

VERMONT ECONOMIC AND TRAVEL INDICATORS

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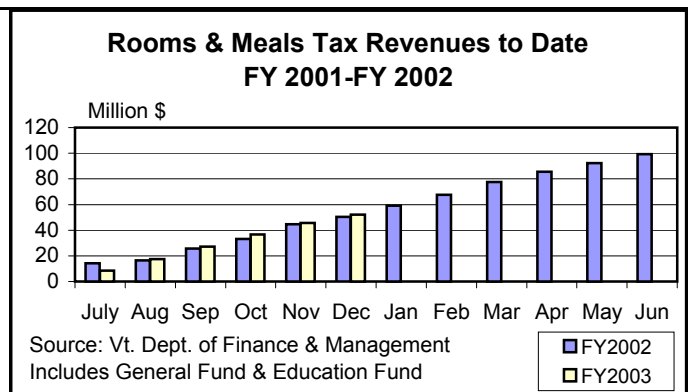
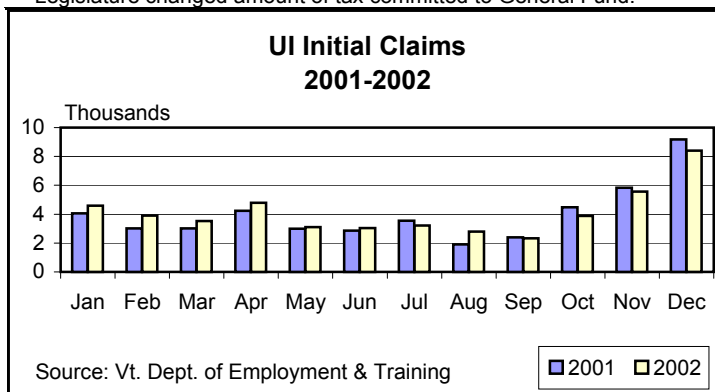
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<u>LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.*,Thousand)	298.3	298.3	297.4	0.0%	0.3%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.8	39.8	39.5	0.0%	0.8%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	4.2	4.0	4.3	5.0%	-2.3%
U.I. Initial Claims	8,409	5,568	9,173	51.0%	-8.3%
U.I. Exhaustees	605	525	368	15.2%	64.4%
DET Job Placements	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Passenger Car Registrations	22,833	22,287	25,130	2.4%	-9.1%
Total Current Car Registrations	40,107	399,693	395,030	-90.0%	-89.8%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	117,850	117,792	116,483	0.0%	1.2%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	4,765	4,731	4,508	0.7%	5.7%
New Business Incorporations	151	91	139	65.9%	8.6%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	46,128	40,859	36,290	12.9%	27.1%

<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>	80.7	425.4	418.6	8.8%	1.6%
Personal Income	42.2	207.2	202.2	15.4%	2.5%
Sales & Use	17.5	110.5	108.1	4.0%	2.2%
Rooms & Meals	5.3	42.4	41.0	14.6%	3.4%
Corporate Income	3.1	8.4	16.2	-53.1%	-48.3%
Property Transfer*	1.0	5.9	4.5	37.3%	30.3%
Other**	9.1	39.5	43.3	32.3%	-8.8%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	15.6	97.7	90.5	10.9%	7.9%
Gasoline	4.3	27.4	27.4	-0.8%	0.1%
Purchase and Use	4.7	30.4	30.9	-17.3%	-1.7%
Motor Vehicle Fees	3.3	23.3	17.1	83.4%	36.0%
Other	1.4	8.9	7.4	75.2%	19.7%
<u>Education Fund</u>	6.5	39.8	42.0	-10.0%	NA

* 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.

***Legislature changed amount of tax committed to General Fund.



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<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	<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	154	2913	107	2490	17.0%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	18,674	342,510	12,789	293,644	16.6%
<u>Construction Value (\$Million)</u>	37.3	943.0	35.7	683.5	38.0%
Residential	26.4	405.7	19.5	334.7	21.2%
Nonresidential	4.6	388.1	16.2	187.0	107.5%
Nonbuilding	6.3	149.2	0.0	161.8	-7.8%

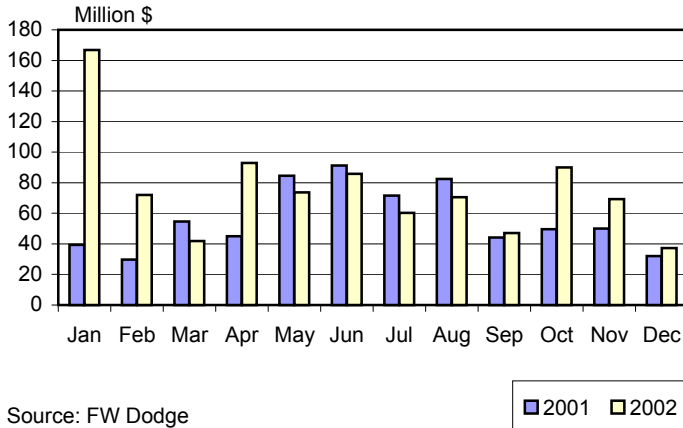
<u>TRAVEL & TOURISM</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR AGO</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u>	<u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u>
Recreation Employment (S.A.,Thousand)	33.8	33.7	33.4	0.3%	1.2%
Selected Traffic Volume	86,015	83,294	85,488	3.3%	0.6%
<u>Motels & Hotels Survey ** (Preliminary)</u>					
Average Room Rate (\$)	\$128.47	\$99.38	\$126.59	29.3%	1.5%
Occupancy Rate (%)	32.4	25.3	30.4	28.1%	6.6%
<u>Welcome Center Counts</u>					
Guilford	57,089	63,965	70,830	-10.7%	-19.4%
Fair Haven	10,004	9,695	10,123	3.2%	-1.2%
Highgate	3,356	2,486	5,770	35.0%	-41.8%

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

<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)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
State Campgrounds (Campers)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
State Campgrounds (Occup. Rate, %)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Private Campgrounds (Occup. Rate, %)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) *	67,312	1,047,134	74,301	965,589	8.4%

* Based on DET survey of 9 Attractions

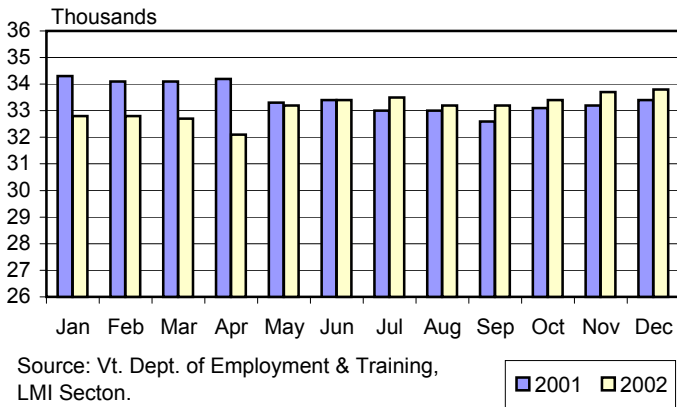
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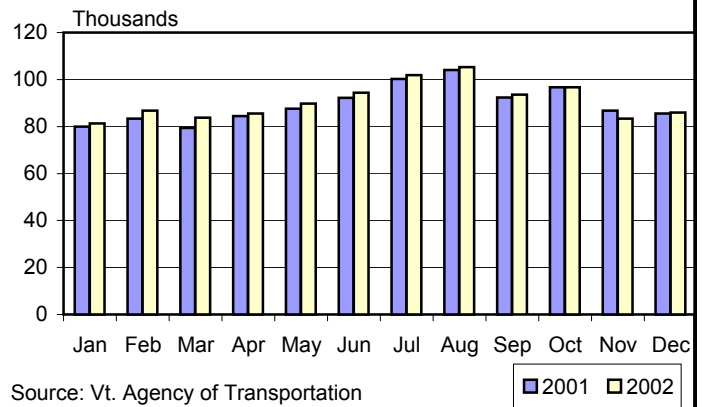
Enplanements 2001-2002 Burlington International Airport



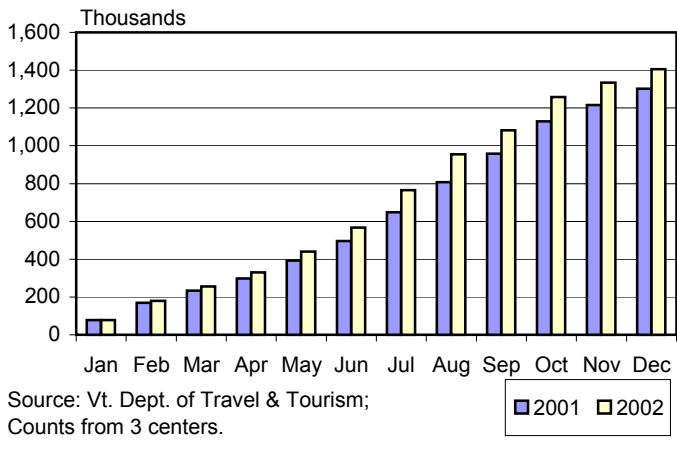
Recreation Employment Seasonally Adjusted Estimates 2001-2002



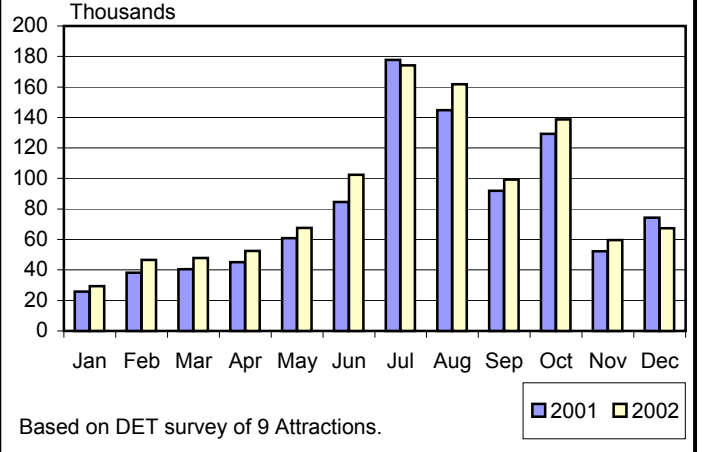
Traffic Volumes at Selected Locations 2001-2002



Welcome Center Registrations to Date 2001-2002



Travel Attraction Attendance 2001-2002



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<u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts **</u>	<u>CY 3rd Qtr</u> <u>* 2002</u>	<u>CY 2nd Qtr</u> <u>* 2002</u>	<u>CY 3rd Qtr</u> <u>2001</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Last Quarter</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Last Year</u>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	93,366	48,497	90,273	92.5%	3.4%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	179,846	147,490	177,038	21.9%	1.6%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	29,829	23,700	28,608	25.9%	4.3%

* Numbers are preliminary.

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

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