

# Vermont Economic and Travel Indicators

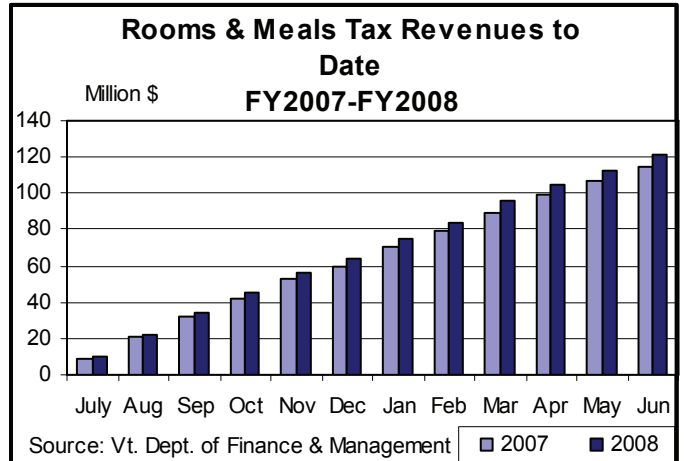
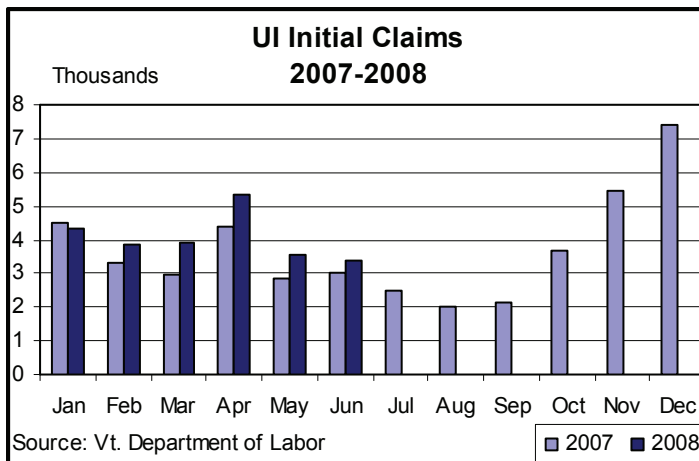
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LABOR MARKET & BUSINESS ACTIVITY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Employment (NonFarm,S.A.,Thousand)	308.5	308.3	308.0	0.1%	0.2%
Avg. Weekly Hours (Manufacturing)	39.6	39.5	39.8	0.3%	-0.5%
Unemployment Rate (S. A. %)	4.7	4.9	3.8	-4.1%	23.7%
U.I. Initial Claims	3,374	3,573	3,012	-5.6%	12.0%
U.I. Exhaustees	460	443	320	3.8%	43.8%
VDOL Jobs Filled (last 12 months)	1,101	1,125	1,045	-2.1%	5.4%
Passenger Car Registrations	37,121	38,978	35,052	-4.8%	5.9%
Total Current Car Registrations	413,475	413,691	413,639	-0.1%	0.0%
Total Current Pick-Up Truck Reg.	117,687	118,353	119,915	-0.6%	-1.9%
Bank Deposits - Survey (\$Million)	5,235	5,433	5,382	-3.6%	-2.7%
New Business Incorporations *	59	73	66	-19.2%	-10.6%
Airport Enplanements (B.I.A.)	65,845	58,166	58,429	13.2%	12.7%

\* 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>	108.1	1199.6	1151.4	0.4%	4.2%
Personal Income	62.6	622.1	581.2	5.4%	7.0%
Sales & Use	17.6	225.5	222.5	-3.5%	1.3%
Rooms & Meals	8.6	121.0	114.9	4.9%	5.3%
Corporate Income	11.5	74.6	72.8	-14.0%	2.4%
Property Transfer*	0.5	10.8	12.9	-64.3%	-16.3%
Other**	6.2	75.2	76.5	-21.9%	-1.7%
<u>Transportation Fund</u>	23.8	223.1	220.0	-4.5%	1.4%
Gasoline	5.4	62.6	63.6	-5.6%	-1.6%
Purchase and Use	6.1	52.7	53.7	-10.4%	-2.0%
Motor Vehicle Fees	8.2	67.5	65.4	3.4%	3.2%
Other	2.1	23.6	19.2	-15.8%	23.0%
<u>Education Fund</u>	13.9	158.9	160.1	-11.7%	-0.8%

\* 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	199	725	182	1,000	-27.5%
Estimated Value (\$Thousand)	36,047	135,314	32,250	175,162	-22.7%

	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
Construction Emp. (S.A.,Thousand)	16.5	16.6	17.0	-0.6%	-2.9%

<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.) *	32.7	32.7	32.8	0.0%	-0.3%
Selected Traffic Volume	88,790	84,657	94,805	4.9%	-6.3%

## Welcome Center Counts

Guilford	56,942	50,979	78,703	11.7%	-27.6%
Fair Haven	18,078	13,425	19,287	34.7%	-6.3%
Highgate	8,240	7,755	8,238	6.3%	0.0%

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

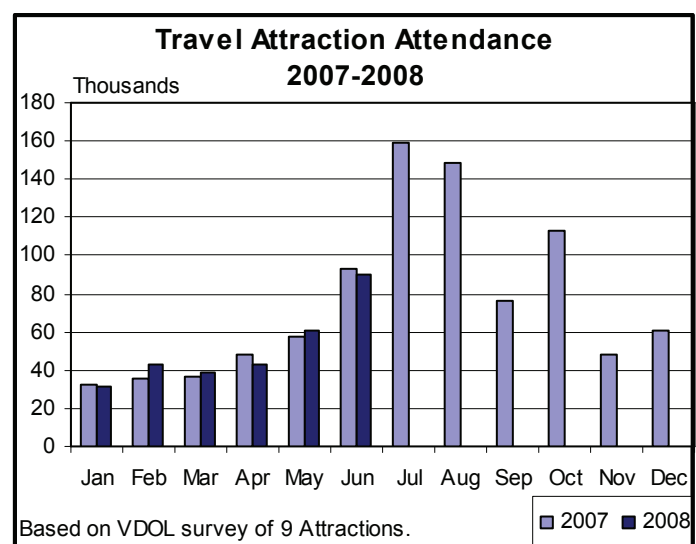
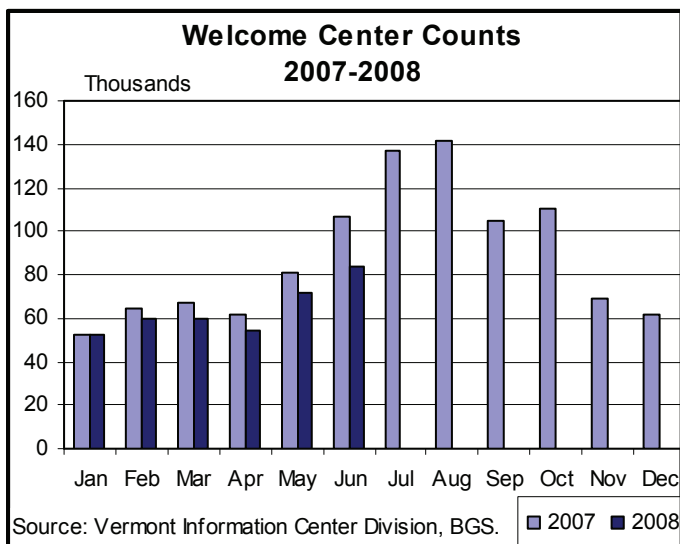
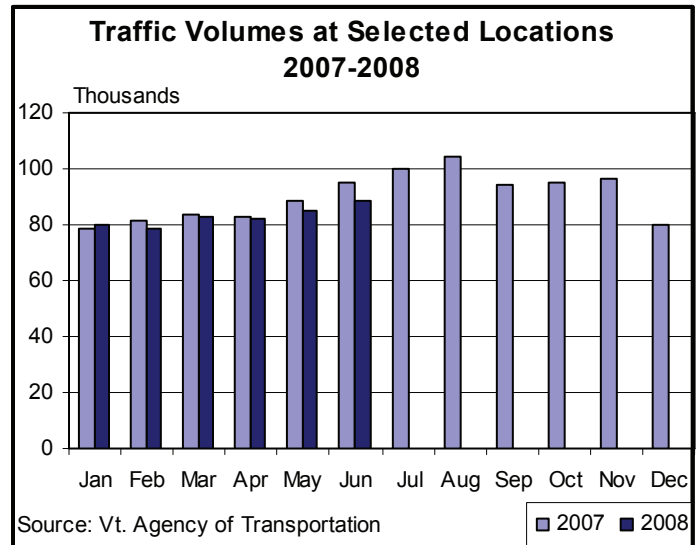
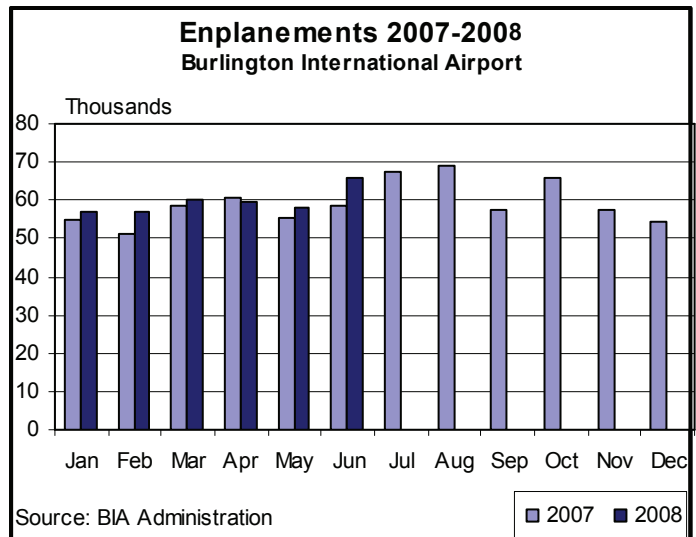
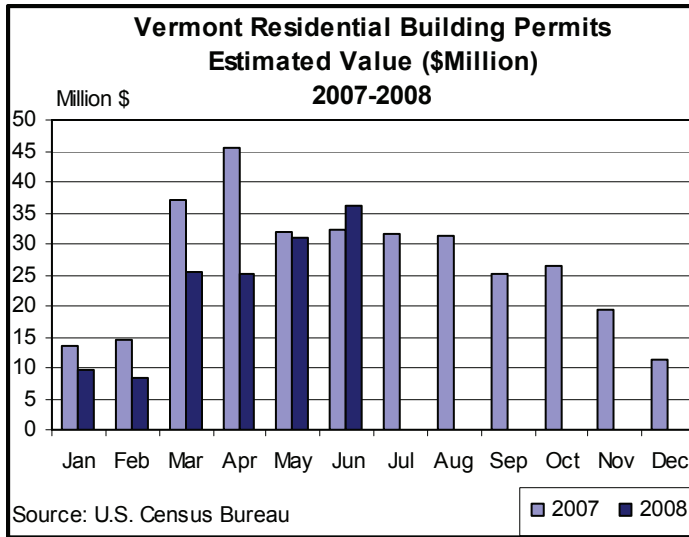
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## Attendance Surveys

State Parks (Day Use)	64,267	75,411	74,435	86,236	-12.6%
State Campgrounds (Campers)	53,366	77,140	48,622	69,582	10.9%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Summer) *	40,957	60,472	39,787	57,352	5.4%
Travel Attr. & Museums (Yr Rd) *	90,063	307,177	93,283	302,403	1.6%

\* Based on VDOL survey of 9 Attractions

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<b>ROOMS &amp; MEALS BUSINESS RECEIPTS **</b>	<b>CY 1st Qtr (Jan-Mar) * 2008</b>	<b>CY 4th Qtr (Oct-Dec) 2007</b>	<b>CY 1st Qtr (Jan-Mar) 2007</b>	<b>% Change Last Quarter</b>	<b>% Change Last Year</b>
Taxable Room Rentals (\$Thousand)	113,518	86,988	96,978	30.5%	17.1%
Taxable Meals Sales (\$Thousand)	194,662	191,744	187,213	1.5%	4.0%
Taxable Beverage Sales (\$Thousand)	36,791	32,849	35,384	12.0%	4.0%

\* Numbers are preliminary.

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

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