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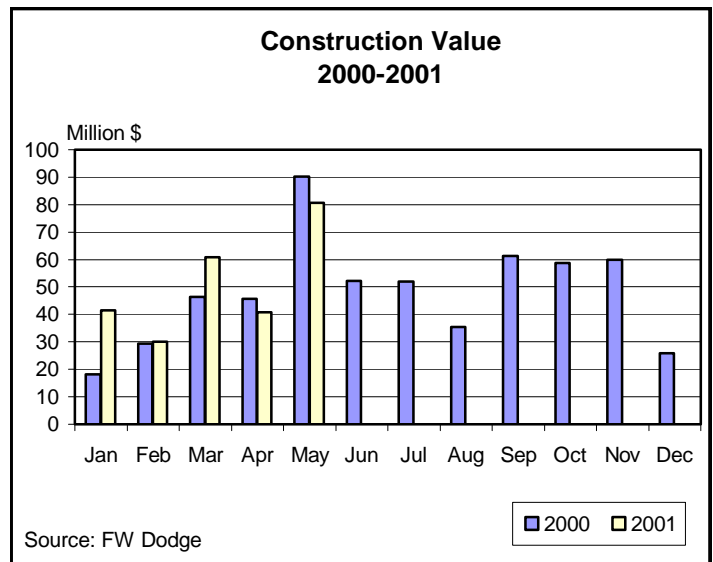
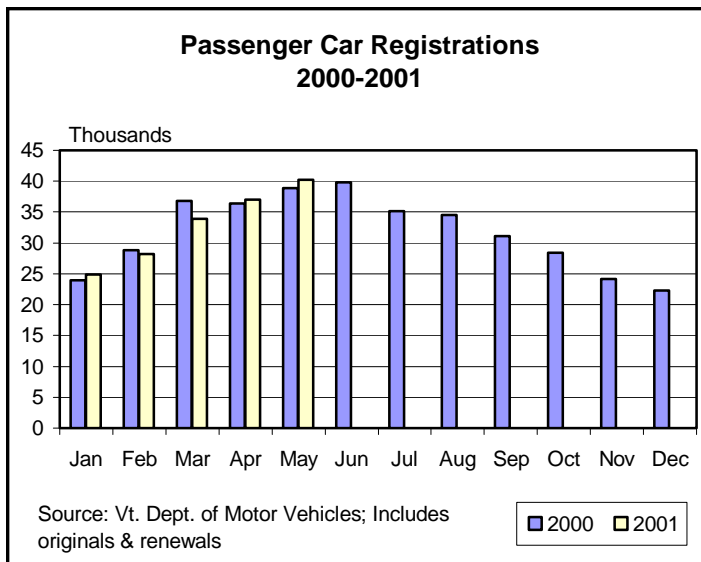
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<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A. *,Thousand)	300.0	299.9	298.2	0.0%	0.6%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.6	39.6	40.6	0.0%	-2.5%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	3.0	3.1	3.0	-3.2%	0.0
U.I. Initial Claims	2,983	4,233	2,317	-29.5%	28.7%
U.I. Exhaustees	225	375	277	-40.0%	-18.8%
DET Job Placements	276	347	529	-20.5%	-47.8%
Passenger Car Registrations	40,271	36,972	38,879	8.9%	3.6%
Total Current Car Registrations	389,611	387,656	383,662	0.5%	1.6%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	114,249	113,516	112,839	0.6%	1.2%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	4,202	4,217	4,135	-0.4%	1.6%

	<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	277	853	270	869	-1.8%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	34,107	106,058	31,601	101,348	4.6%
<u>Construction Value (\$Million)</u>	80.6	249.8	90.2	229.9	8.7%
Residential	29.1	111.2	36.0	97.3	14.3%
Nonresidential	26.4	61.3	37.2	77.2	-20.6%
Nonbuilding	25.1	77.3	16.9	55.4	39.5%
New Business Incorporations	98	516	119	572	-9.8%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	41,769	217,596	32,480	171,456	26.9%



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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>	122.0	811.0	808.4	3.8%	0.3%
Personal Income	96.6	436.7	394.6	50.5%	10.7%
Sales & Use	14.7	183.8	199.7	-48.1%	-8.0%
Rooms & Meals	6.1	69.1	69.9	-36.7%	-1.1%
Corporate Income	1.8	28.2	32.8	-60.2%	-14.0%
Property Transfer*	0.3	6.0	6.4	-54.0%	-6.5%
Other**	2.5	87.2	105.0	-75.6%	-16.9%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	18.0	162.1	158.8	9.7%	2.1%
Gasoline	4.6	47.9	46.8	-2.1%	2.3%
Purchase and Use	7.2	51.1	49.7	32.4%	3.0%
Motor Vehicle Fees	4.4	34.8	37.7	-5.8%	-7.7%
Other	0.6	12.0	24.7	12.2%	14.8%
<u>Education Fund</u>	10.7	128.5	117.2	NA	-8.7%

* 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.

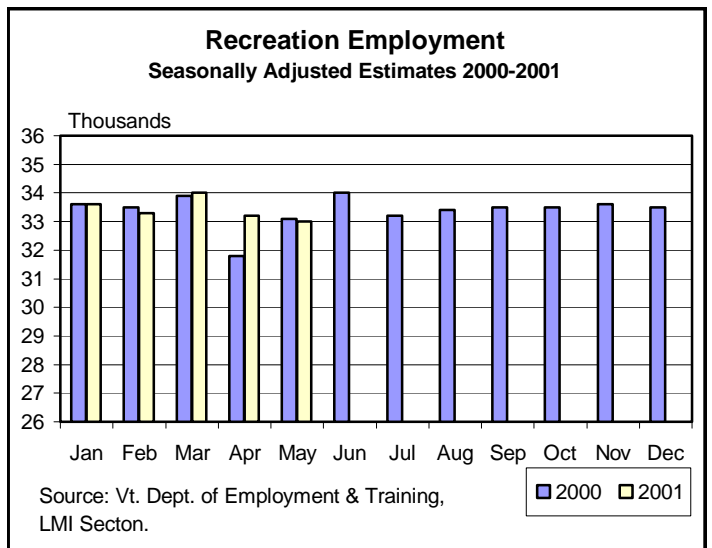
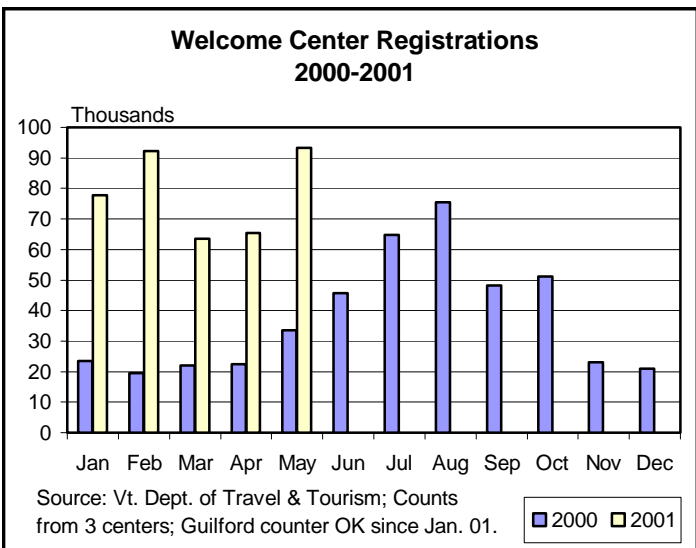
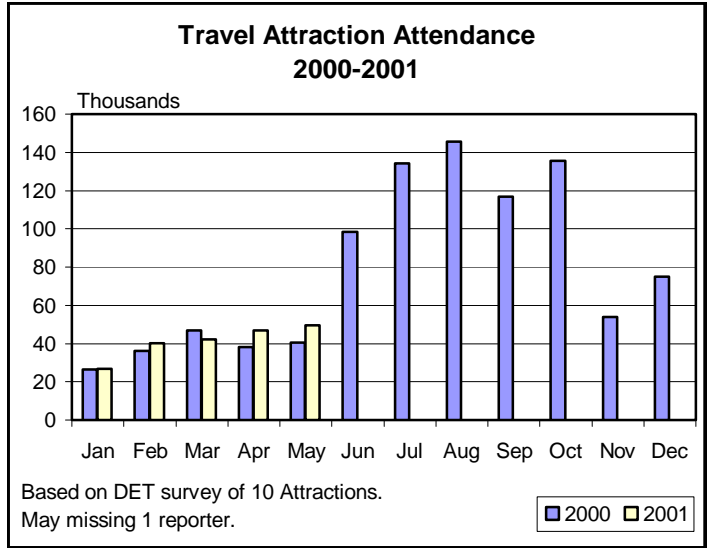
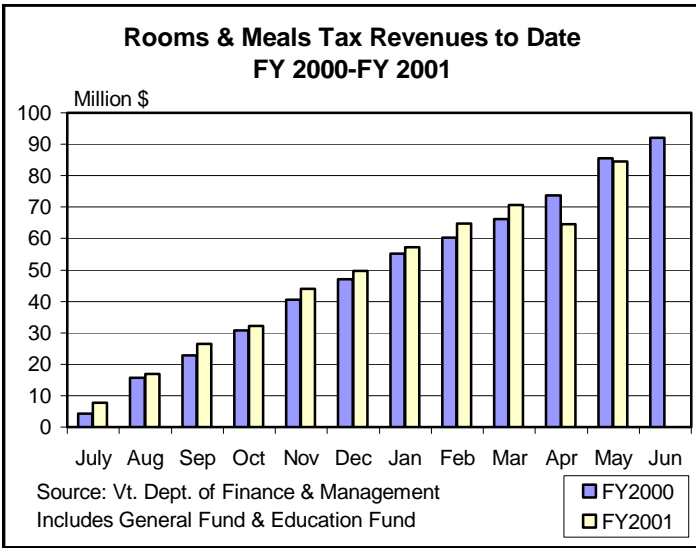
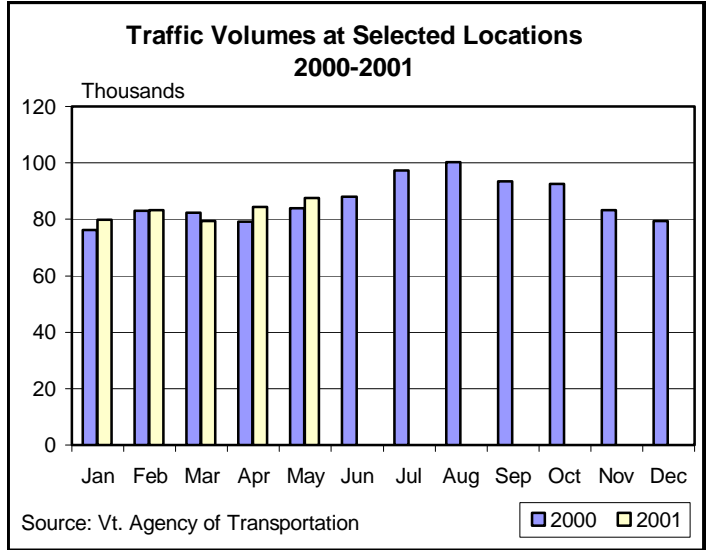
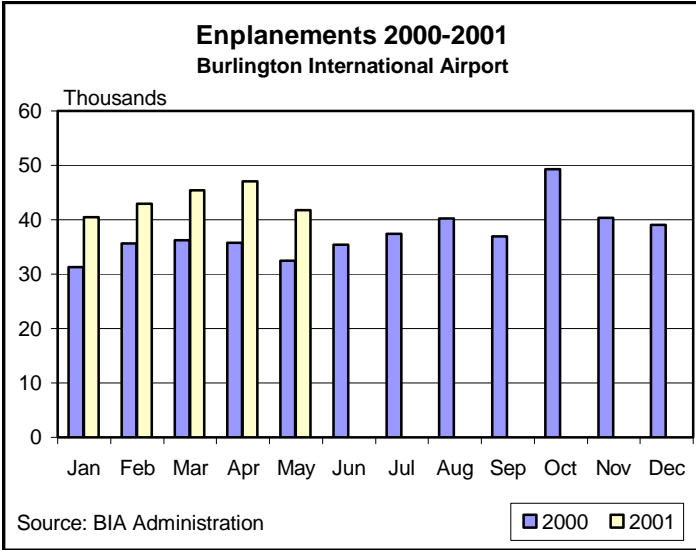
<u>TRAVEL & TOURISM</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Recreation Employment (S.A.,Thousand)	33.0	33.2	33.1	-0.6%	-0.3%
Selected Traffic Volume	87,585	84,415	83,889	3.8%	4.4%
<u>Motels & Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Average Room Rate (\$)	\$103.80	\$87.17	\$97.56	19.1%	6.4%
Occupancy Rate (%)	25.8	27.6	30.7	-1.8	-4.9
<u>Welcome Center Counts*</u>					
Guilford *	65,106	49,930	8,554	30.4%	661.1%
Fair Haven	19,742	12,424	15,213	58.9%	29.8%
Highgate	8,339	3,049	9,748	173.5%	-14.5%

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

*Guilford Welcome Center moved during Nov.99; electronic counter not yet installed; reinstalled as of Jan. 01.

<u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts *</u>	<u>APRIL 2001</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	NA	NA	13,359	NA	NA
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	NA	NA	43,280	NA	NA
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	NA	NA	6,986	NA	NA

* Not Available due to processing backlogs in the new income tax system.



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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)	4,390	4,390	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrounds (Campers)	17,406	17,406	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Private Campgrnds (Occup. Rate, %)	54.8	54.8	39.4	39.4	N/A
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer)	19,392	19,392	18,316	18,316	5.9%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) *	49,441	205,510	40,408	188,369	9.1%
<u>Skier Days (Survey)</u>					
Alpine (Preliminary)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Missing 1 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