

Vermont Economic and Travel Indicators

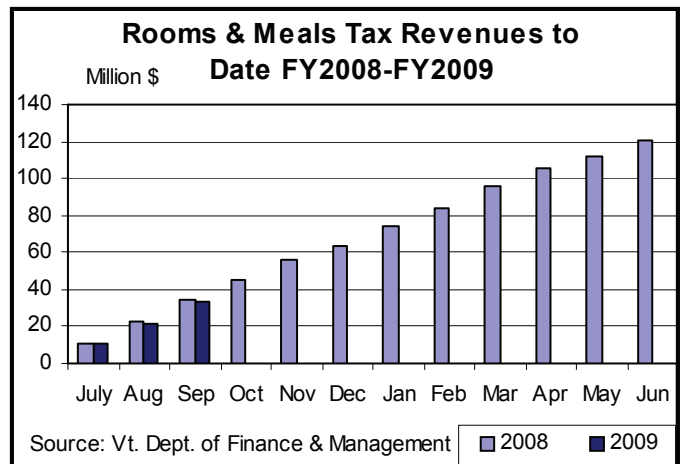
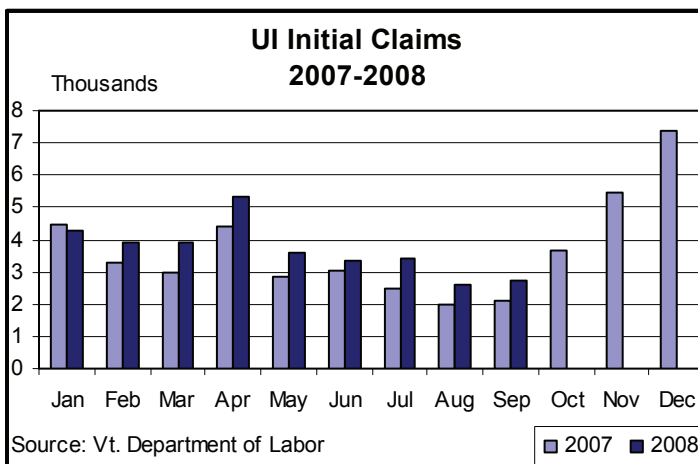
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LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.,Thousand)	306.8	306.7	307.5	0.0%	-0.2%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.4	39.2	38.9	0.5%	1.3%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	5.2	4.9	3.9	6.1%	33.3%
U.I. Initial Claims	2,741	2,595	2,135	5.6%	28.4%
U.I. Exhaustees	400	361	234	10.8%	70.9%
VDOL Jobs Filled (last 12 months)	945	989	1,100	-4.4%	-14.1%
Passenger Car Registrations	32,570	34,293	32,028	-5.0%	1.7%
Total Current Car Registrations	412,033	412,965	413,359	-0.2%	-0.3%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	116,275	116,718	119,928	-0.4%	-3.0%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	5,461	5,365	5,796	1.8%	-5.8%
New Business Incorporations *	61	48	53	27.1%	15.1%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	63,544	79,304	57,621	-19.9%	10.3%

* Includes "closed" corporations.

STATE TAX REVENUES (\$Million)	CURRENT MONTH	FISCAL YR TO DATE	FYTD LAST YEAR	% CHANGE LAST YEAR	% CHANGE LAST FYTD
<u>General Fund</u>	127.4	294.0	288.6	9.2%	1.9%
Personal Income	67.3	150.7	143.8	6.1%	4.8%
Sales & Use	17.8	54.5	57.5	3.1%	-5.2%
Rooms & Meals	12.5	14.2	18.9	-8.0%	-24.9%
Corporate Income	12.3	33.9	34.4	0.7%	-1.5%
Property Transfer*	1.0	3.1	3.7	-26.7%	-16.2%
Other**	14.2	27.6	20.3	92.8%	36.0%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	19.1	53.4	55.4	-2.8%	-3.6%
Gasoline	6.0	16.4	16.9	0.3%	-2.8%
Purchase and Use	4.7	12.3	13.8	-10.2%	-11.1%
Motor Vehicle Fees	5.3	16.4	16.7	-2.4%	-1.9%
Other	1.9	4.7	4.3	30.8%	8.1%
<u>Education Fund</u>	13.3	37.8	40.1	0.8%	-5.8%

* 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>	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	159	1,205	173	1,680	-28.3%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	26,533	217,973	25,104	270,965	-19.6%

	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Construction Emp. (S.A., Thousand)	15.9	16.0	16.6	-0.6%	-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. (SA -Thous.) *	32.6	33.0	32.8	-1.2%	-0.6%
Selected Traffic Volume	87,892	99,137	94,637	-11.3%	-7.1%

Welcome Center Counts

Guilford	49,899	86,629	79,169	-42.4%	-42.4%
Fair Haven	14,271	22,519	17,609	-36.6%	-36.6%
Highgate	6,642	15,864	7,384	-58.1%	-58.1%

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

<u>SEASONAL INDICATORS</u>	CURRENT MONTH	SEASON TO DATE	YEAR AGO	SEASON T.D. YEAR AGO	SEASON T.D. % CHANGE
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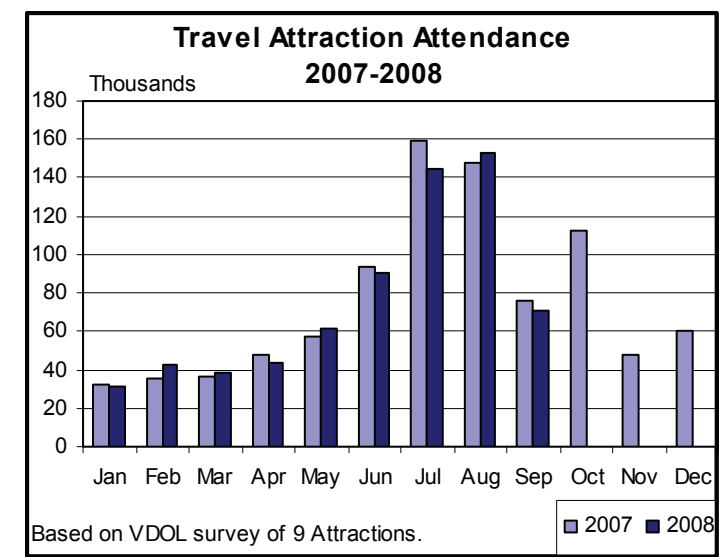
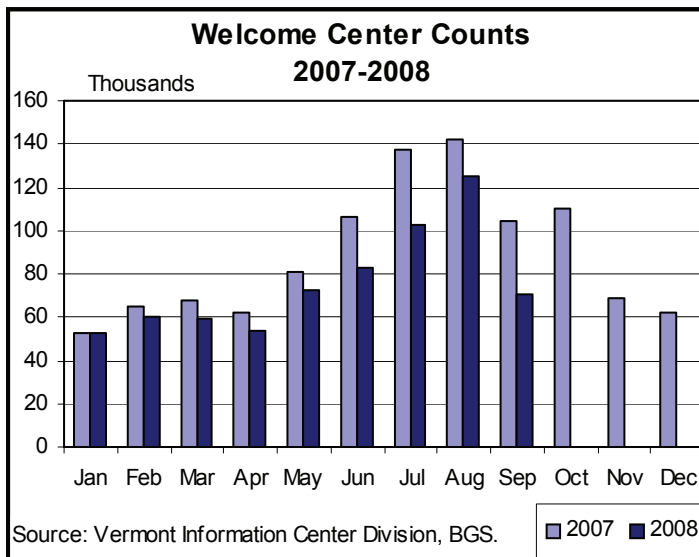
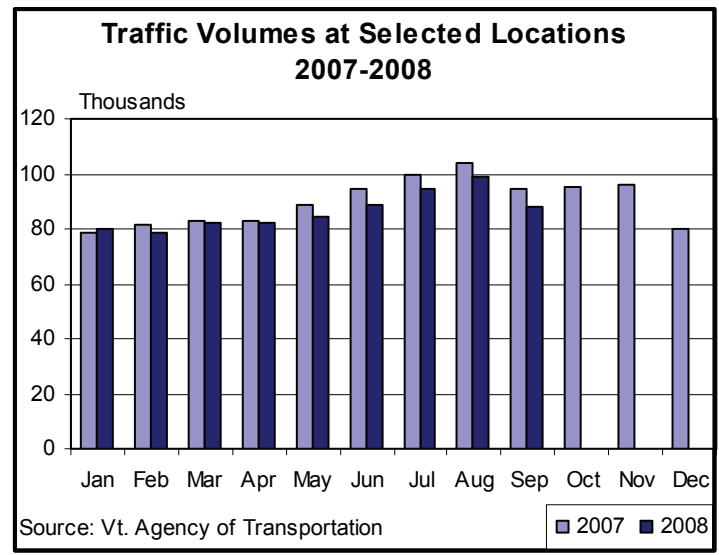
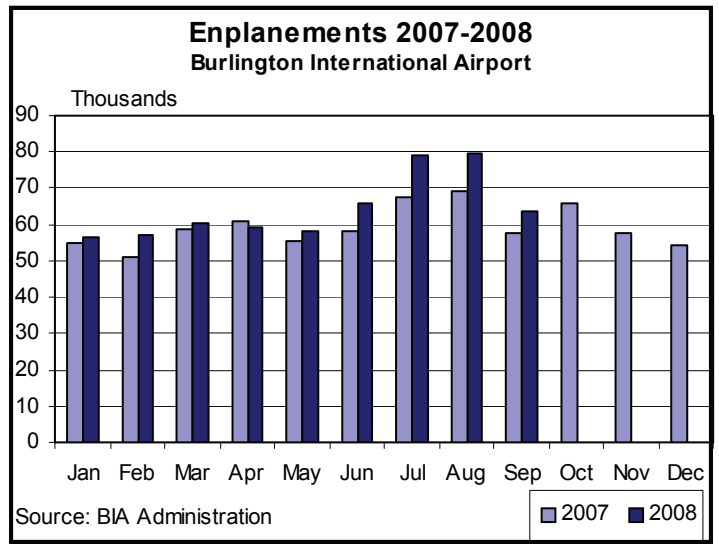
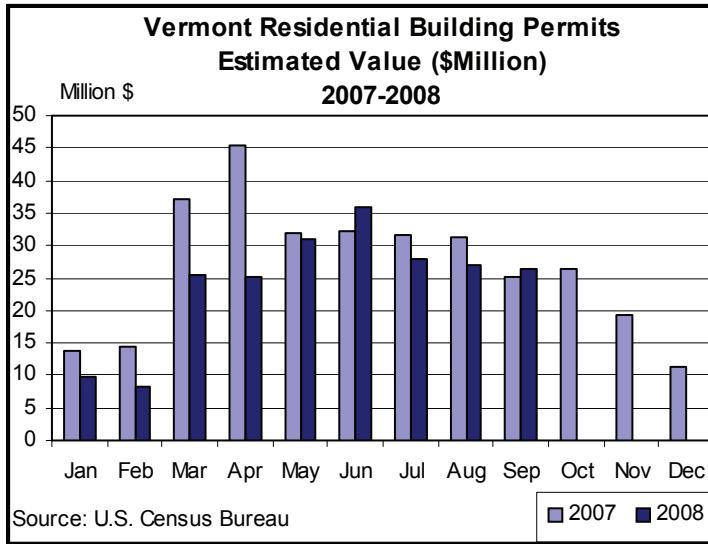
Attendance Surveys

State Parks (Day Use)	17,942	309,880	28,178	330,367	-6.2%
State Campgrounds (Campers)	19,684	341,518	36,340	345,150	-1.1%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer) *	40,702	260,141	50,954	280,361	-7.2%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) **	71,071	675,780	76,279	685,934	-1.5%

* Based on VDOL survey of 9 Attractions

** Sept. missing 1 attraction

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ROOMS & MEALS BUSINESS RECEIPTS **	CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) * 2008	CY 1st Qtr (Jan-Mar) * 2008	CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) 2007	% Change Last Quarter	% Change Last Year
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	60,265	113,518	58,152	-46.9%	3.6%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	186,695	194,662	182,765	-4.1%	2.2%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	29,593	36,791	29,062	-19.6%	1.8%

* Numbers are preliminary.

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

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