

# Vermont Economic and Travel Indicators

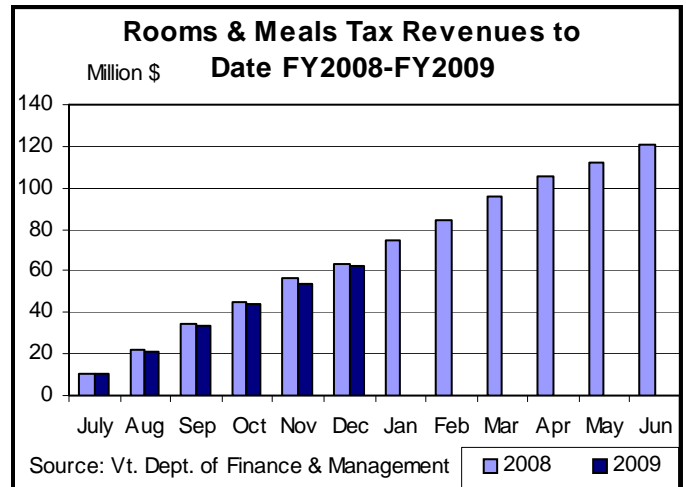
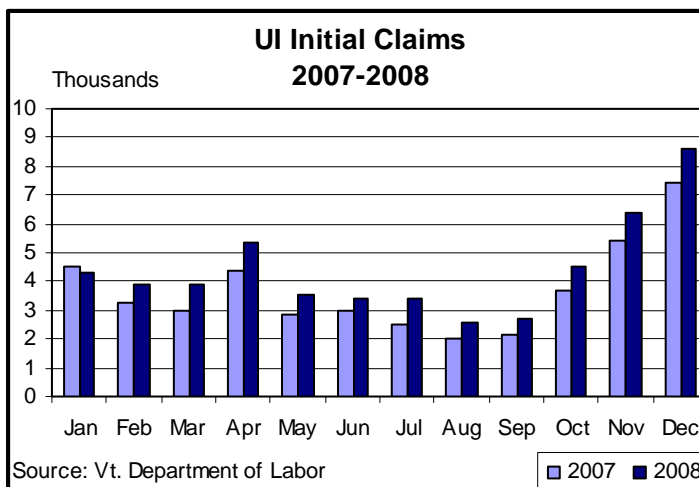
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LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.,Thousand)	302.7	305.1	308.5	-0.8%	-1.9%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.6	39.4	39.1	0.5%	1.3%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	6.4	5.7	3.9	12.3%	64.1%
U.I. Initial Claims	8,638	6,361	7,406	35.8%	16.6%
U.I. Exhaustees	641	540	393	18.7%	63.1%
VDOL Jobs Filled (last 12 months)	861	893	1,166	-3.6%	-26.2%
Passenger Car Registrations	23,137	23,658	22,641	-2.2%	2.2%
Total Current Car Registrations	409,920	411,050	411,923	-0.3%	-0.5%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	115,055	115,569	119,161	-0.4%	-3.4%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	5,617	5,468	5,826	2.7%	-3.6%
New Business Incorporations *	48	42	51	14.3%	-5.9%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	57,375	52,516	54,141	9.3%	6.0%

\* Includes "closed" corporations.

STATE TAX REVENUES (\$Million)	CURRENT MONTH	FISCAL YR TO DATE	FYTD LAST YEAR	% CHANGE LAST YEAR	% CHANGE LAST FYTD
<u>General Fund</u>	99.9	555.7	559.1	-4.2%	-0.6%
Personal Income	53.1	287.5	281.4	-5.8%	2.2%
Sales & Use	19.4	109.2	112.6	10.9%	-3.1%
Corporate Income	9.3	22.5	33.4	-6.4%	-32.5%
Rooms & Meals	8.4	62.3	63.5	15.6%	-1.9%
Property Transfer*	0.9	5.6	6.6	6.8%	-14.4%
Other**	6.9	47.7	36.8	72.6%	29.5%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	15.8	100.2	110.6	-3.5%	-9.4%
Gasoline	4.9	31.2	32.3	-6.6%	-3.3%
Purchase and Use	3.1	22.3	26.2	-14.6%	-15.0%
Motor Vehicle Fees	4.4	30.2	30.9	5.0%	-2.4%
Other	1.3	8.6	12.5	4.8%	-31.6%
<u>Education Fund</u>	13.1	74.9	78.2	8.6%	-4.1%

\* 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.



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<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR AGO	YR. TO DATE LAST YEAR	YR. TO DATE % CHANGE
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## Residential Building Permits

Housing Units	91	1,357	64	1,988	-31.7%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	12,589	244,265	11,367	329,276	-25.8%

	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Construction Emp. (S.A., Thousand)	14.5	14.9	16.7	-2.7%	-13.2%

<u>TRAVEL &amp; TOURISM</u>	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
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Leisure & Hospitality Emp. (SA -Thous.) *	33.5	33.0	33.2	1.5%	0.9%
Selected Traffic Volume	76,895	80,510	79,787	-4.5%	-3.6%

## Welcome Center Counts

Guilford	45,366	44,962	49,146	0.9%	-7.7%
Fair Haven	8,271	8,634	8,682	-4.2%	-4.7%
Highgate	4,433	4,054	4,051	9.3%	9.4%

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

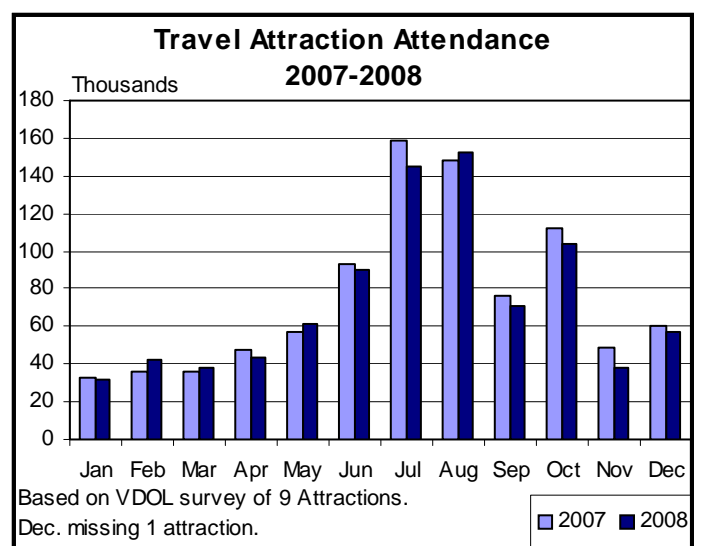
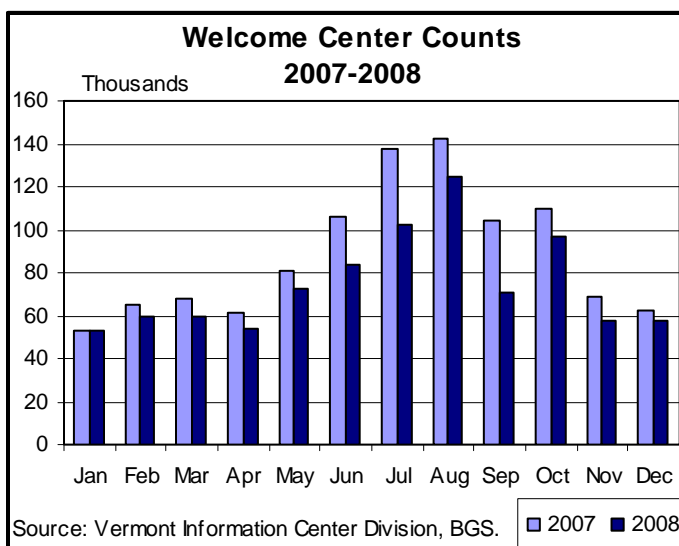
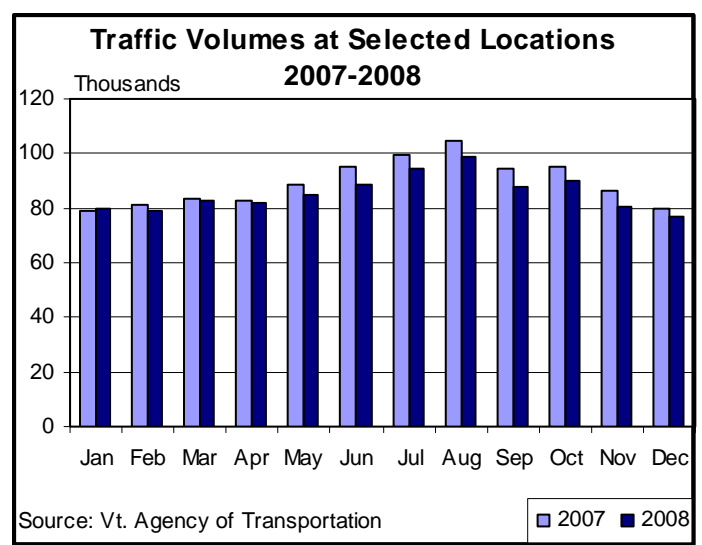
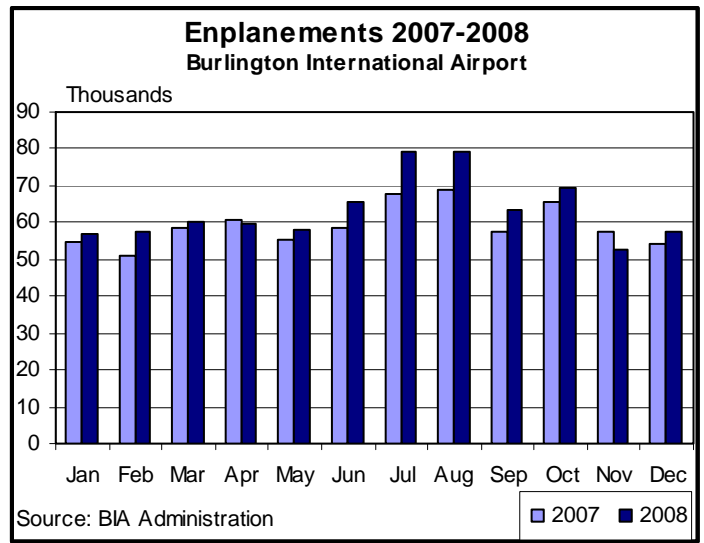
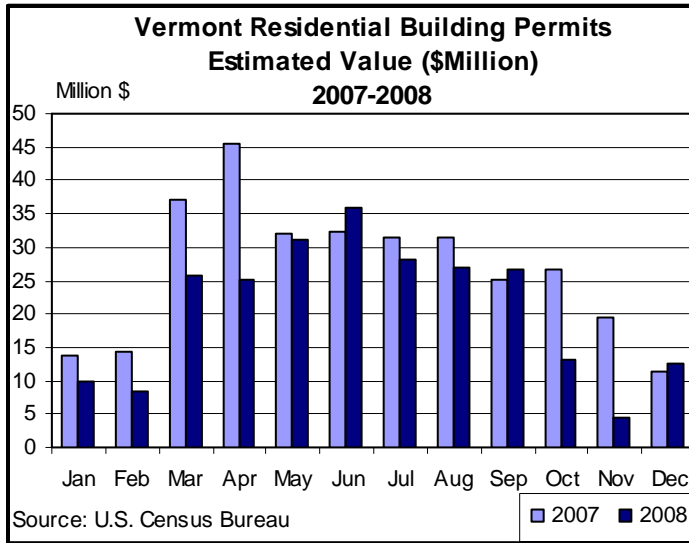
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## Attendance Surveys

State Parks (Day Use)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
State Campgrounds (Campers)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer) *	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) **	57,132	904,212	48,326	895,264	1.0%

\* Based on VDOL survey of 9 Attractions      \*\* Missing 1 attraction in December.

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<b>ROOMS &amp; MEALS BUSINESS RECEIPTS **</b>	<b>CY 3rd Qtr (Jul-Sep) * 2008</b>	<b>CY 2nd Qtr (Apr-Jun) * 2008</b>	<b>CY 3rd Qtr (Jul-Sep) 2007</b>	<b>% Change Last Quarter</b>	<b>% Change Last Year</b>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	113,537	60,583	112,902	87.4%	0.6%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	222,708	188,127	223,260	18.4%	-0.2%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	37,608	29,855	37,616	26.0%	0.0%

\* Numbers are preliminary.

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

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