

# ECONOMIC AND TRAVEL INDICATORS

SEPTEMBER 2000

Vermont Department of Employment & Training

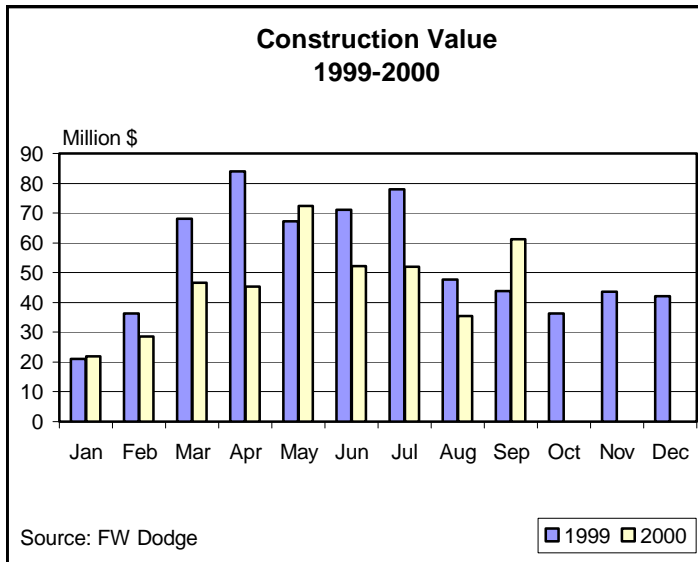
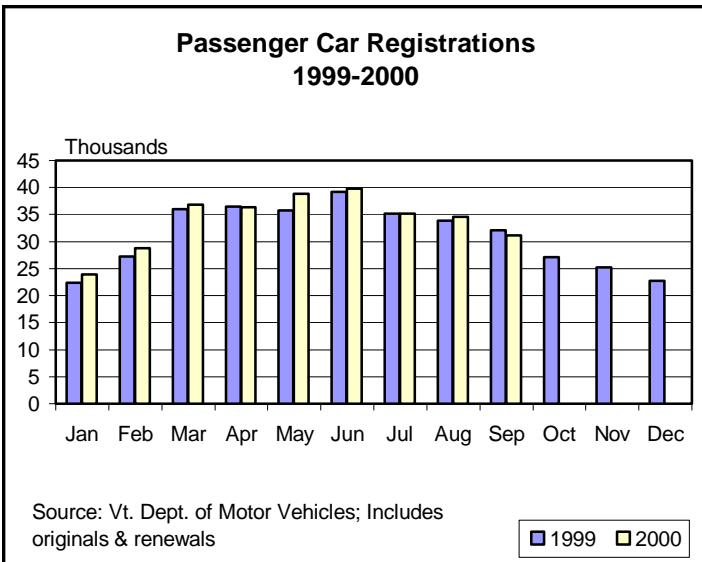
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<u>LABOR MARKET &amp; BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.*,Thousand)	296.6	295.6	290.0	0.3%	2.3%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	40.2	40.0	40.3	0.5%	-0.2%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	2.8	2.7	3.0	0.1	-0.2
U.I. Initial Claims	1,484	1,838	1,553	-19.3%	-4.4%
U.I. Exhaustees	120	135	154	-11.1%	-22.1%
DET Job Placements	450	497	589	-9.5%	-23.6%
Passenger Car Registrations	31,099	34,549	32,136	-10.0%	-3.2%
Total Current Car Registrations	386,163	383,984	378,226	0.6%	2.1%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	113,191	112,656	112,170	0.5%	0.9%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	4,260	4,209	4,654	1.2%	-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	181	1,781	233	2,107	-15.5%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	21,831	209,269	24,508	223,322	-6.3%
<u>Construction Value (\$Million)</u>					
Residential	61.2	454.9	45.5	524.1	-13.2%
Nonresidential	21.5	191.9	19.9	202.5	-5.2%
Nonbuilding	16.3	146.5	17.3	210.3	-30.3%
New Business Incorporations	23.4	116.5	8.3	111.2	4.8%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	81	941	88	974	-3.4%
	36,989	321,543	35,431	327,147	-1.7%



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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>	88.7	210.0	201.1	13.3%	4.5%
Personal Income	47.5	100.6	93.7	12.1%	7.4%
Sales & Use	17.4	54.8	52.4	16.2%	4.6%
Rooms & Meals	7.8	21.6	18.6	35.3%	16.1%
Corporate Income	7.3	9.1	8.3	16.7%	8.8%
Property Transfer*	0.7	1.9	2.2	-31.1%	-40.1%
Other	8.0	22.0	25.8	1.4%	-14.4%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	16.2	43.7	44.6	-0.9%	-2.1%
Gasoline	5.2	14.0	13.5	23.4%	4.1%
Purchase and Use	5.5	13.3	13.9	-7.1%	-4.0%
Motor Vehicle Fees	3.2	9.5	10.3	-8.7%	-7.5%
Other	2.3	6.9	6.9	-15.2%	-2.7%
<u>Education Fund</u>	8.5	21.9	20.3	14.7%	8.1%

\* FYTD Adjusted for Transfers to Trust Funds

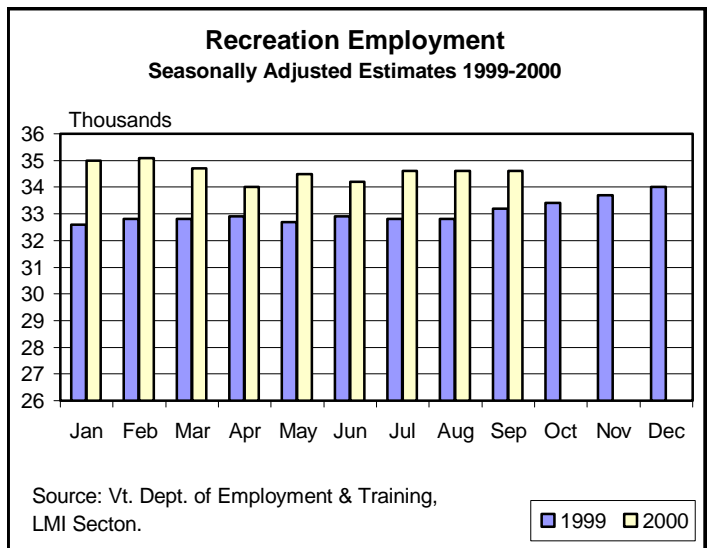
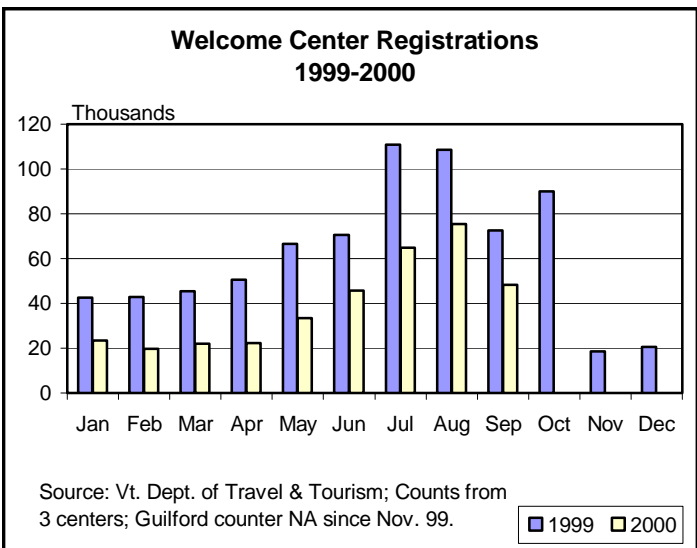
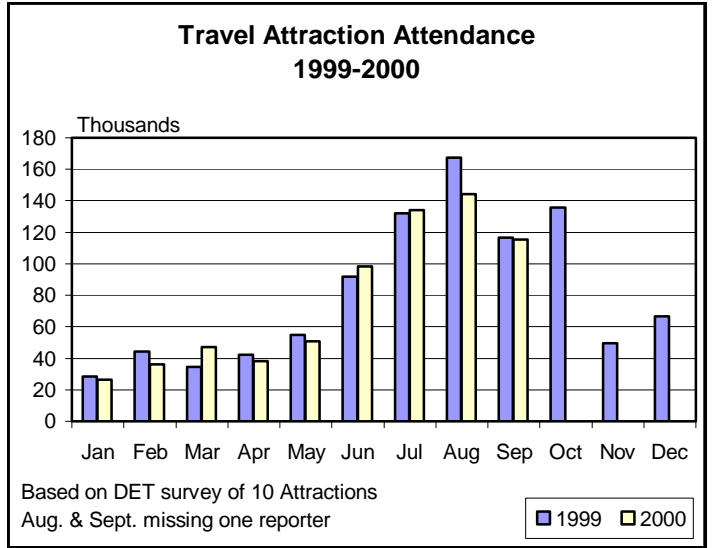
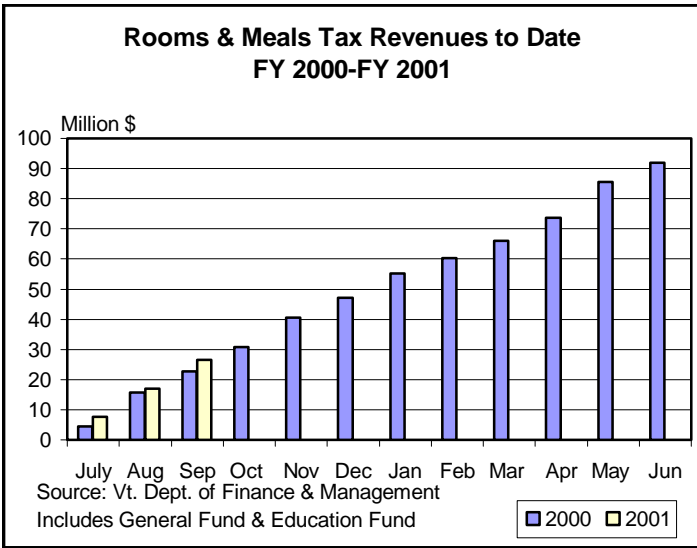
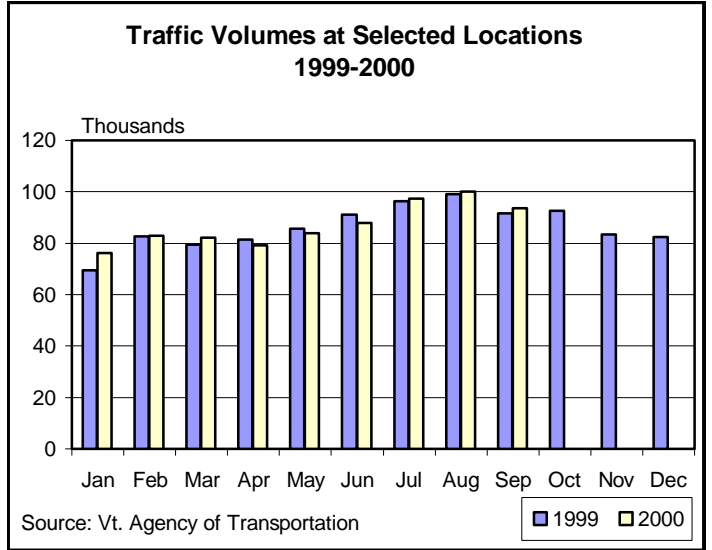
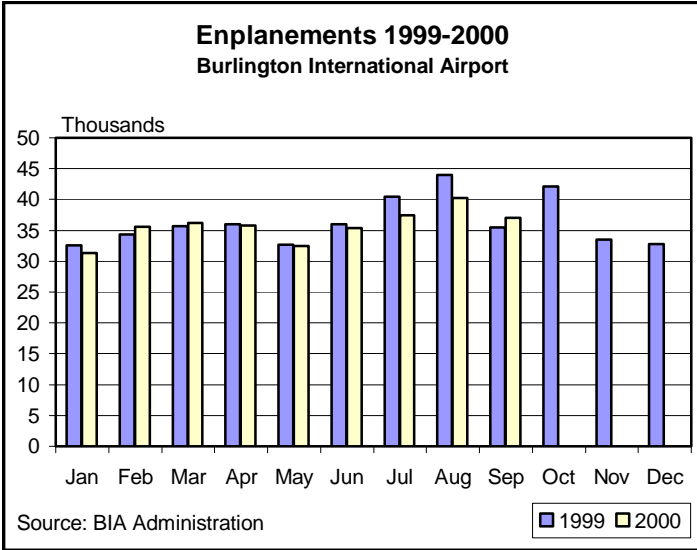
<u>TRAVEL &amp; TOURISM</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Recreation Employment (S.A.,Thousand)	34.6	34.6	33.2	0.0%	4.2%
Selected Traffic Volume	93,571	100,177	91,503	-6.6%	2.3%
<u>Motels &amp; Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Average Room Rate (\$)	\$108.24	\$107.55	\$111.77	0.6%	-3.2%
Occupancy Rate (%)	50.3	55.2	53.8	-4.9	-3.5
<u>Welcome Center Counts*</u>					
Guilford *	15,002	19,744	42,604	-24.0%	-64.8%
Fair Haven	23,171	37,242	21,070	-37.8%	10.0%
Highgate	10,119	18,500	8,803	-45.3%	14.9%

\*\*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 &amp; Meals Business Receipts *</u>	<u>AUGUST 2000</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	32,384	29,767	31,195	8.8%	3.8%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	58,132	57,388	55,253	1.3%	5.2%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	9,283	9,167	9,241	1.3%	0.5%

\* 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)	82,685	393,245	83,091	417,163	-5.7%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd)*	115,293	690,908	116,605	712,611	-3.0%
<u>Skier Days (Survey)</u>					
Alpine (Preliminary)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* Missing one reporter

## 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**