

# Vermont Economic and Travel Indicators

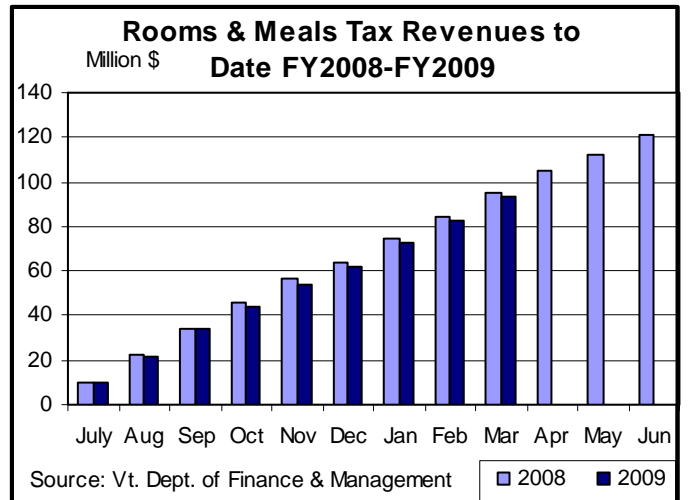
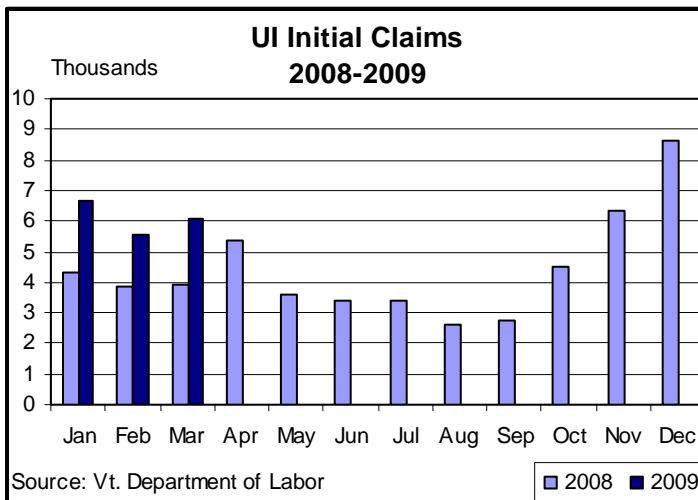
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| LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY   | CURRENT MONTH | LAST MONTH | YEAR AGO | % CHANGE LAST MONTH | % CHANGE LAST YEAR |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Employment (NonFarm,S.A.,Thousand) | 394.6         | 296.7      | 307.9    | 33.0%               | 28.2%              |
| Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)  | 38.2          | 38.3       | 39.4     | -0.3%               | -3.0%              |
| Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)        | 7.2           | 7.1        | 4.6      | 1.4%                | 56.5%              |
| U.I. Initial Claims                | 6,059         | 5,571      | 3,917    | 8.8%                | 54.7%              |
| U.I. Exhaustees                    | 619           | 562        | 344      | 10.1%               | 79.9%              |
| VDOL Jobs Filled (last 12 months)  | 737           | 768        | 1,202    | -4.0%               | -38.7%             |
| Passenger Car Registrations        | 32,163        | 24,880     | 32,533   | 29.3%               | -1.1%              |
| Total Current Car Registrations    | 410,111       | 409,929    | 412,003  | 0.0%                | -0.5%              |
| Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.   | 114,739       | 114,790    | 118,639  | 0.0%                | -3.3%              |
| Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million) | 5,625         | 5,697      | 5,576    | -1.3%               | 0.9%               |
| New Business Incorporations *      | 63            | 70         | 71       | -10.0%              | -11.3%             |
| Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)      | 60,521        | 57,047     | 60,116   | 6.1%                | 0.7%               |

\* 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>            | 69.9          | 805.1             | 835.9          | 1.7%               | -3.7%              |
| Personal Income                | 8.2           | 369.2             | 392.9          | -53.2%             | -6.0%              |
| Sales & Use                    | 15.0          | 166.6             | 174.9          | -9.7%              | -4.8%              |
| Corporate Income               | 16.9          | 44.0              | 51.0           | 29.7%              | -13.8%             |
| Rooms & Meals                  | 10.8          | 93.0              | 95.6           | -5.0%              | -2.7%              |
| Property Transfer*             | 0.4           | 7.0               | 8.7            | -49.3%             | -19.7%             |
| Other**                        | 11.8          | 71.1              | 55.9           | 56.6%              | 27.4%              |
| <u>Transportation Fund</u>     | 17.6          | 145.3             | 160.5          | 2.9%               | -9.5%              |
| Gasoline                       | 5.5           | 46.1              | 47.5           | 17.5%              | -2.9%              |
| Purchase and Use               | 3.4           | 30.7              | 36.8           | -9.4%              | -16.6%             |
| Motor Vehicle Fees             | 6.0           | 44.5              | 45.6           | 11.7%              | -2.4%              |
| Other                          | 1.6           | 12.9              | 18.2           | -8.0%              | -29.2%             |
| <u>Education Fund</u>          | 10.5          | 112.6             | 119.6          | -9.9%              | -5.9%              |

\* 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                | 60    | 118    | 138    | 258    | -54.3% |
| Estimated Value (\$Thousand) | 9,887 | 18,767 | 25,569 | 43,636 | -57.0% |

|                                   | CURRENT MONTH | LAST MONTH | YEAR AGO | % CHANGE LAST MONTH | % CHANGE LAST YEAR |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Construction Emp. (S.A.,Thousand) | 12.8          | 12.7       | 15.9     | 0.8%                | -19.5%             |

| <u>TRAVEL &amp; TOURISM</u> | CURRENT MONTH | LAST MONTH | YEAR AGO | % CHANGE LAST MONTH | % CHANGE LAST YEAR |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------|
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|   |        |        |        |       |       |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Leisure & Hospitality Emp. (SA -Thous.) | 31.5   | 32.3   | 32.9   | -2.5% | -4.3% |
| Selected Traffic Volume                 | 80,927 | 51,516 | 82,530 | 57.1% | -1.9% |

Welcome Center Counts \*

|            |        |        |        |       |        |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Guilford   | 39,856 | 42,699 | 46,146 | -6.7% | -13.6% |
| Fair Haven | 8,432  | 6,456  | 8,706  | 30.6% | -3.1%  |
| Georgia    | 6,564  | 5,746  | 7,778  | 14.2% | -15.6% |

\* Highgate welcome center closed on 2/15/09, replaced with Georgia starting with Jan. 08.

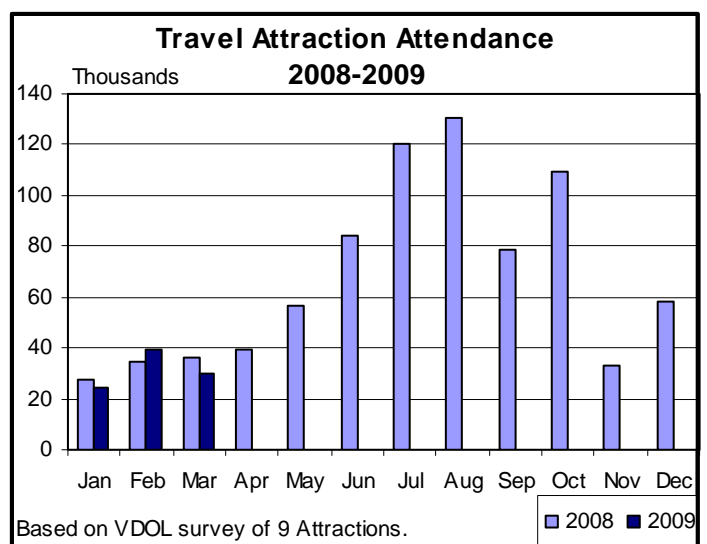
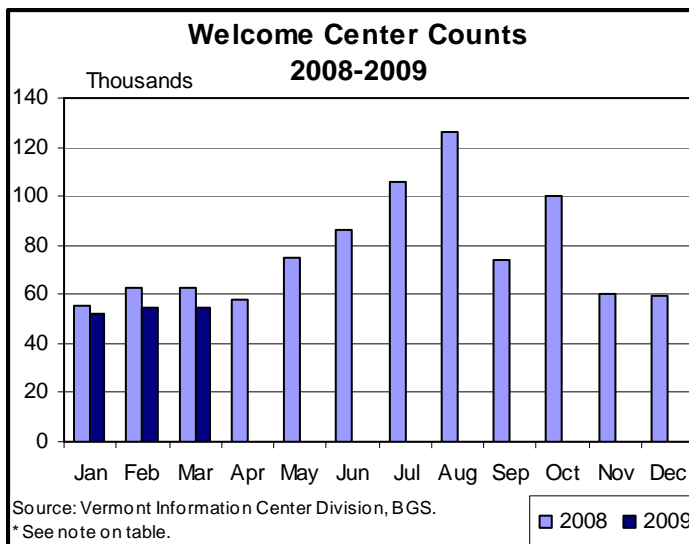
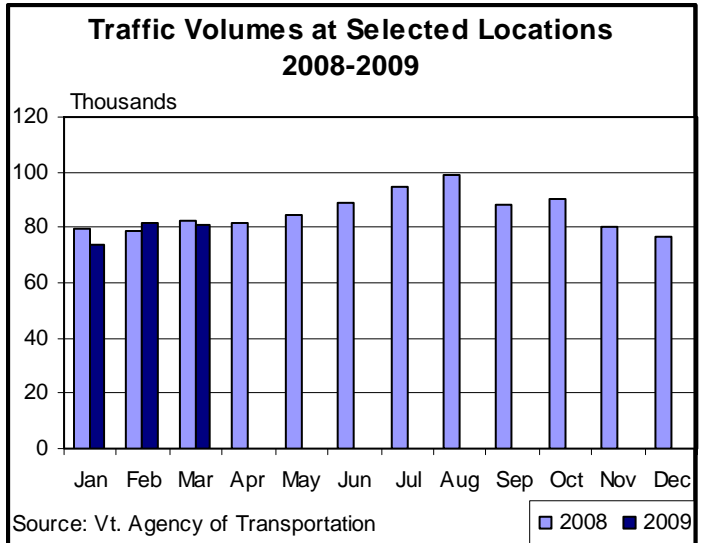
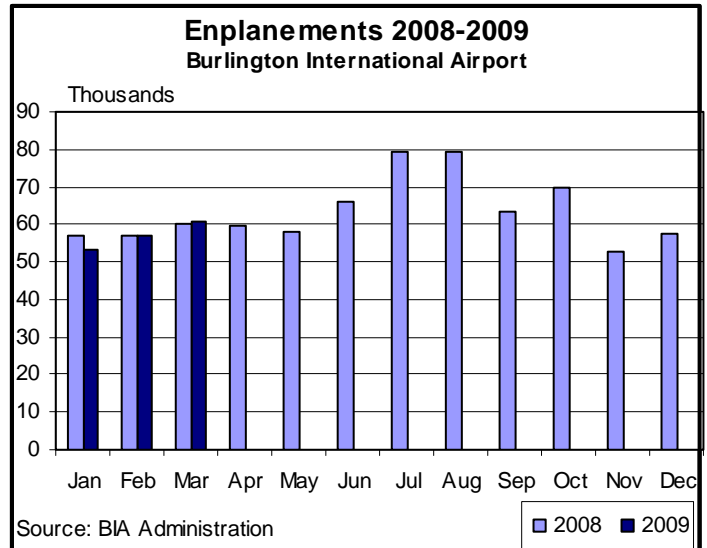
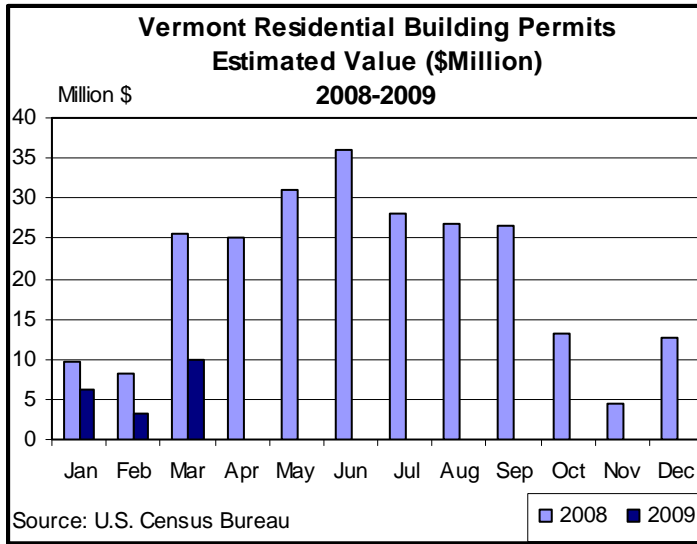
| <u>SEASONAL INDICATORS</u> | CURRENT MONTH | SEASON TO DATE | YEAR AGO | SEASON T.D. YEAR AGO | SEASON T.D. % CHANGE |
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Attendance Surveys

|                                   |        |        |        |        |       |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| State Parks (Day Use)             | NA     | NA     | NA     | NA     | NA    |
| State Campgrounds (Campers)       | NA     | NA     | NA     | NA     | NA    |
| Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer) * | NA     | NA     | NA     | NA     | NA    |
| Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) *  | 29,887 | 93,402 | 36,236 | 98,935 | -5.6% |

\* Based on VDOL survey of 9 Attractions

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| <b>ROOMS &amp; MEALS BUSINESS RECEIPTS **</b> | <b>CY 4th Qtr<br/>(Oct-Dec)<br/>* 2008</b> | <b>CY 3rd Qtr<br/>(Jul-Sep)<br/>* 2008</b> | <b>CY 4th Qtr<br/>(Oct-Dec)<br/>2007</b> | <b>% Change<br/>Last<br/>Quarter</b> | <b>% Change<br/>Last Year</b> |
|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)             | 80,520                                     | 114,383                                    | 87,172                                   | -29.6%                               | -7.6%                         |
| Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)              | 184,566                                    | 224,409                                    | 190,201                                  | -17.8%                               | -3.0%                         |
| Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)           | 31,758                                     | 38,128                                     | 32,767                                   | -16.7%                               | -3.1%                         |

\* Numbers are preliminary.

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

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