

VERMONT ECONOMIC AND TRAVEL INDICATORS

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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) | 306.7 | 306.6 | 304.5 | 0.0% | 0.7% |
| Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing) | 39.5 | 39.4 | 40.4 | 0.3% | -2.2% |
| Unemployment Rate (S. A. %) | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | -5.6% | -5.6% |
| U.I. Initial Claims | 4,138 | 6,976 | 4,001 | -40.7% | 3.4% |
| U.I. Exhaustees | 352 | 296 | 331 | 18.9% | 6.3% |
| DET Jobs Filled (last 12 months) | 1,584 | 1,626 | 1,729 | -2.6% | -8.4% |
| Passenger Car Registrations | 24,603 | 23,757 | 23,336 | 3.6% | 5.4% |
| Total Current Car Registrations | 412,035 | 412,242 | 410,849 | -0.1% | 0.3% |
| Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg. | 121,677 | 121,774 | 121,649 | -0.1% | 0.0% |
| Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million) ** | 5,546 | 5,636 | 5,297 | -1.6% | 4.7% |
| New Business Incorporations * | 92 | 108 | 98 | -14.8% | -6.1% |
| Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.) | 53,219 | 57,440 | 50,981 | -7.3% | 4.4% |

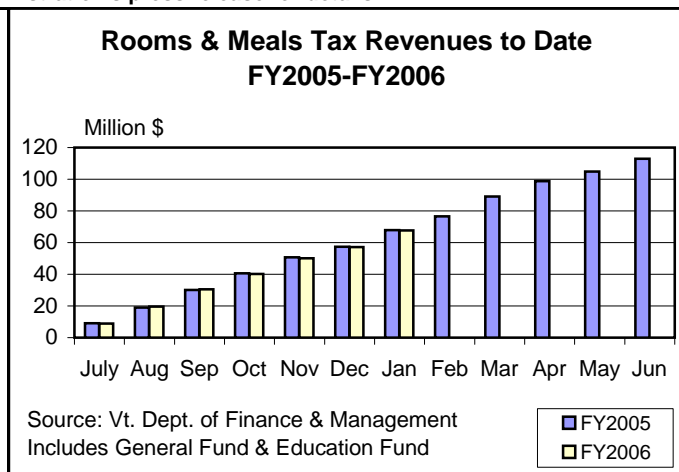
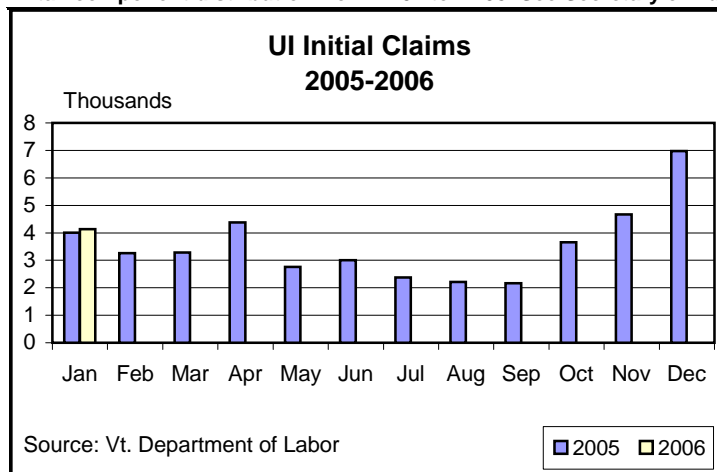
* Includes "closed" corporations.

** Bank Deposits adjusted to include 1 additional bank (2003-2004).

| <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> | 135.2 | 656.6 | 605.6 | 13.7% | 8.4% |
| Personal Income | 81.5 | 330.9 | 304.8 | 22.0% | 8.6% |
| Sales & Use | 27.7 | 136.3 | 130.1 | 7.3% | 4.7% |
| Rooms & Meals | 10.5 | 67.7 | 67.8 | -0.1% | -0.2% |
| Corporate Income | 2.9 | 30.4 | 24.0 | 57.2% | 26.3% |
| Property Transfer* | 1.1 | 9.6 | 9.3 | -6.2% | 3.2% |
| Other** | 8.1 | 43.7 | 42.4 | 5.3% | 3.0% |
| <u>Transportation Fund</u> | 15.8 | 118.5 | 117.8 | 0.5% | 0.6% |
| Gasoline | 5.5 | 38.9 | 38.7 | -2.8% | 0.5% |
| Purchase and Use | 3.5 | 30.2 | 31.4 | -6.1% | -3.6% |
| Motor Vehicle Fees | 3.7 | 29.7 | 29.6 | 6.6% | 0.4% |
| Other | 1.5 | 9.1 | 8.8 | 36.6% | 3.3% |
| <u>Education Fund</u> | 17.6 | 95.6 | 147.8 | NA | -35.3% |

* 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. **Please note that comparisons from prior year are difficult, given the change in tax component distribution from FY04 to FY05. See Secretary of Administration's press release for details.**



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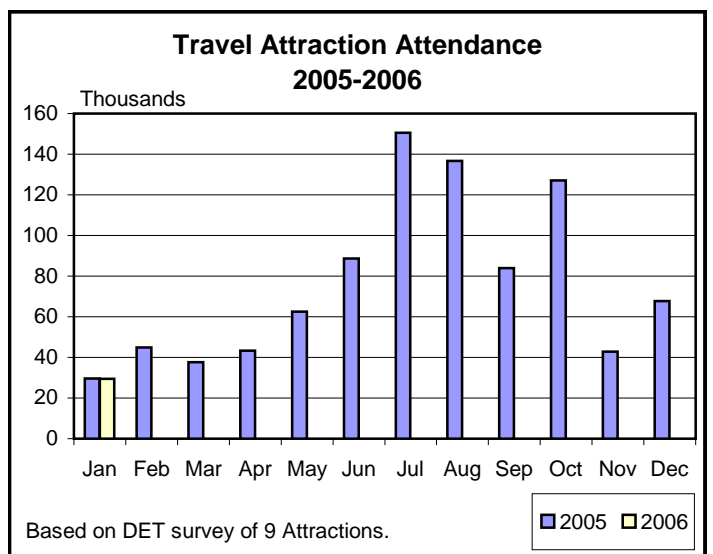
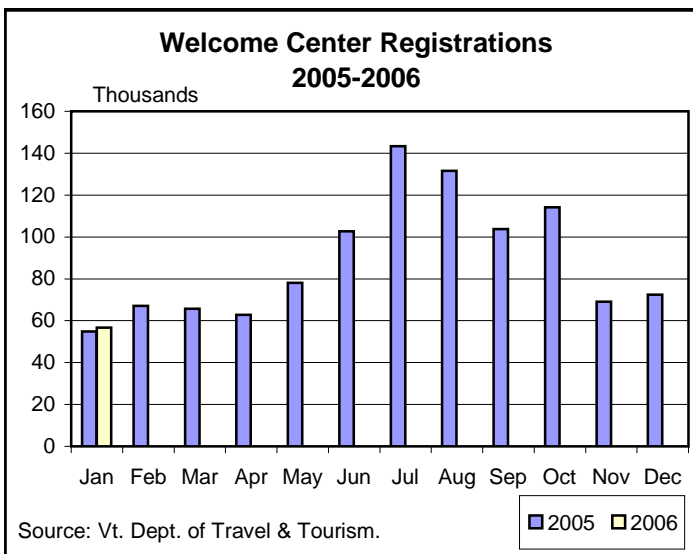
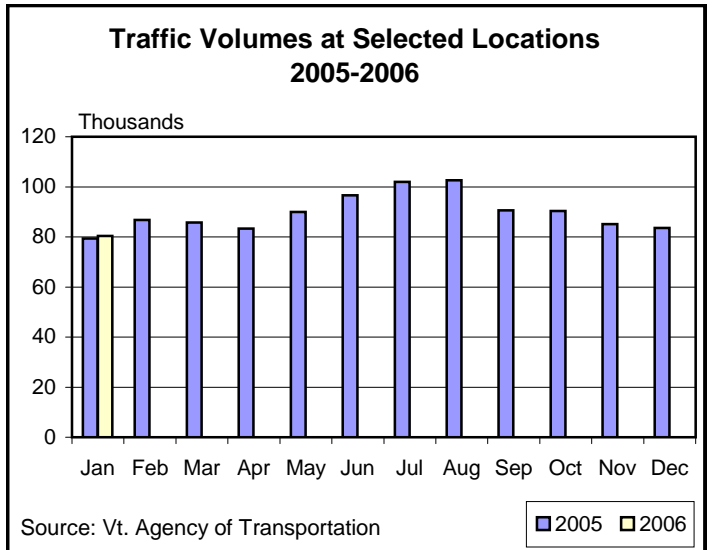
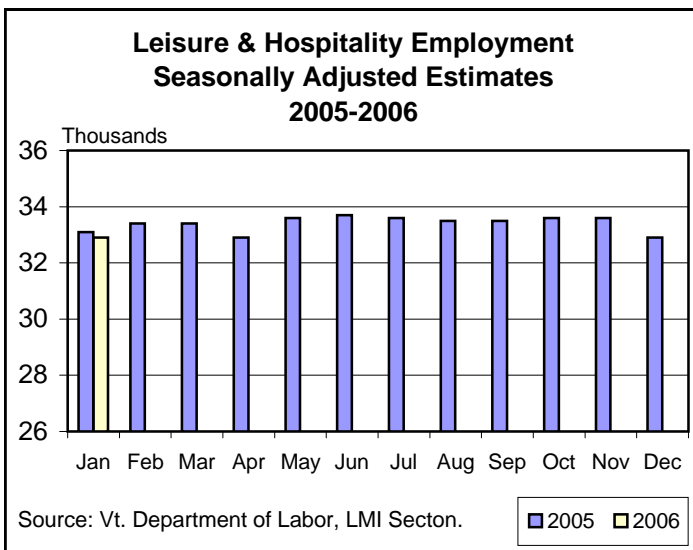
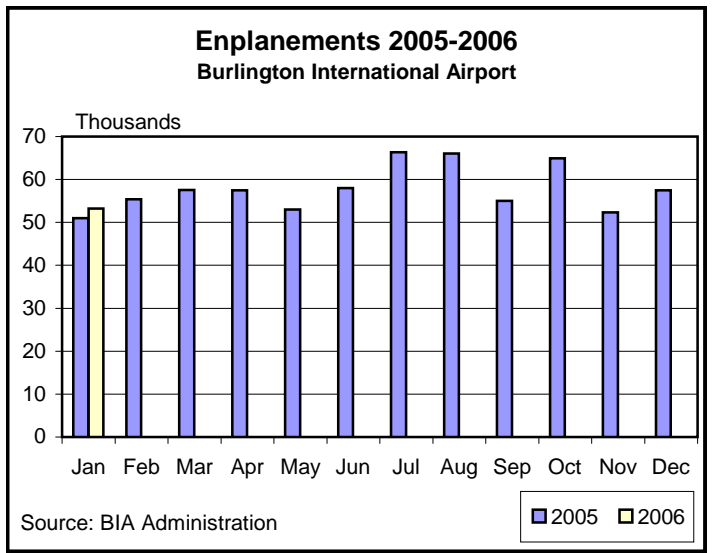
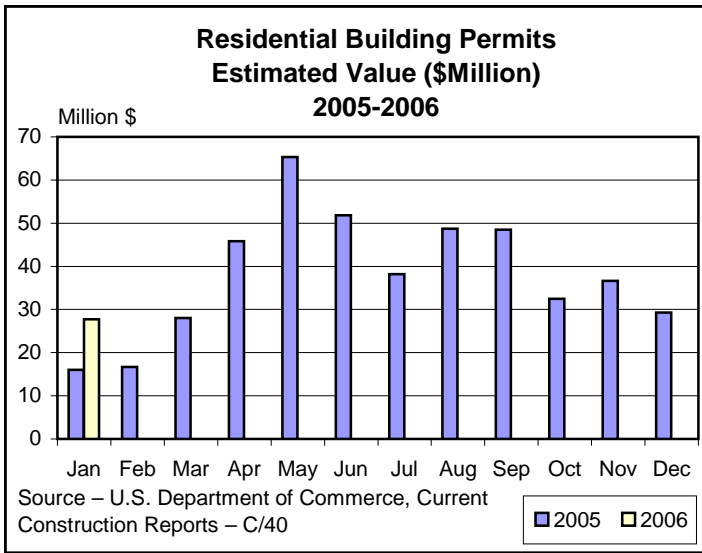
| <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> | <u>CURRENT MONTH</u> | <u>YEAR TO DATE</u> | <u>YEAR AGO</u> | <u>YR. TO DATE LAST YEAR</u> | <u>YR. TO DATE % CHANGE</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Residential Building Permits</u> | | | | | |
| Housing Units | 131 | 131 | 109 | 109 | 20.2% |
| Estimated Value (\$Thousand) | 27,692 | 27,692 | 15,959 | 15,959 | 73.5% |
| | <u>CURRENT MONTH</u> | <u>LAST MONTH</u> | <u>YEAR AGO</u> | <u>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</u> | <u>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</u> |
| Construction Emp. (S.A.,Thousand) | 16.5 | 16.8 | 16.4 | -1.8% | 0.6% |

| <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> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Leisure & Hospitality Emp. (S.A.,Thousand) * | 32.9 | 32.9 | 33.1 | 0.0% | -0.6% |
| Selected Traffic Volume | 80,403 | 83,601 | 79,362 | -3.8% | 1.3% |
| <u>Welcome Center Counts</u> | | | | | |
| Guilford | 47,197 | 62,286 | 49,055 | -24.2% | -3.8% |
| Fair Haven | 6,174 | 6,792 | 4,368 | -9.1% | 41.3% |
| Highgate | 3,339 | 3,372 | 1,512 | -1.0% | 120.8% |

* Now NAICS based and includes sectors 71 (arts, ent., & rec.) & 72 (accommodations & food srvs). Not comparable to previous reported data.

| <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 |
| Private Campgrounds (Occup. Rate, %) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer) * | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) * | 29,456 | 29,456 | 28,907 | 28,907 | 1.9% |

* Based on DET survey of 9 Attractions **NOTE: 1 attraction missing in January**



| <u>Rooms & Meals Business Receipts **</u> | <u>CY 3rd Qtr (Jul-Sep) * 2005</u> | <u>CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) 2005</u> | <u>CY 3rd Qtr (Jul-Sep) 2004</u> | <u>% Change Last Quarter</u> | <u>% Change Last Year</u> |
|---|--|--|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand) | 100,567 | 52,179 | 96,401 | 92.7% | 4.3% |
| Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand) | 204,571 | 171,247 | 199,765 | 19.5% | 2.4% |
| Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand) | 33,636 | 27,071 | 32,222 | 24.3% | 4.4% |

* Numbers are preliminary.

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

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

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