

ECONOMIC AND TRAVEL INDICATORS

OCTOBER 2000

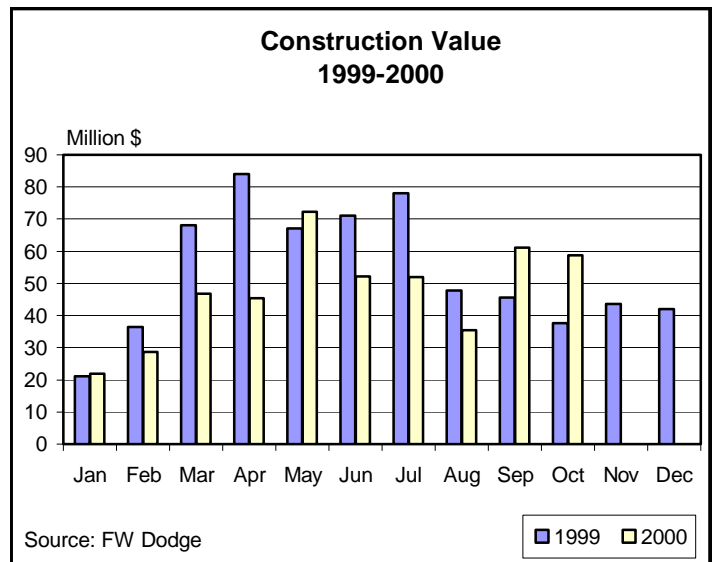
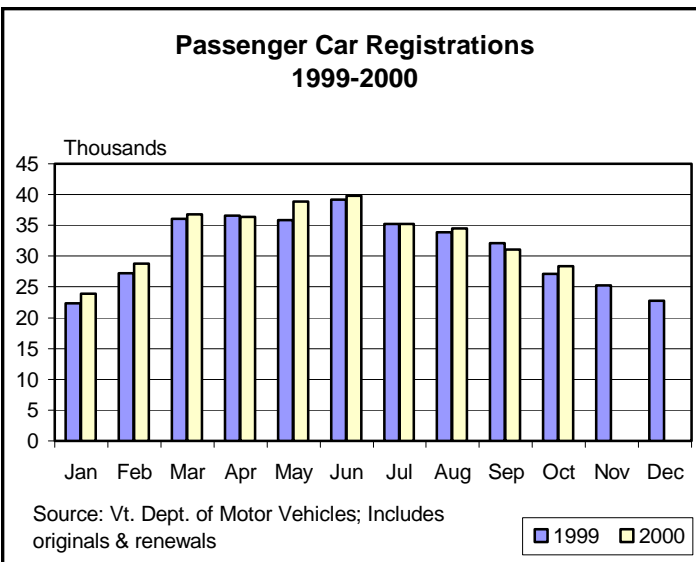
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<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A. *,Thousand)	296.6	296.6	291.0	0.0%	1.9%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	40.2	39.7	40.3	1.3%	-0.2%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	2.7	2.8	2.9	-0.1	-0.2
U.I. Initial Claims	2,897	1,484	2,455	95.2%	18.0%
U.I. Exhaustees	215	120	211	79.2%	1.9%
DET Job Placements	589	450	562	30.9%	4.8%
Passenger Car Registrations	28,387	31,099	27,101	-8.7%	4.7%
Total Current Car Registrations	387,014	386,163	379,788	0.2%	1.9%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	113,535	113,191	112,620	0.3%	0.8%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	4,237	4,260	4,600	-0.5%	-7.9%

	<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	189	2,012	169	2,279	-11.7%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	23,714	235,615	18,642	242,714	-2.9%
<u>Construction Value (\$Million)</u>	58.7	513.3	37.7	561.8	-8.6%
Residential	23.2	215.3	18.0	220.5	-2.4%
Nonresidential	21.9	168.3	18.1	228.5	-26.3%
Nonbuilding	13.6	129.7	1.6	112.8	15.0%
New Business Incorporations	88	1,029	82	1,056	-2.6%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	49,316	370,859	42,126	369,273	0.4%



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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>	57.0	267.0	265.4	-11.5%	0.6%
Personal Income	32.4	133.1	126.5	-0.9%	5.2%
Sales & Use	12.9	67.7	70.3	-28.0%	-3.7%
Rooms & Meals	5.0	26.6	25.2	-24.2%	5.6%
Corporate Income	1.5	10.6	8.3	1655.4%	28.2%
Property Transfer*	0.6	2.5	2.7	45.8%	-5.7%
Other	4.6	26.5	32.6	-33.5%	-18.4%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	16.4	60.1	58.6	17.6%	2.6%
Gasoline	4.3	18.3	18.2	-8.7%	0.8%
Purchase and Use	6.0	19.3	18.0	45.6%	7.3%
Motor Vehicle Fees	3.1	12.7	13.6	-3.9%	-6.6%
Other	3.0	9.8	8.9	58.7%	10.6%
<u>Education Fund</u>	6.6	28.5	27.8	-12.6%	2.5%

* FYTD Adjusted for Transfers to Trust Funds

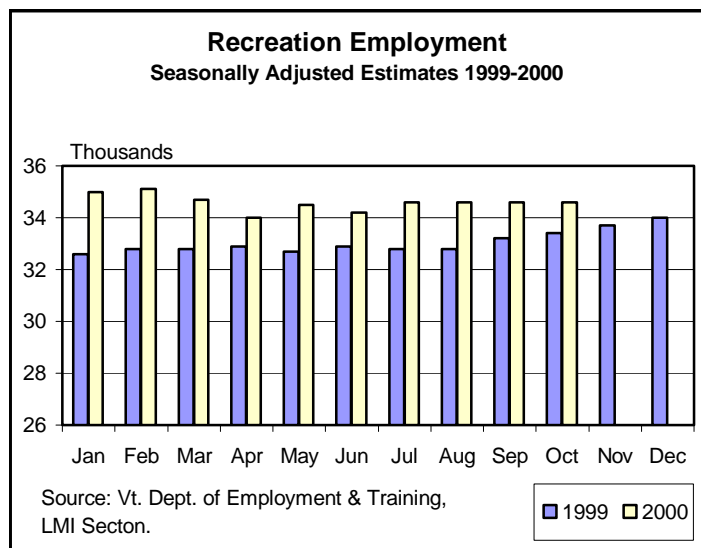
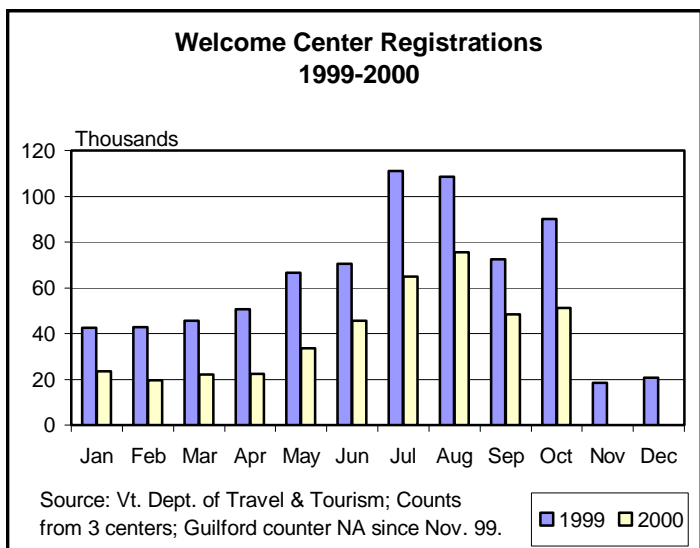
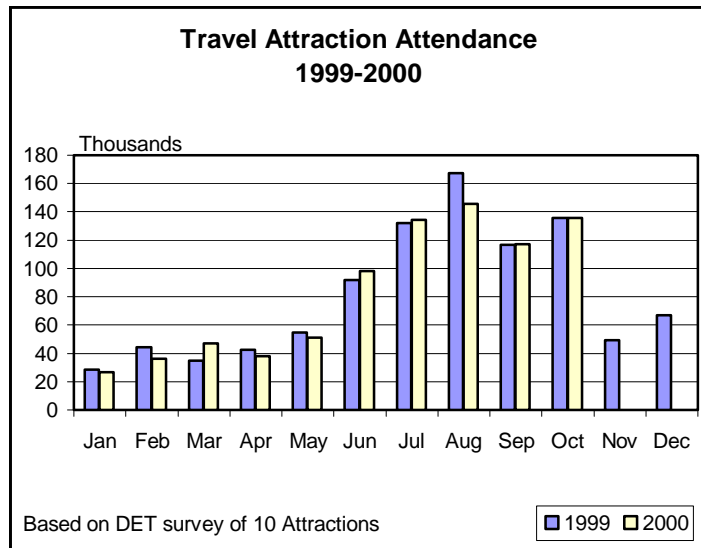
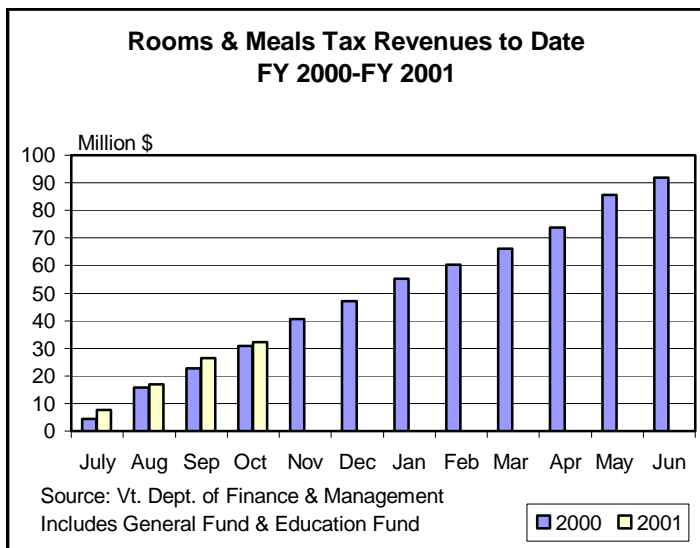
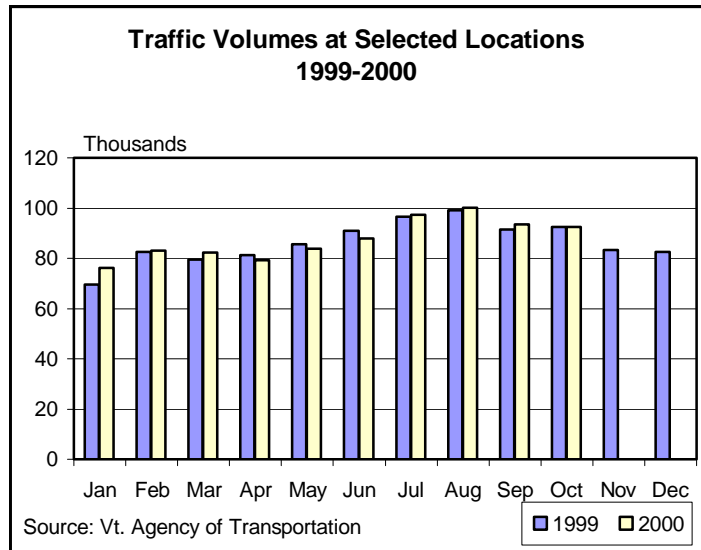
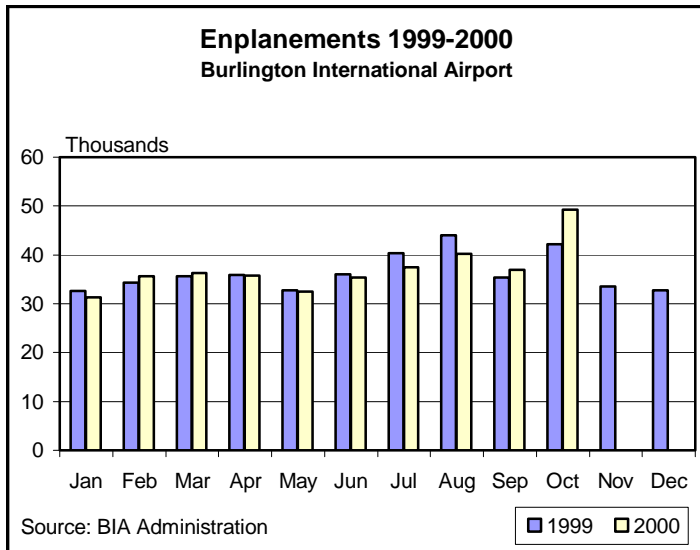
<u>TRAVEL & TOURISM</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Recreation Employment (S.A.,Thousand)	34.6	34.6	33.4	0.0%	3.6%
Selected Traffic Volume	92,572	93,571	92,493	-1.1%	0.1%
<u>Motels & Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Average Room Rate (\$)	\$102.97	\$108.24	\$112.05	-4.9%	-8.1%
Occupancy Rate (%)	56.1	50.3	61.8	5.8	-5.7
<u>Welcome Center Counts*</u>					
Guilford *	20,989	15,002	55,461	39.9%	-62.2%
Fair Haven	22,285	23,171	25,295	-3.8%	-11.9%
Highgate	7,953	10,119	9,207	-21.4%	-13.6%

**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; April counts revised

<u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts *</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER 2000</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	28,268	32,384	25,711	-12.7%	9.9%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	54,096	58,132	48,577	-6.9%	11.4%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	9,286	9,283	8,498	0.0%	9.3%

* 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)	81,350	472,595	93,312	510,475	-7.4%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd)	135,501	829,413	135,694	848,305	-2.2%
<u>Skier Days (Survey)</u>					
Alpine (Preliminary)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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