

Vermont Economic and Travel Indicators

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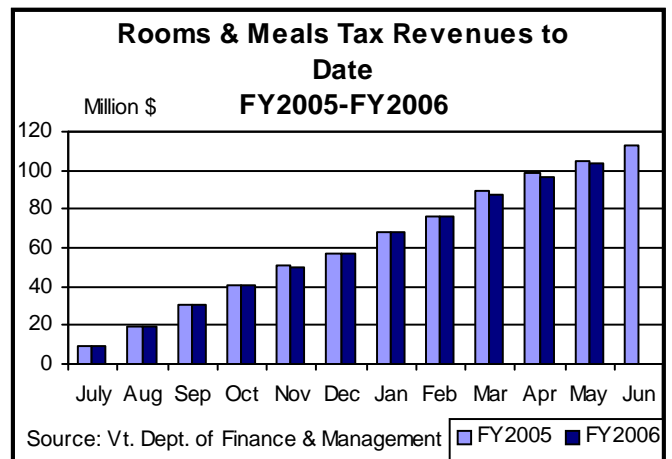
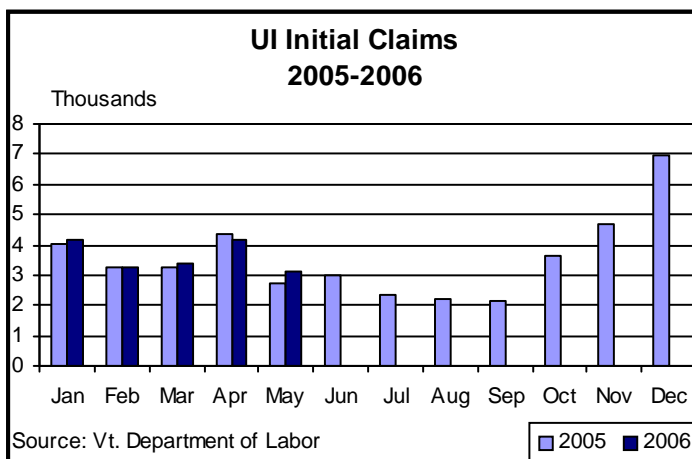
<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.,Thousand)	308.3	307.1	305.2	0.4%	1.0%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.4	39.2	38.7	0.5%	1.8%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	3.0	3.3	3.2	-9.1%	-6.3%
U.I. Initial Claims	3,099	4,169	2,706	-25.7%	14.5%
U.I. Exhaustees	464	471	470	-1.5%	-1.3%
DET Jobs Filled (last 12 months)	1,534	1,488	1,688	3.1%	NA
Passenger Car Registrations	39,523	35,880	36,777	10.2%	7.5%
Total Current Car Registrations	413,125	411,269	410,833	0.5%	0.6%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	121,777	121,509	121,569	0.2%	0.2%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	5,542	5,491	5,279	0.9%	5.0%
New Business Incorporations *	87	84	106	3.6%	-17.9%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	52,330	55,794	53,013	-6.2%	-1.3%

* 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>	55.7	1005.9	933.4	11.5%	7.8%
Personal Income	18.6	484.3	444.8	16.5%	8.9%
Sales & Use	15.7	200.4	190.8	6.4%	5.0%
Rooms & Meals	7.2	103.8	104.9	16.3%	-1.1%
Corporate Income	2.4	60.2	48.3	70.3%	24.7%
Property Transfer*	0.9	13.2	13.2	-27.7%	-0.3%
Other**	3.9	65.7	63.4	-18.8%	3.6%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	18.1	187.3	186.1	3.7%	0.6%
Gasoline	4.9	58.5	60.0	4.8%	-2.4%
Purchase and Use	5.1	47.7	49.0	1.0%	-2.6%
Motor Vehicle Fees	5.8	50.4	49.5	-0.7%	1.9%
Other	1.4	15.0	13.9	7.4%	8.4%
<u>Education Fund</u>	12.8	143.5	137.1	NA	-2.7%

* 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	309	1,150	447	1,233	-6.7%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	53,405	190,777	65,303	173,785	9.8%

	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Construction Emp. (S.A., Thousand)	17.5	17.0	16.8	2.9%	4.2%

<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) *	33.3	32.7	33.2	1.8%	0.3%
Selected Traffic Volume	86,757	83,549	89,969	3.8%	-3.6%

Welcome Center Counts

Guilford	63,016	55,014	63,646	14.5%	-1.0%
Fair Haven	13,413	8,843	9,314	51.7%	44.0%
Highgate	5,806	5,058	5,124	14.8%	13.3%

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

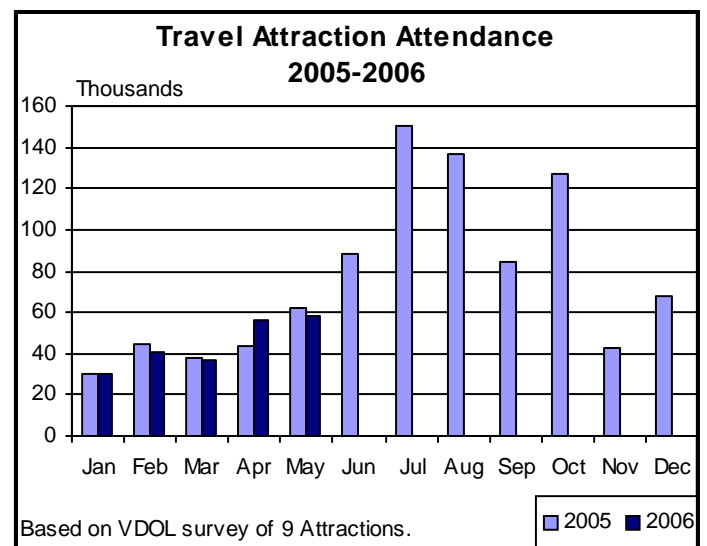
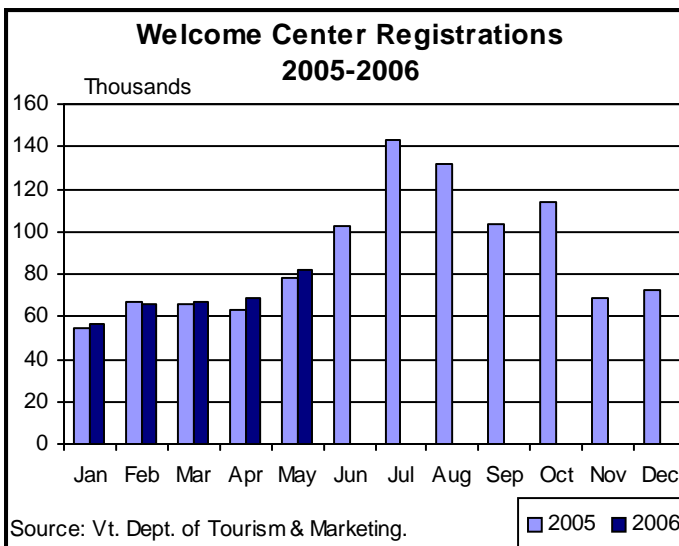
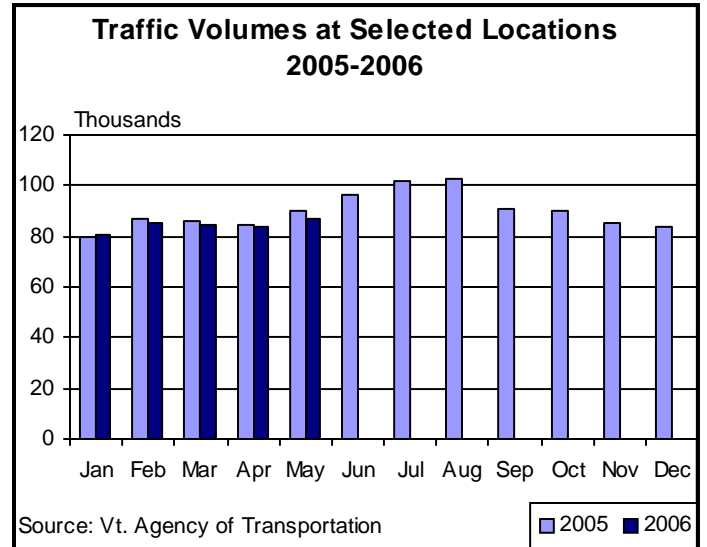
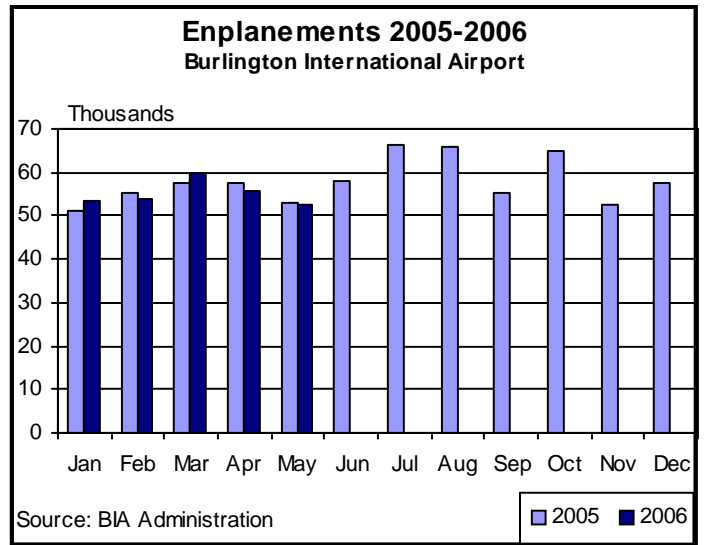
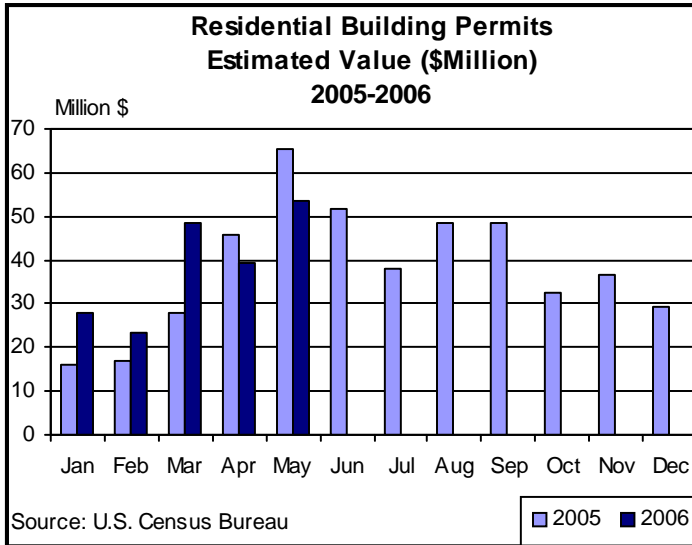
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Attendance Surveys

State Parks (Day Use)	11,174	11,174	6,671	6,671	67.5%
State Campgrounds (Campers)	19,964	19,964	16,470	16,470	21.2%
Private Campgrounds (Occup. Rate, %)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer) *	20,368	20,368	19,872	19,872	2.5%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) *	57,763	211,854	62,514	218,109	-2.9%

* Based on DET survey of 9 Attractions

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ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS RECEIPTS **	CY 1st Qtr (Jan-Mar) * 2006	CY 4th Qtr (Oct-Dec) * 2005	CY 1st Qtr (Jan-Mar) 2005	% Change Last Quarter	% Change Last Year
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	99,877	83,071	101,349	20.2%	-1.5%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	184,902	181,898	176,829	1.7%	4.6%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	35,154	31,192	34,728	12.7%	1.2%

* Numbers are preliminary.

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

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