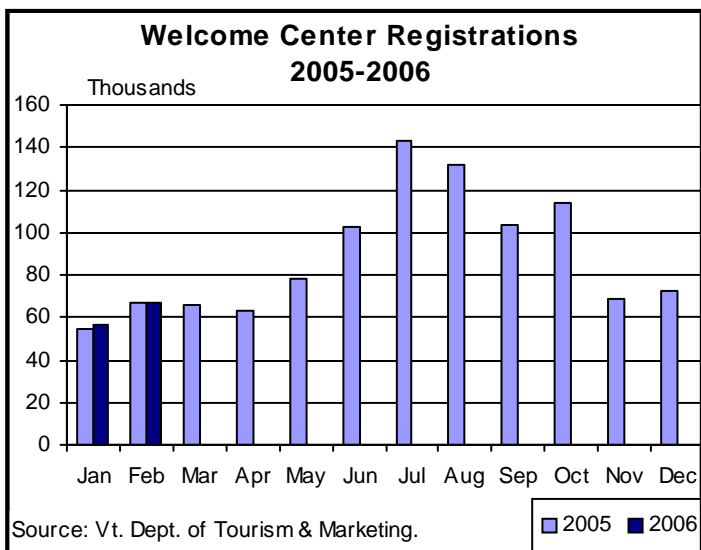
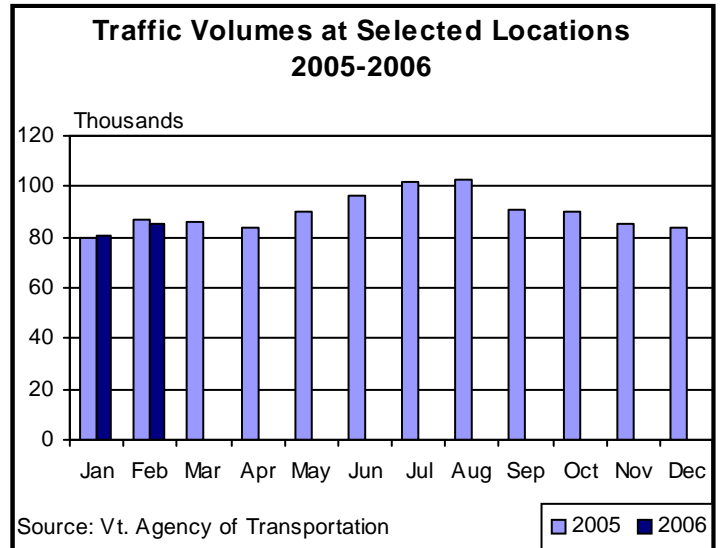
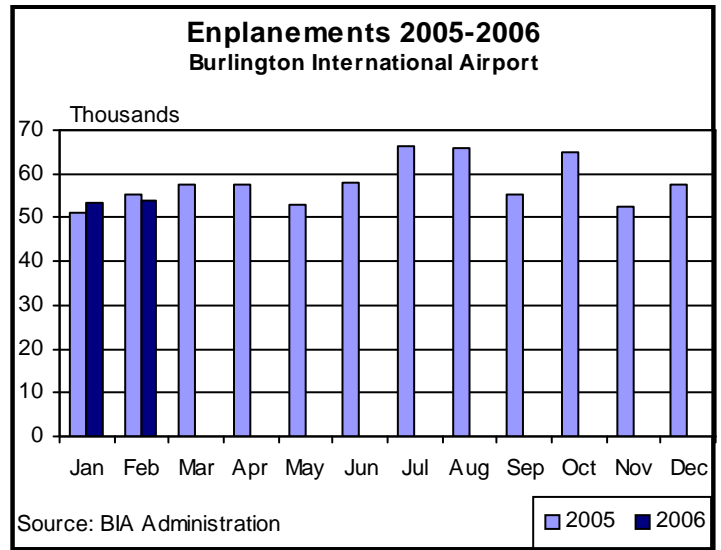
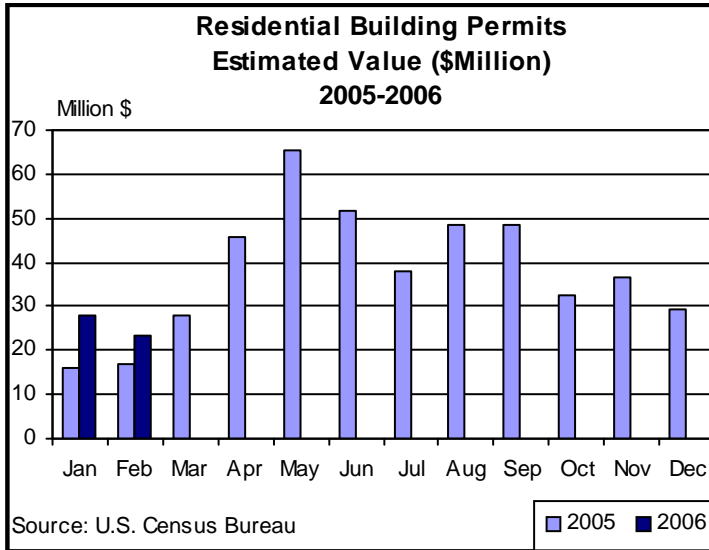
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Attendance Surveys

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) *	39,586	69,042	43,334	73,004	-5.4%

* Based on DET survey of 9 Attractions **NOTE: 1 attraction missing in February**

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ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS RECEIPTS **	CY 4th Qtr (Oct-Dec) * 2005	CY 3rd Qtr (Jul-Sep) 2005	CY 4th Qtr (Oct-Dec) 2004	% Change Last Quarter	% Change Last Year
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	82,601	100,849	76,647	-18.1%	7.8%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	180,763	206,671	173,144	-12.5%	4.4%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	30,978	33,924	29,653	-8.7%	4.5%

* Numbers are preliminary.

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

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