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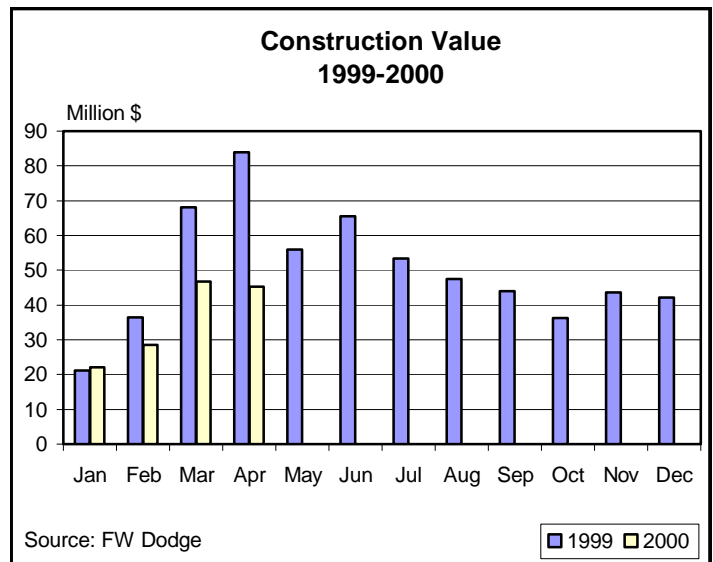
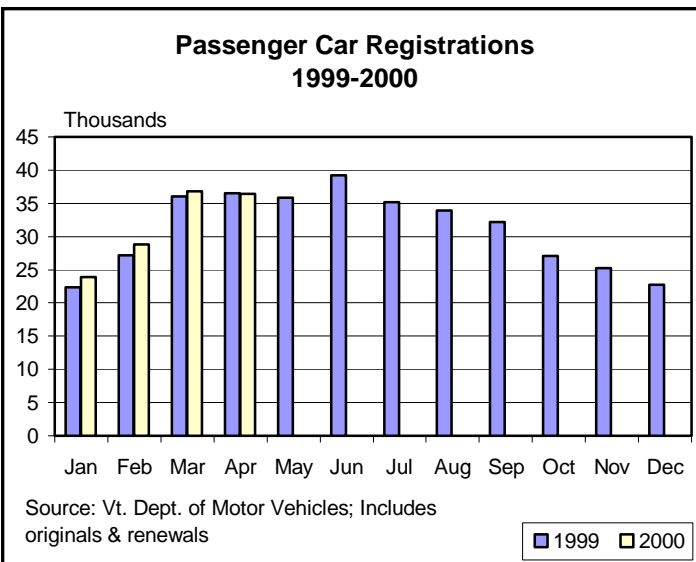
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<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A. *,Thousand)	295.2	295.8	290.4	-0.2%	1.7%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	40.0	40.9	39.4	-2.2%	1.5%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	2.4	2.4	2.8	0.0	-0.4
U.I. Initial Claims	3,629	2,783	3,902	30.4%	-7.0%
U.I. Exhaustees	245	158	238	55.1%	2.9%
DET Job Placements	508	525	457	-3.2%	11.2%
Passenger Car Registrations	36,401	36,821	36,532	-1.1%	-0.4%
Total Current Car Registrations	383,286	380,905	372,397	0.6%	2.9%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	112,860	112,349	110,986	0.5%	1.7%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	4,100	4,133	4,482	-0.8%	-8.5%

	<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	223	605	278	670	-9.7%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	25,484	70,592	30,748	72,240	-2.3%
<u>Construction Value (\$Million)</u>	45.3	141.2	84.0	209.5	-32.6%
Residential	19.7	60.6	44.7	84.4	-28.2%
Nonresidential	14.9	42.2	21.5	92.3	-54.3%
Nonbuilding	10.8	38.4	17.9	32.8	17.1%
New Business Incorporations	95	453	130	457	-0.9%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	35,781	138,976	35,952	138,606	0.3%



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<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>	74.9	690.8	695.3	-16.9%	-0.7%
Personal Income	48.9	330.4	320.2	-18.2%	3.2%
Sales & Use	12.6	171.2	171.4	-9.8%	-0.1%
Rooms & Meals	6.3	60.3	60.2	33.4%	0.2%
Corporate Income	2.0	28.2	37.2	-32.8%	-24.0%
Property Transfer*	0.5	5.7	5.1	26.1%	11.8%
Other	4.6	94.0	101.2	-44.2%	-6.3%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	15.5	142.3	133.2	-0.3%	6.9%
Gasoline	3.2	42.2	40.1	-15.3%	5.2%
Purchase and Use	5.9	44.2	40.0	17.4%	10.5%
Motor Vehicle Fees	4.0	33.0	31.0	-5.7%	6.5%
Other	2.4	22.9	22.1	15.3%	4.1%
<u>Education Fund</u>	6.4	107.5	87.0	-10.0%	23.5%

* FYTD Adjusted for Transfers to Trust Funds

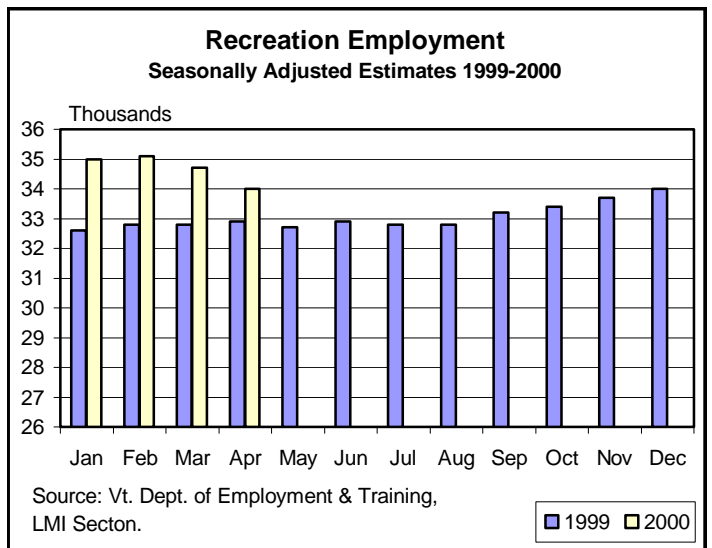
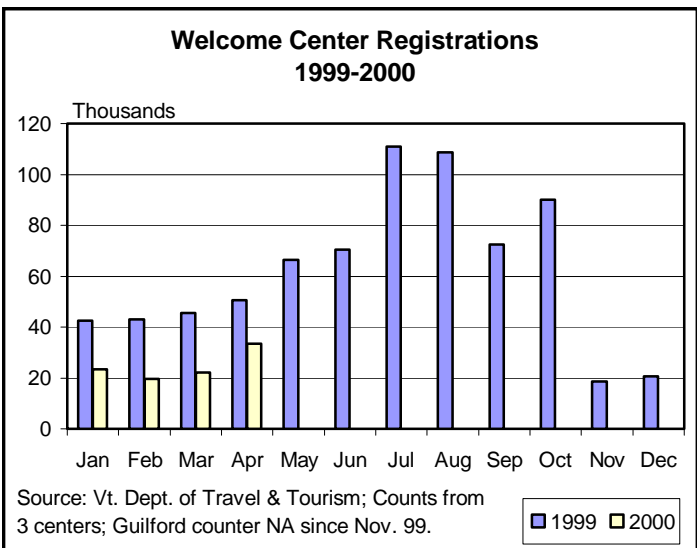
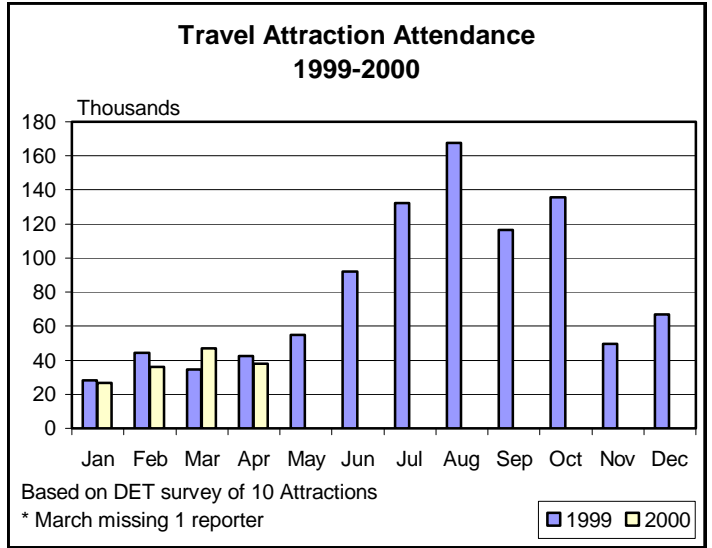
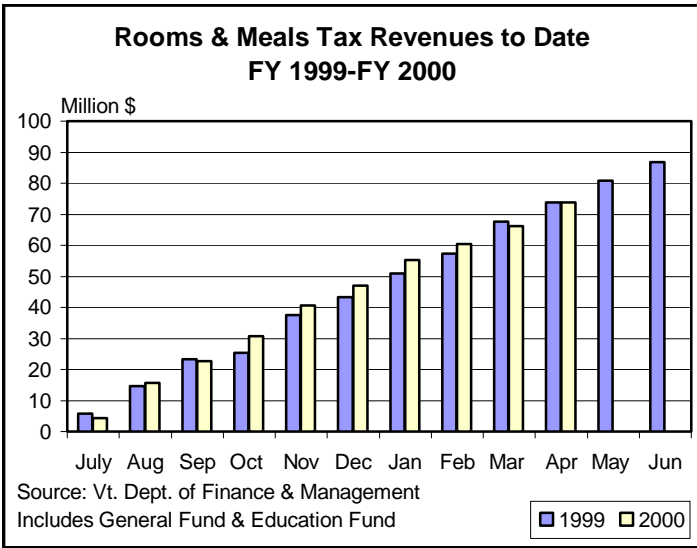
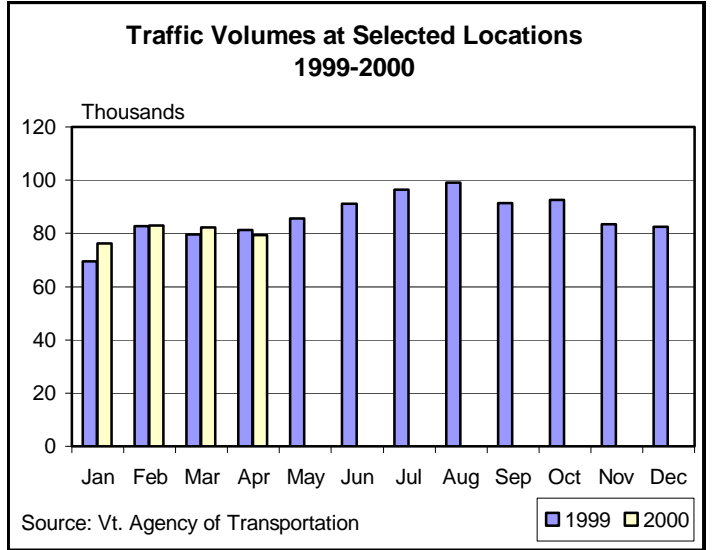
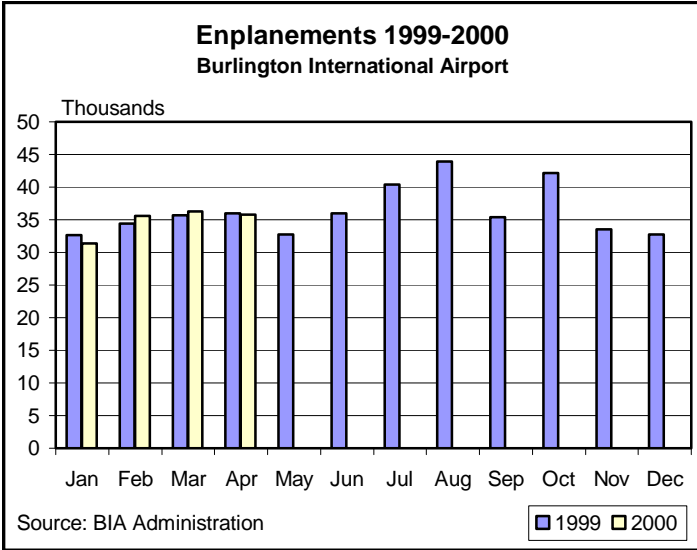
<u>TRAVEL & TOURISM</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Recreation Employment (S.A.,Thousand)	34.0	34.7	32.9	-2.0%	3.3%
Selected Traffic Volume	79,266	82,240	81,345	-3.6%	-2.6%
<u>Motels & Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Average Room Rate (\$)	\$87.71	\$99.83	\$84.55	-12.1%	3.7%
Occupancy Rate (%)	25.3	28.1	24.7	-2.8	0.6
<u>Welcome Center Counts</u>					
Guilford *	8,554	6,398	32,767	33.7%	-73.9%
Fair Haven	15,213	9,322	10,703	63.2%	42.1%
Highgate	9,748	6,304	7,110	54.6%	37.1%

**Lodging occupancy and room rate data based on a survey conducted by the Vermont Tourism Data Center at UVM.

*Guilford Welcome Center moved during November; electronic counter not yet installed

	<u>MARCH 2000</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
<u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts *</u>					
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	23,166	35,140	23,399	-34.1%	-1.0%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	46,602	50,019	44,771	-6.8%	4.1%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	9,622	10,815	9,209	-11.0%	4.5%

* Year ago data may be overstated due to change in reporting methodology.



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<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)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrounds (Campers)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Private Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd)*	38,141	147,961	42,333	149,624	-1.1%
<u>Skier Days (Survey)</u>					
Alpine (Preliminary)	76,402	2,382,367	131,861	2,689,628	-11.4%

DATA SOURCES

New England Telephone Co.; U.S. Dept. of Commerce; F.W. Dodge & Co.; Burlington Airport Administration; Vt. Departments of Employment & Training, Finance & Management, Forests, Parks and Recreation, Taxes, Motor Vehicles, Tourism & Marketing, Vt. Agency of Transportation; Secretary of State's Office; Vt. Division for Historic Preservation; University of Vermont

NOTE: Survey data for comparison only; Not intended as statewide estimates