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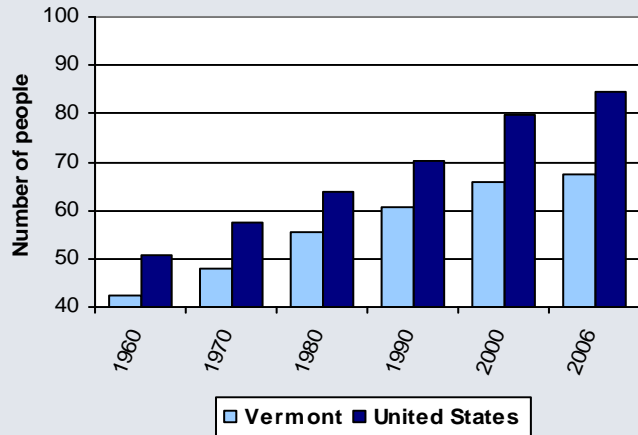
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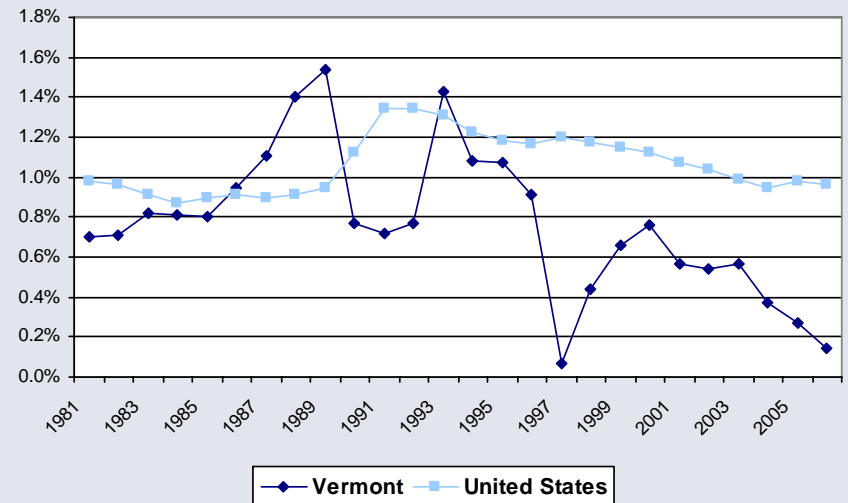
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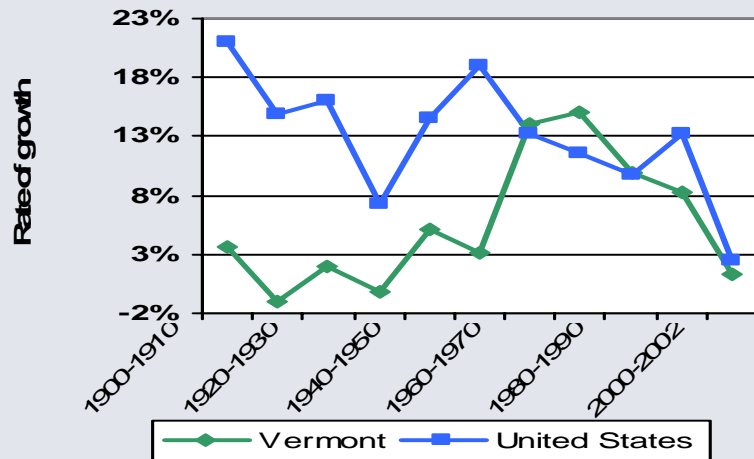
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Source: Department of Public Health, Division of Health Surveillance, Michael

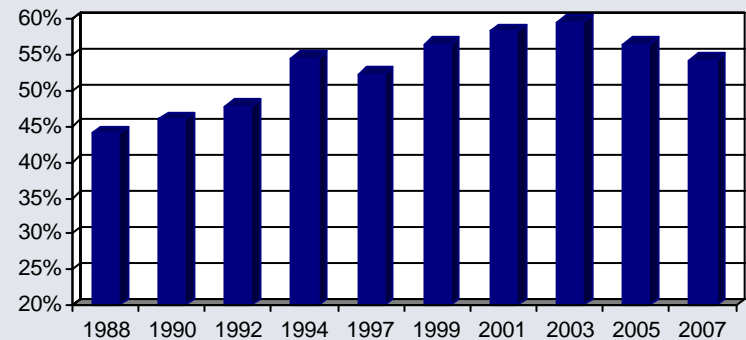
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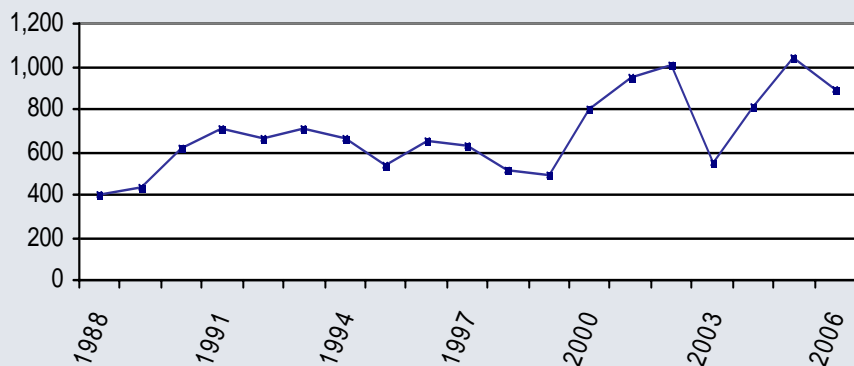
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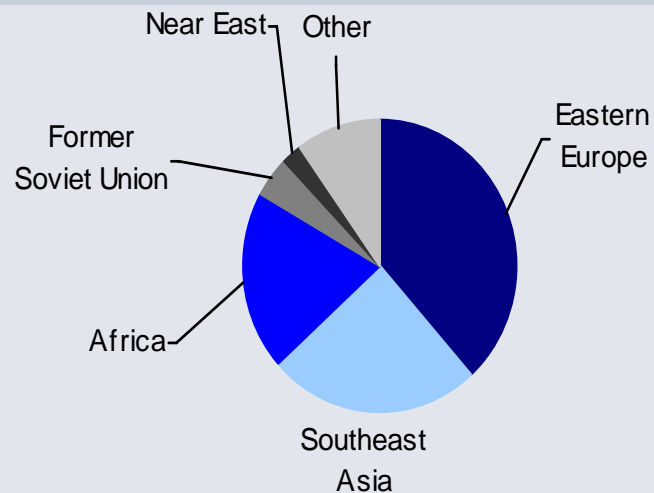
Source: Senior Surveys of high school seniors, various years, Vermont Student Assistance Corporation.

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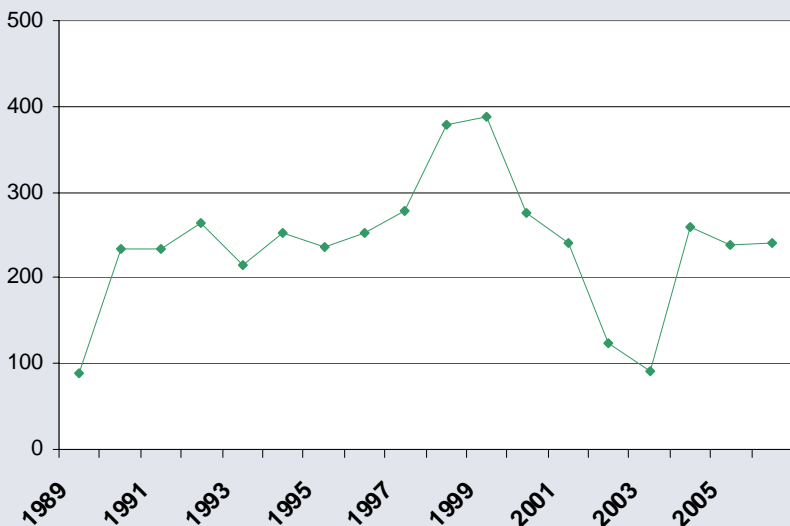
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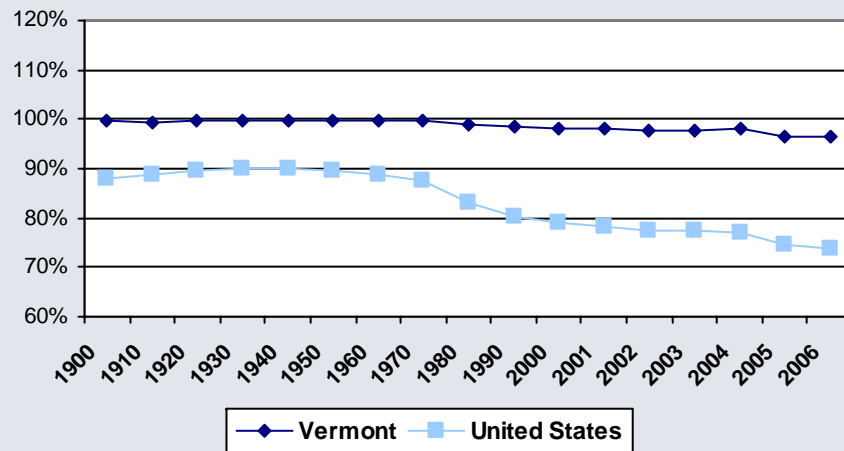
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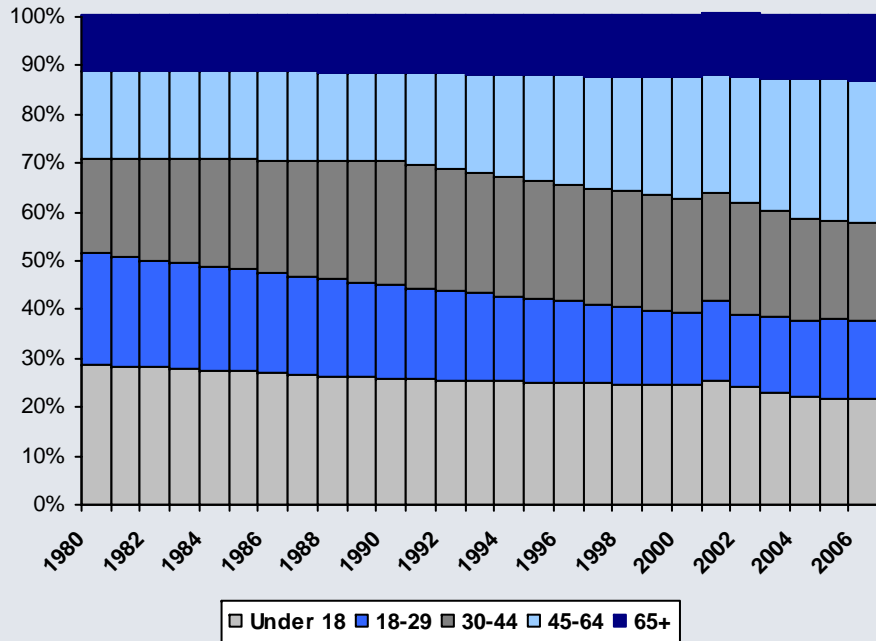
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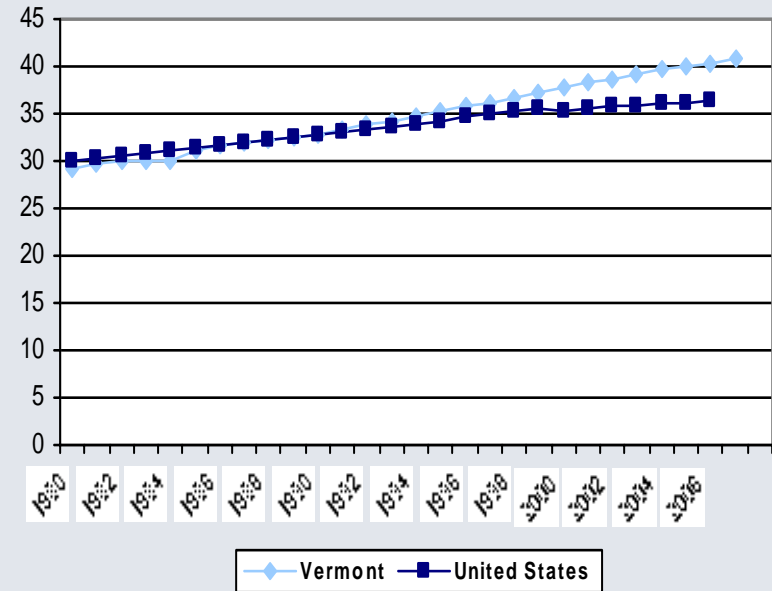
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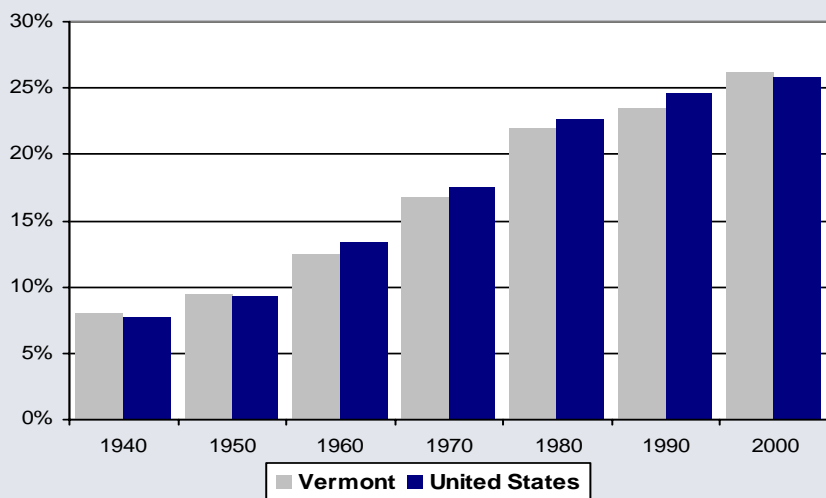
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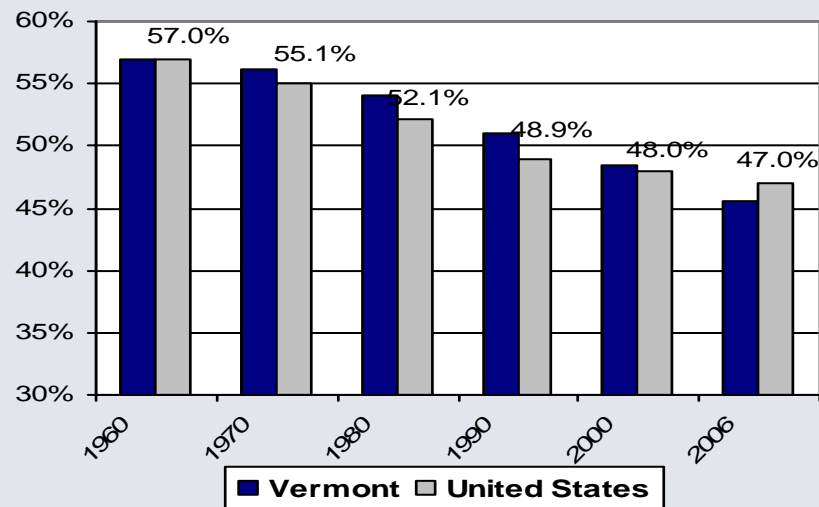
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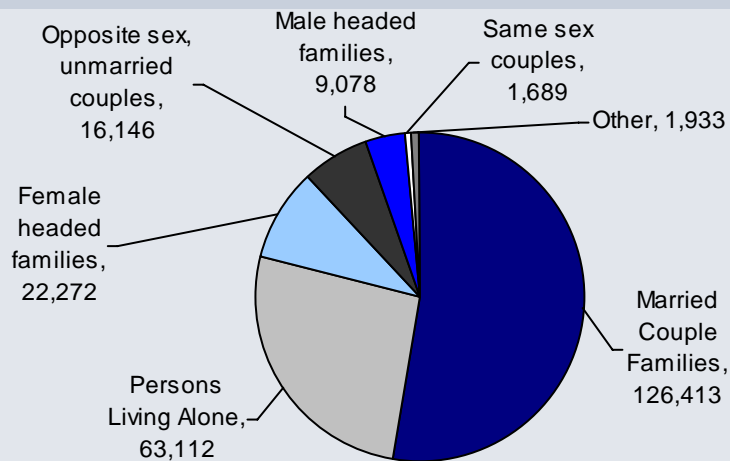
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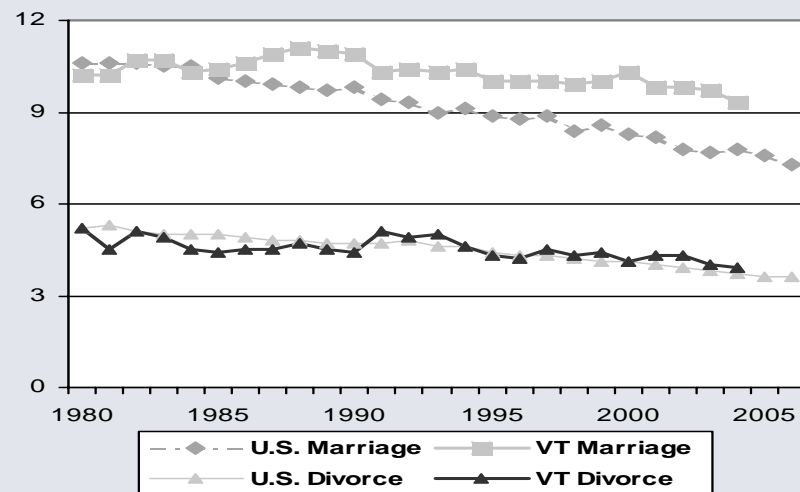
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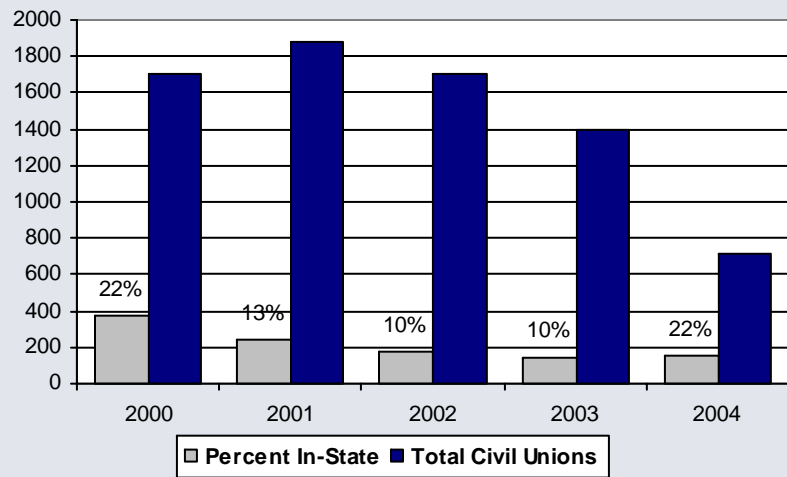
Source: Bureau of the Census; "Married Couple and Unmarried Partner"

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Source: Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2008; and Vermont Department of Public Health, Vital Statistics Reports.

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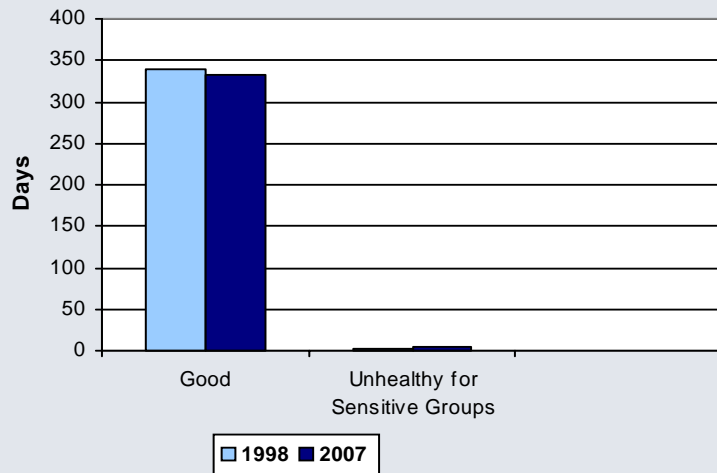
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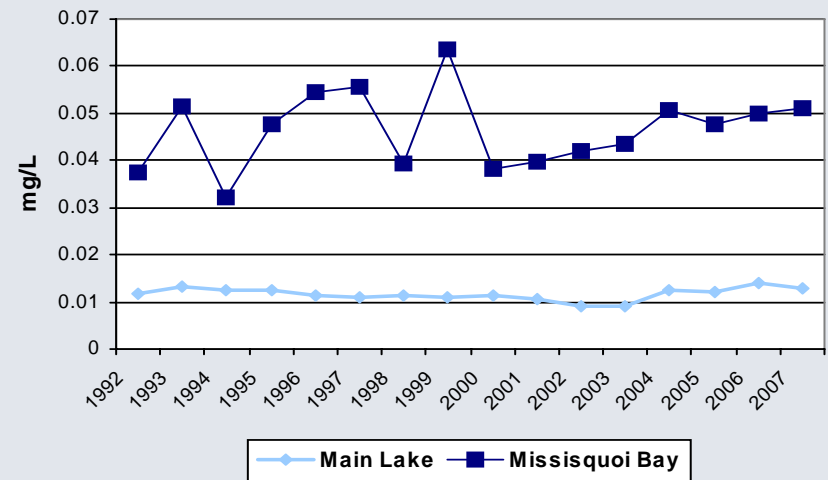
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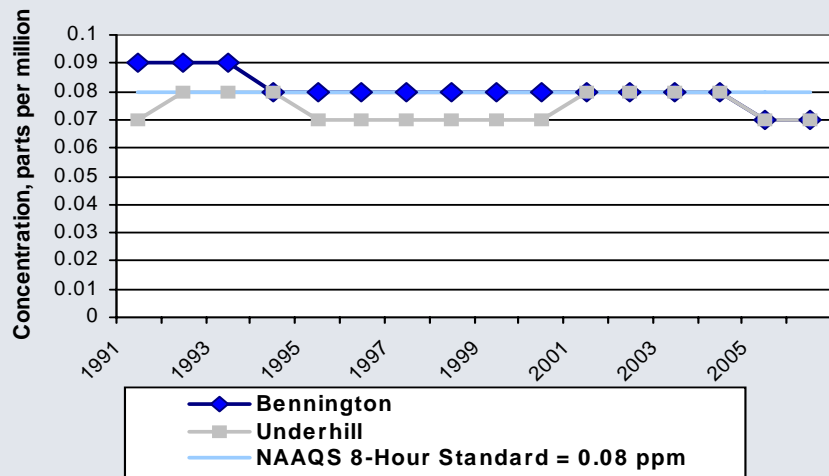
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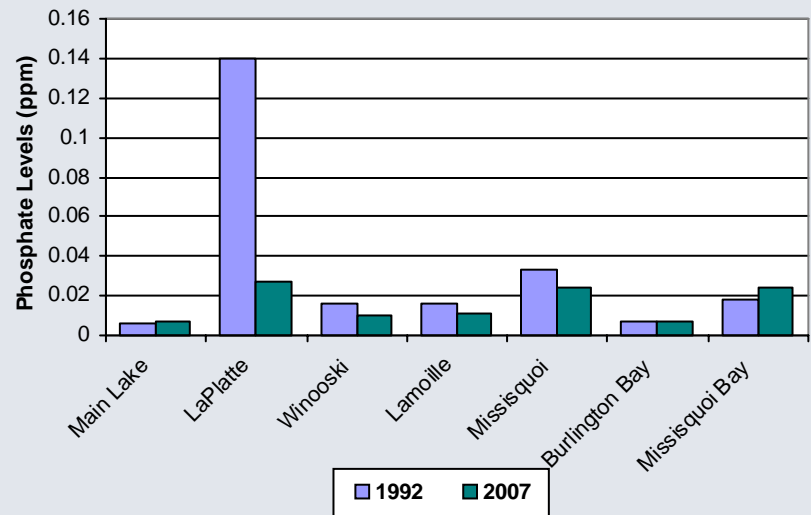
Source: State of the Lake and Ecosystem Indicators Report – 2008, Lake Champlain Basin Program, <http://www.lcbp.org/PDFs/SOL2008-web.pdf>, pg.

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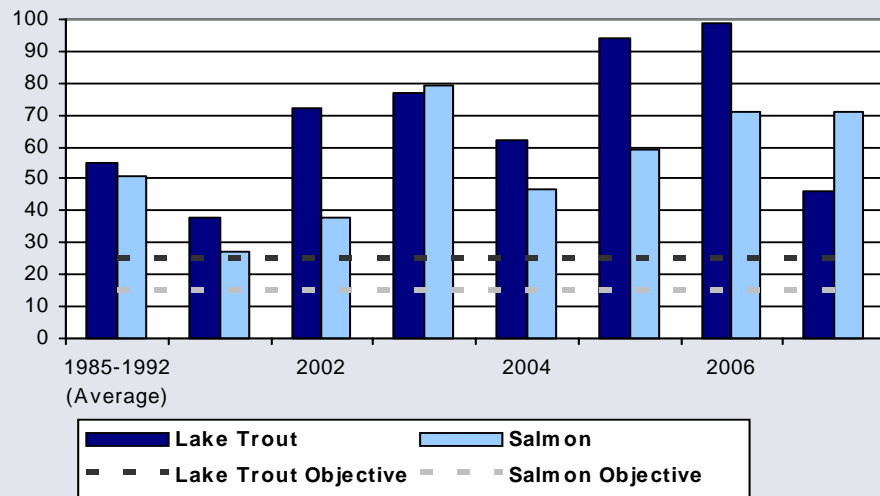
Source: Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Air Pollution

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Source: Vermont Water Quality Division, Agency of Natural Resources, Lake Champlain Long-Term Monitoring, Lake Station Data

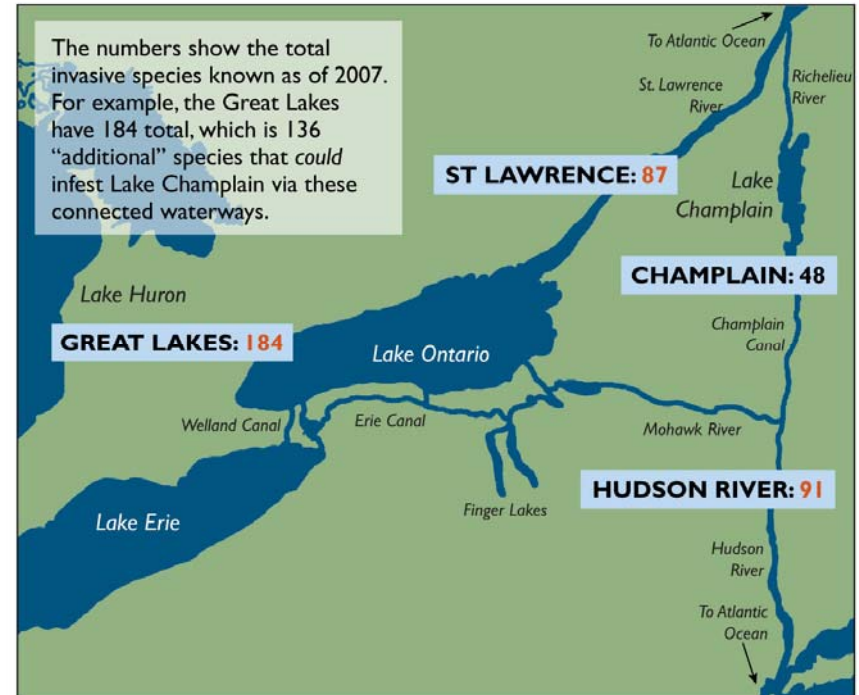
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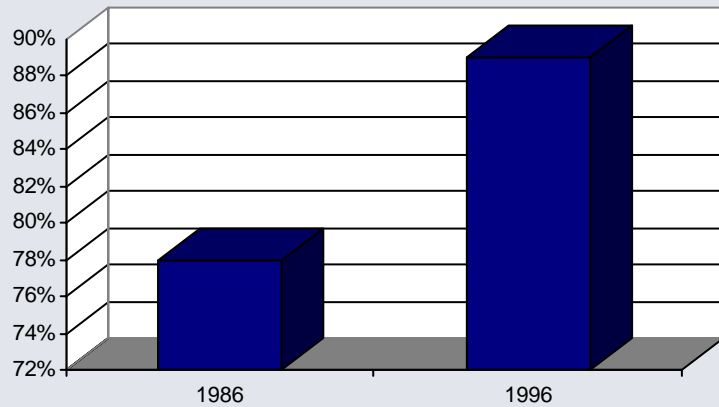
* Lake trout in the 533-633 mm (21.0-24.9 inches) length interval. For lake trout, pre-control included 1982-92, while experimental control includes 1993-97.*
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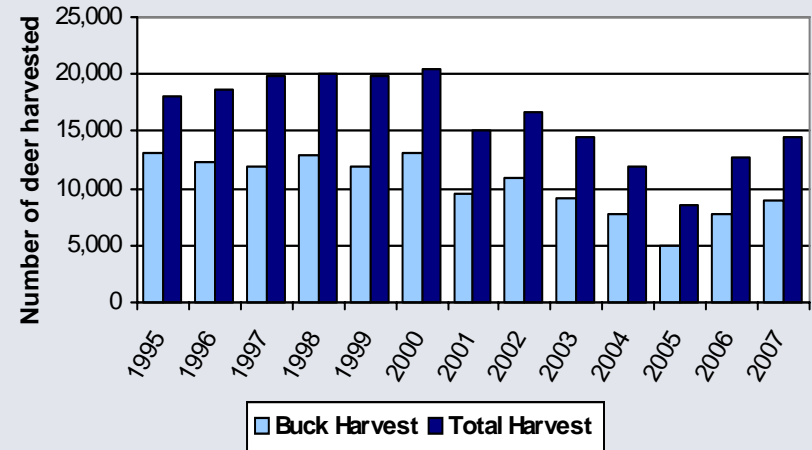
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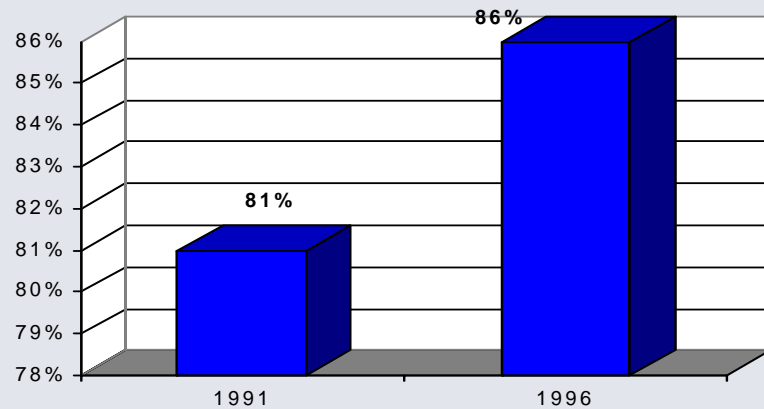
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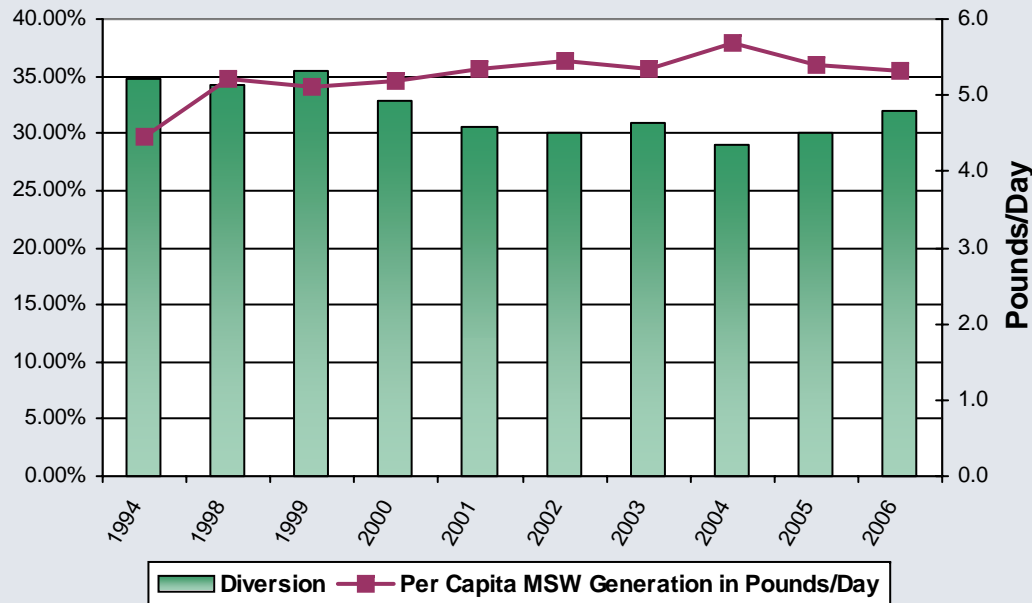
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Source: Vermont Department of Health, Fish and Wildlife, 2001 State of Vermont Revised Solid Waste Management Plan

Chart 2-12: Summary of Precipitation and Snowfall data 1895-2007

| Years | Location | Precipitation Trend (inches) | Average Precipitation (inches) | Snowfall Trend (inches) | Average Snowfall (inches) |
|-----------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1895-2007 | Vermont | + 2.1 | 40.9 | ** | ** |
| 1987-2007 | Vermont | + 7.7 | 39.8 | + 15.6 | 80.4 |
| 1884-2007 | Burlington | + 5.4 | 33.4 | + 24.5 | 72.5 |
| 1987-2007 | Burlington | + 9.1 | 35.5 | + 8.0 | 73.3 |
| 1895-2007 | North-east US | + 4.6 | 41.4 | ** | ** |
| 1987-2007 | North-east US | + 6.2 | 43.8 | ** | ** |

Source: National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) <http://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/orders/5941021404338.txt>
<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/research/cag3/nt.html>
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Chart 2-11 Heating degree-days (HDD) and Cooling degree-days (CDD) data 1892-2007

| Years | Location | CDD Trend | CDD Average | HDD Trend | HDD Average |
|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1892-2007 | Burlington | + 79 | 463 | - 61 | 7707 |
| 1987-2007 | Burlington | + 30 | 536 | + 91 | 7181 |
| 1987-2007 | Vermont | - 26 | 418 | + 3 | 7629 |

Source: National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) <http://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/orders/5941021404338.txt>
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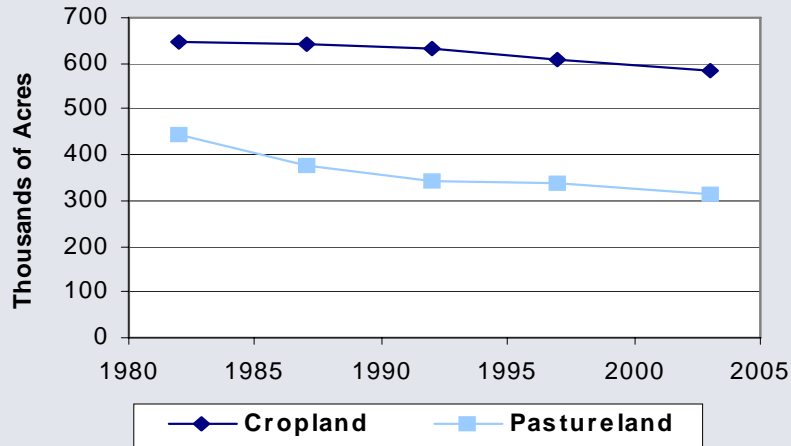
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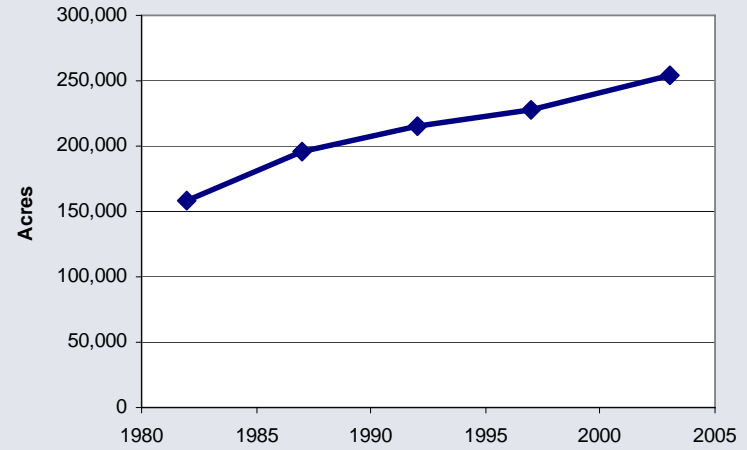
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 In thousands of acres
 1982 to 2003



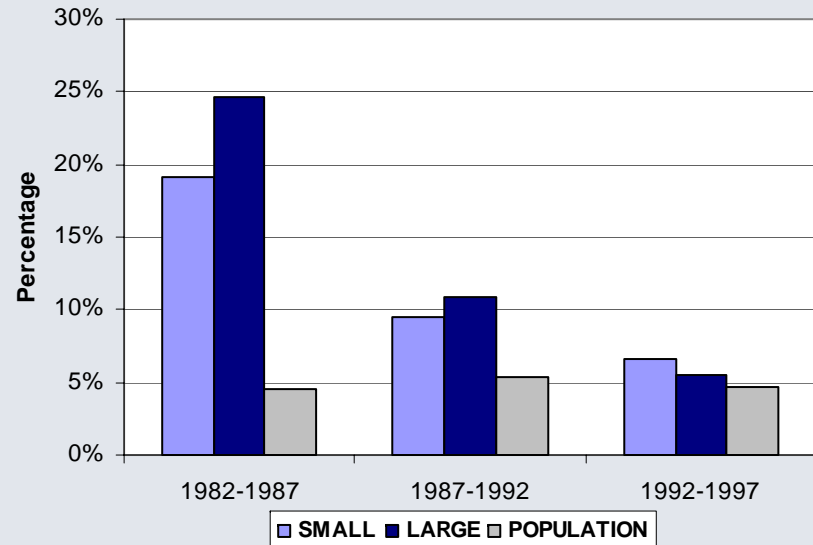
Source: NRCS National Resources Inventory.

Chart 3-3: Changes in the Amount of Developed Land in Vermont
 In acres, 1982 to 2003



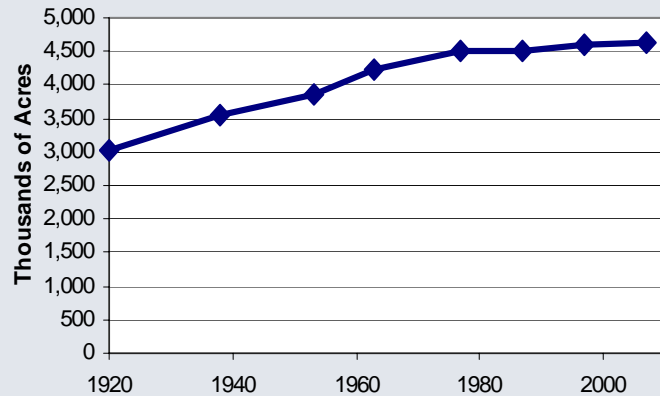
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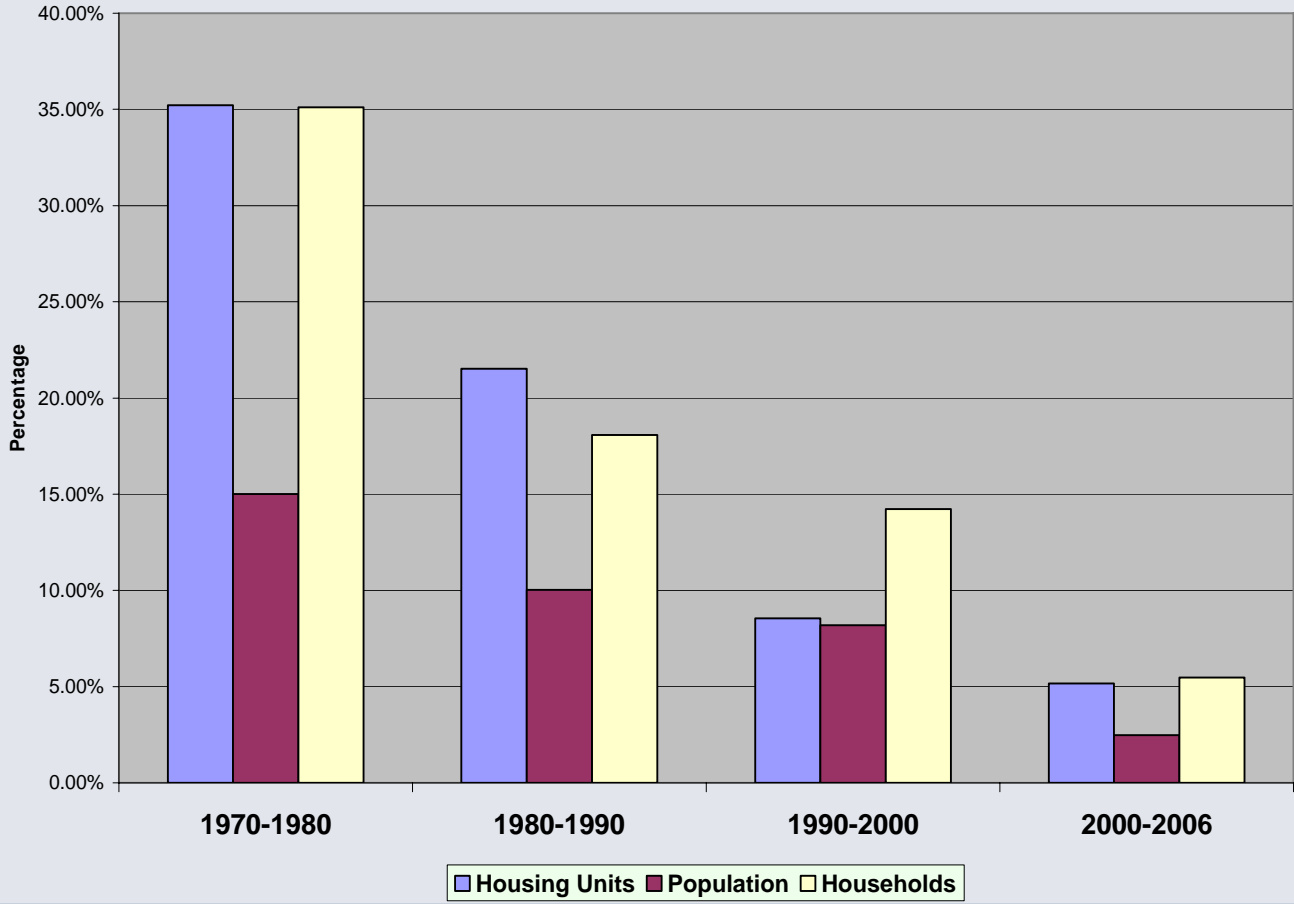
Source: NRCS NRI Data for Developed Land; VT Dept of Health, 2002 and 2004 Vital Statistics for Population Data

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Vermont Forests In Thousands of Acres
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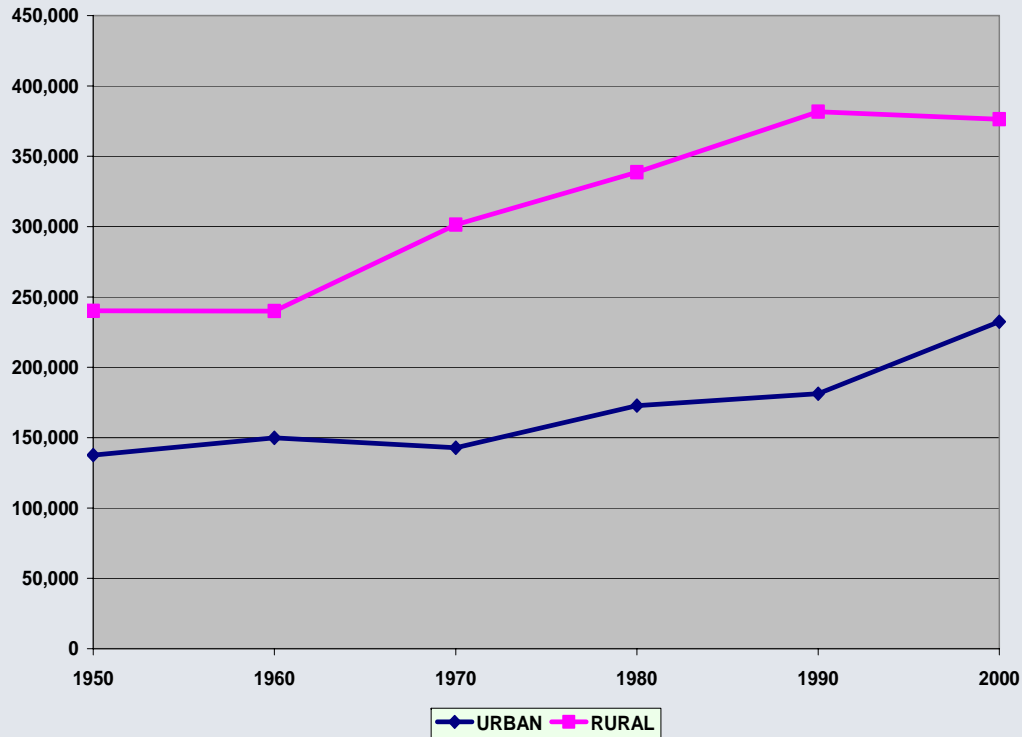
Source: U.S. Forest Service, Forests in the Green Mountain State: *A Half Century of Change for (1948 - 1997)*

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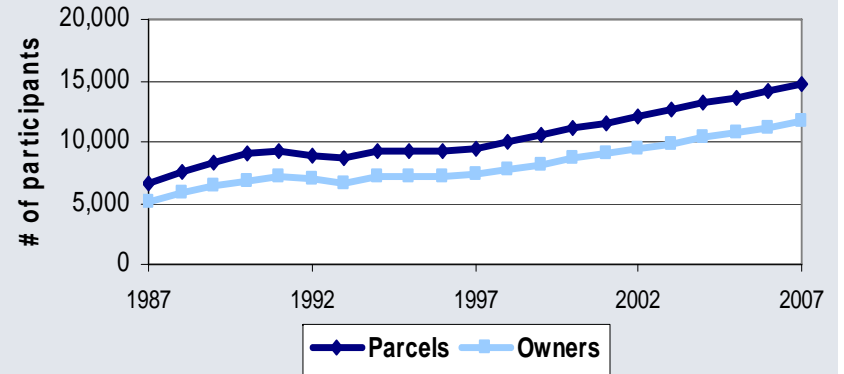
Source: Data from U.S. Census via Center For Rural Studies, University of Vermont.

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Source: Data from U.S. Census Bureau
 * Method for calculating urban population for 2000 was modified

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Source: Vermont Department of Taxes, 2007 Land Use Appraisal Program Summary

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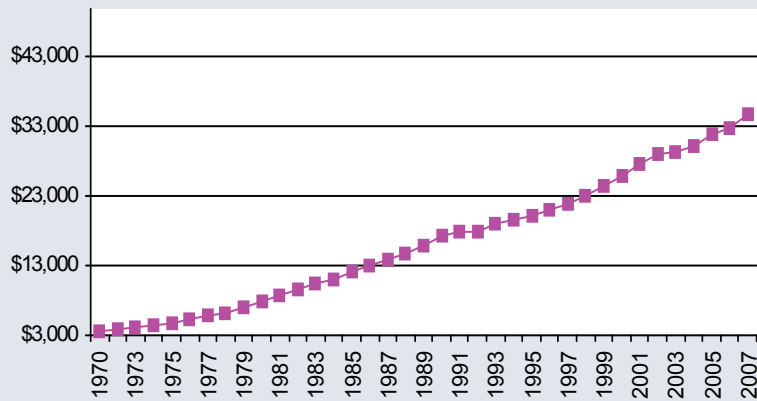
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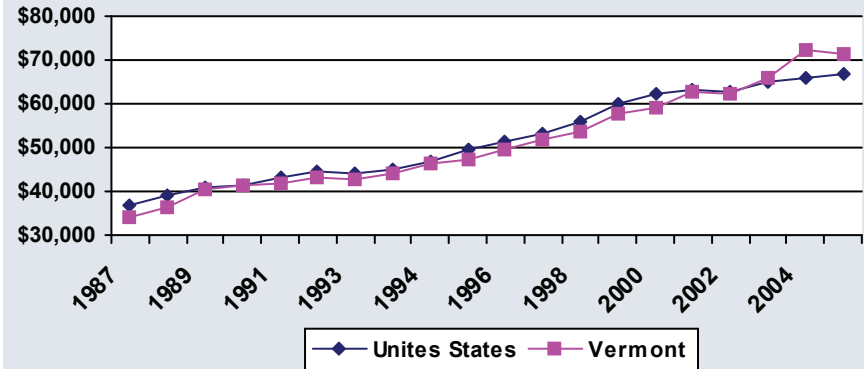
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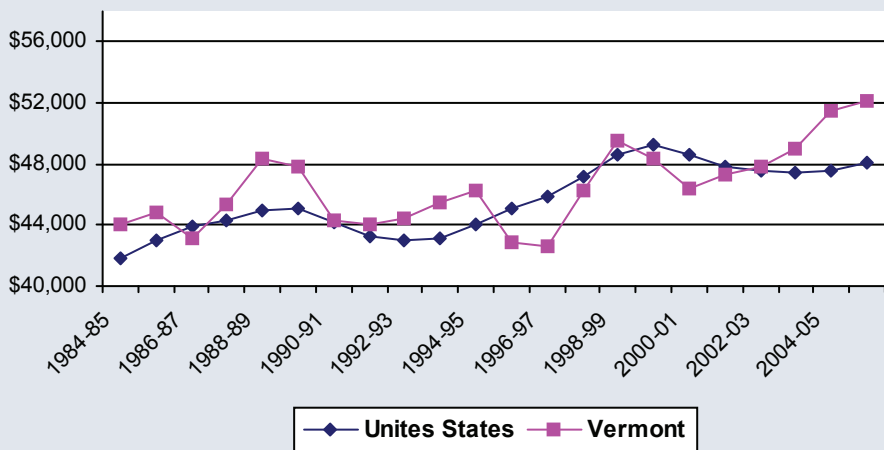
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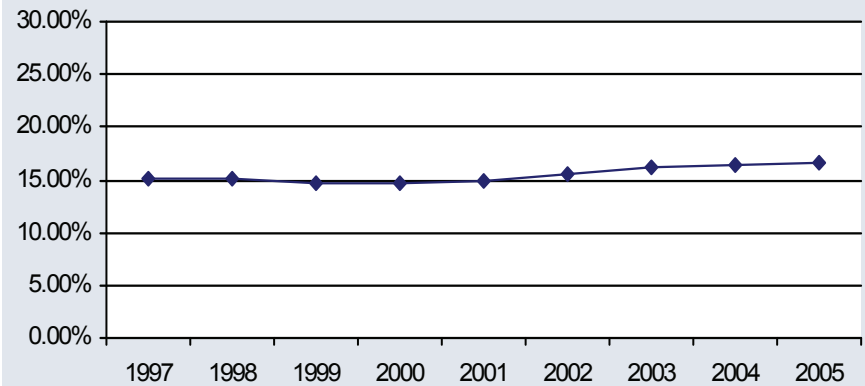
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Median Income of Households in 2006 dollars
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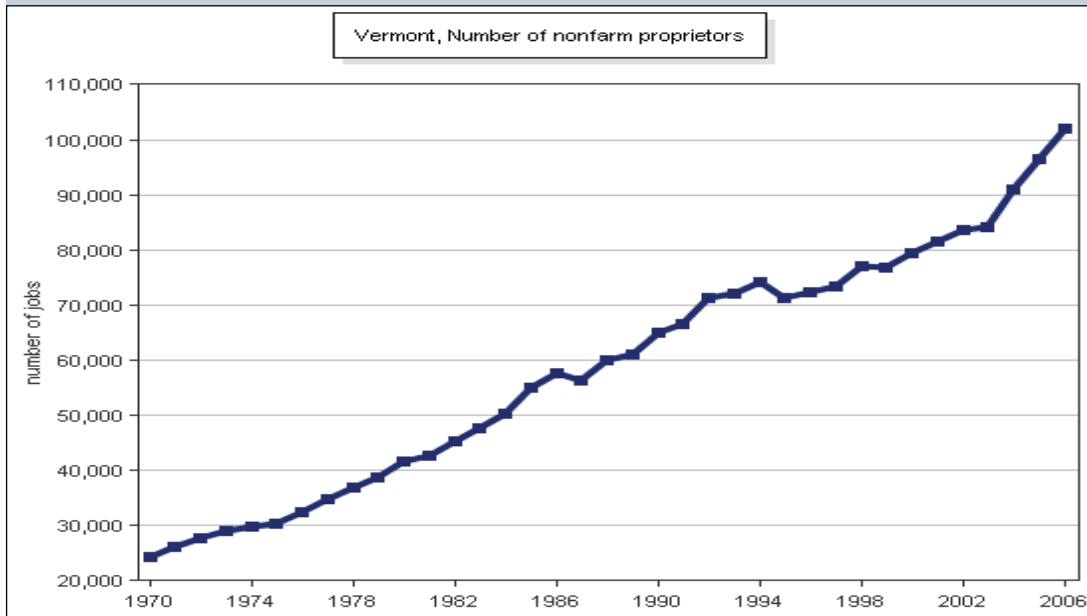
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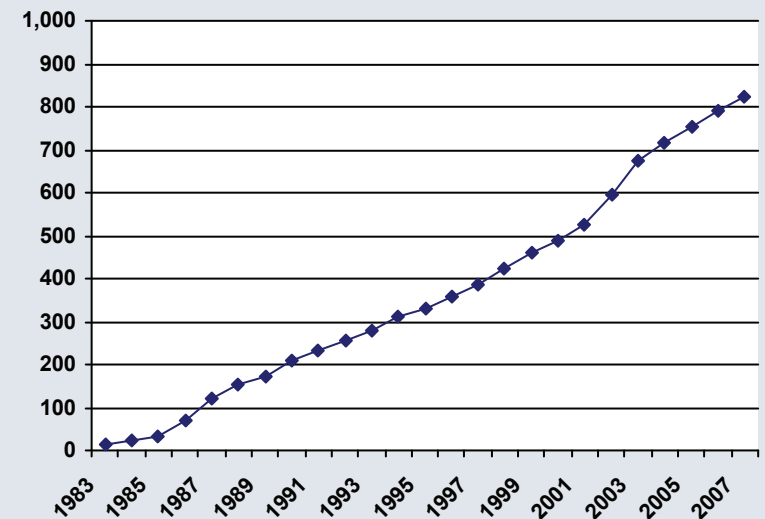
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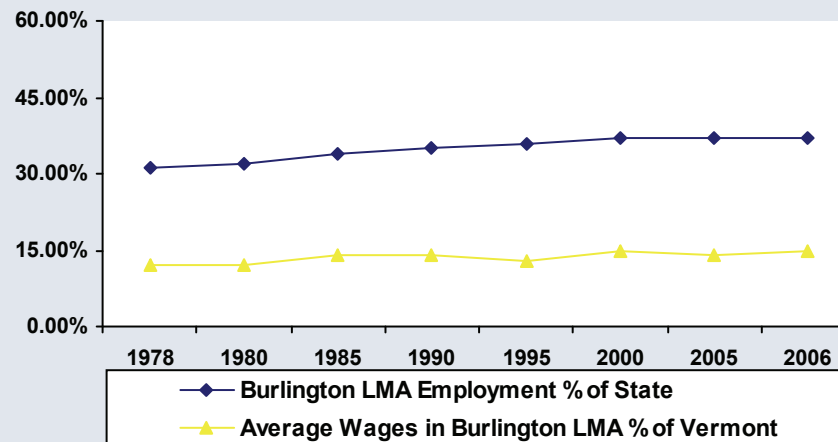
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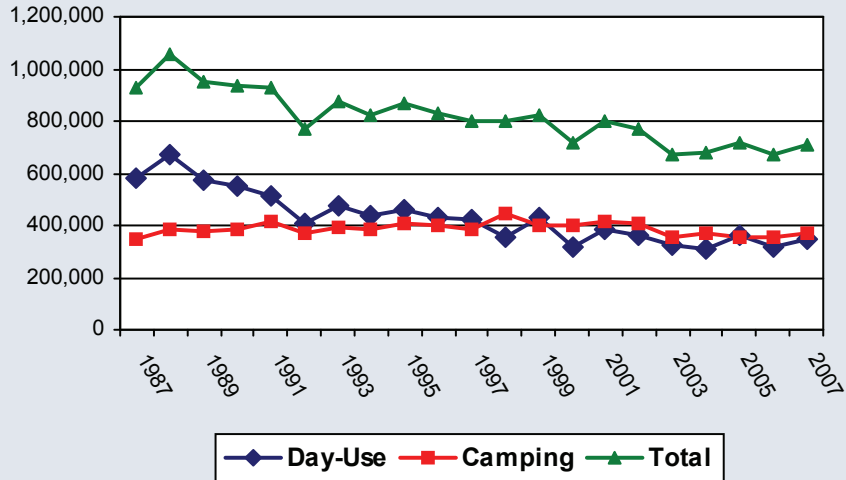
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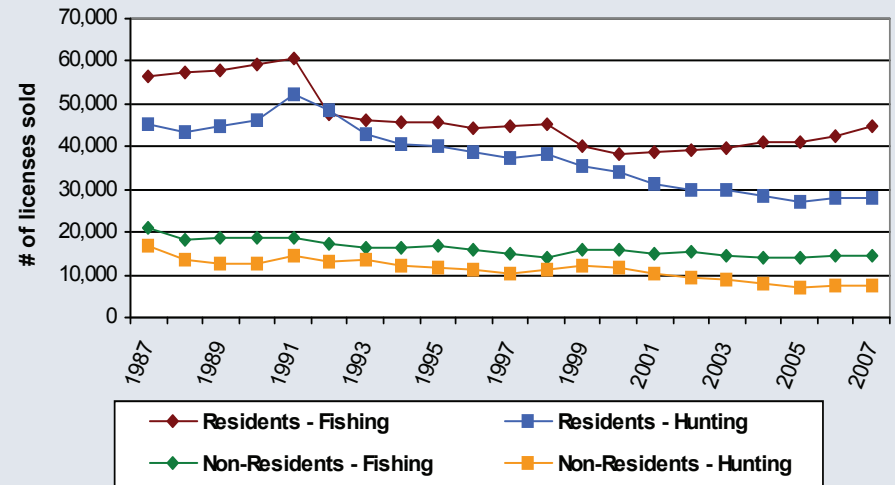
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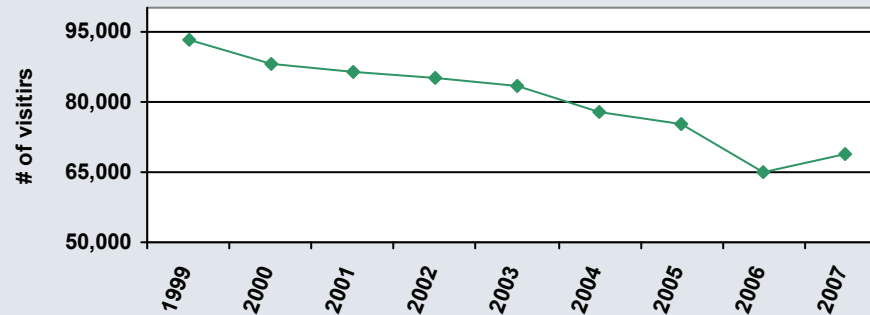
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Number of Hunting and Fishing Licenses
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Source: Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife

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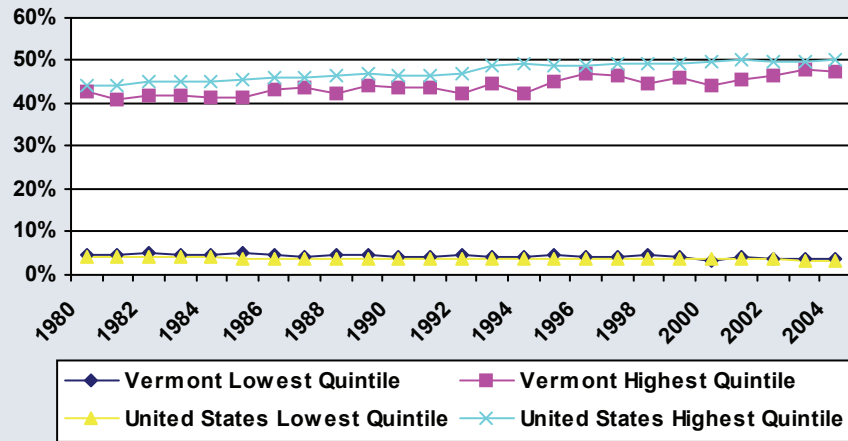
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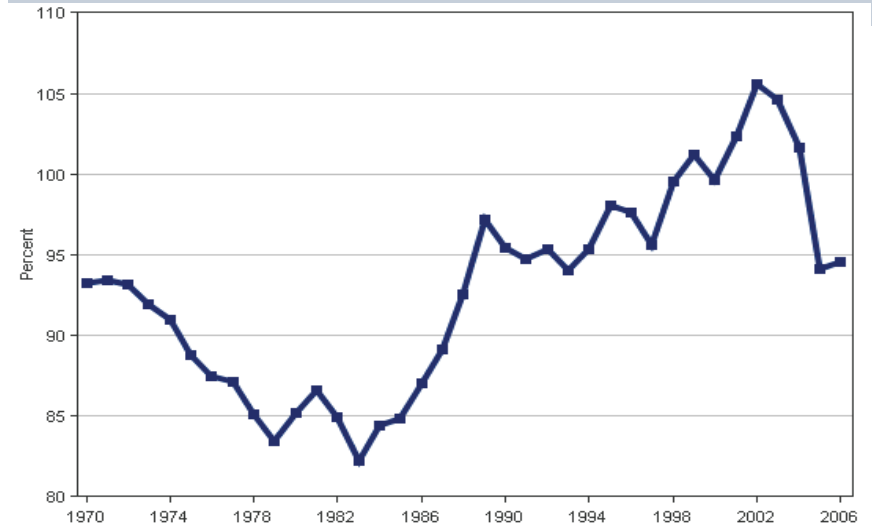
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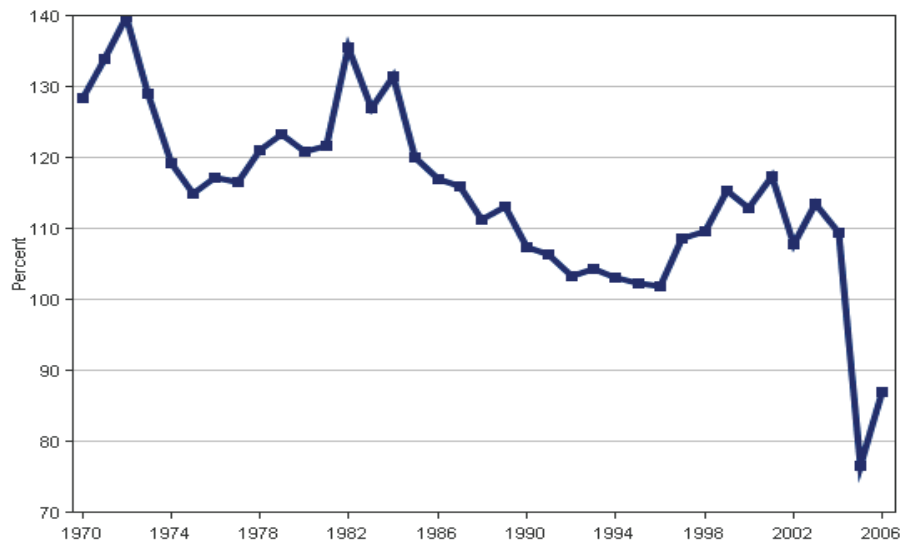
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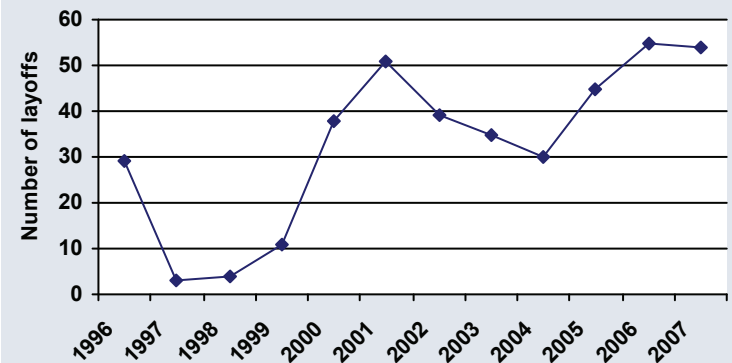
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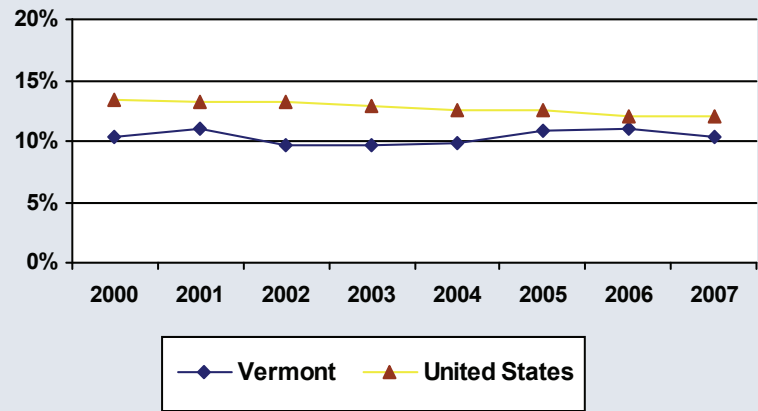
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* Mass Layoffs are defined by the U.S. Department of Labor as a situation when 50 or more persons file claims for unemployment insurance against a firm or institution during a consecutive 5-week period.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. <http://data.bls.gov/PDQ/servlet/SurveyOutputServlet>

Chart 4-15
Union Affiliation: Percent of Employed
in Vermont and the United States
2000 to 2007



Source: U.S. Department of Labor. "Union Affiliation data from the Current Population Survey."

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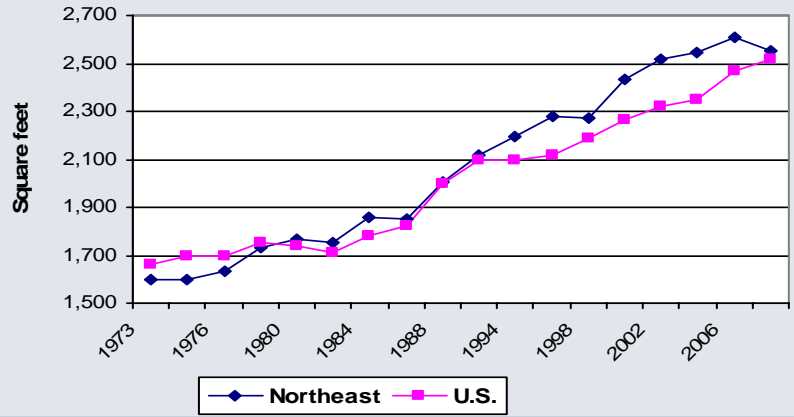
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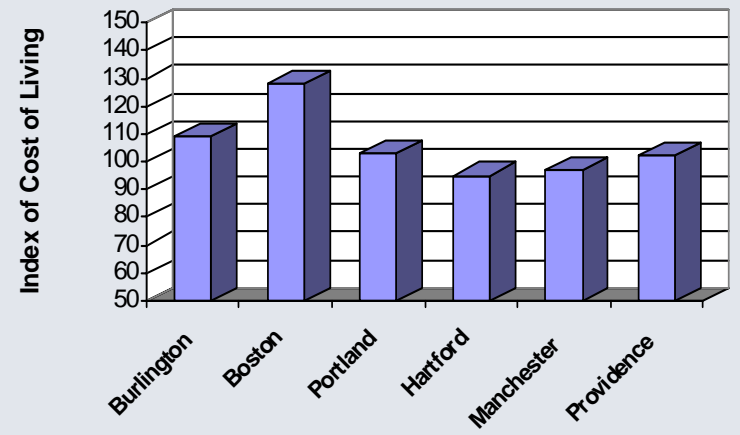
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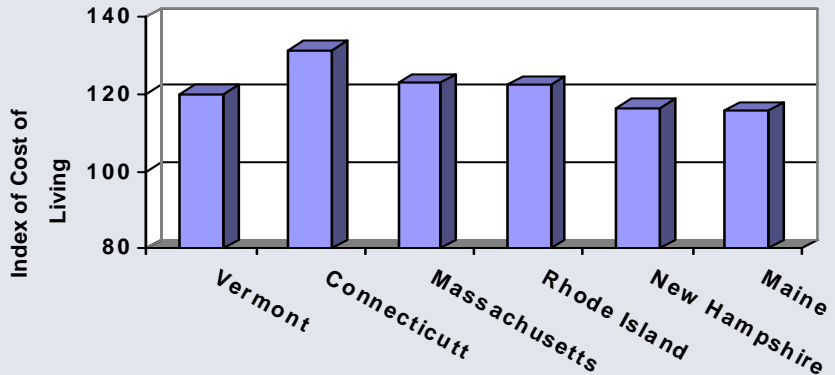
Source: U.S. Census, *Median and Average Square Feet of Floor Area in New One-Family Houses Completed by Location*: <http://www.census.gov/const/C25Ann/sfttotalmedavgsqft.pdf>

Chart 5-3: Cost of Living in the Largest Cities in Each New England State (U.S. = 100) 2007



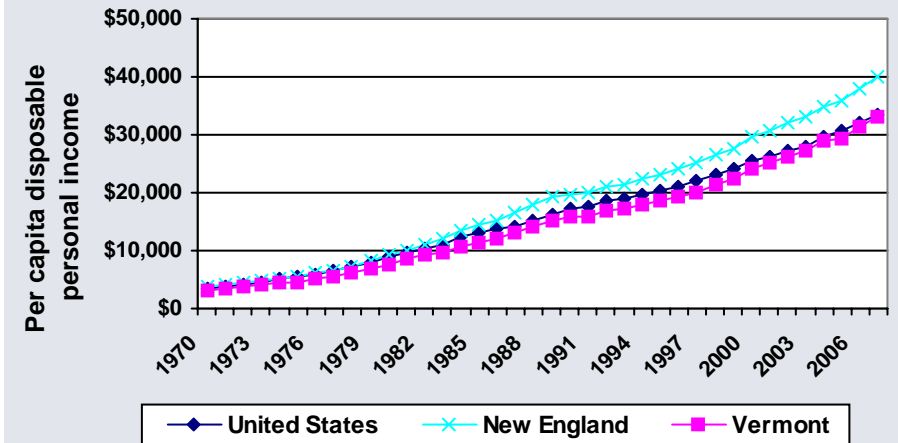
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Chart 5-2: Cost of Living Vermont and the Other New England States in 2008



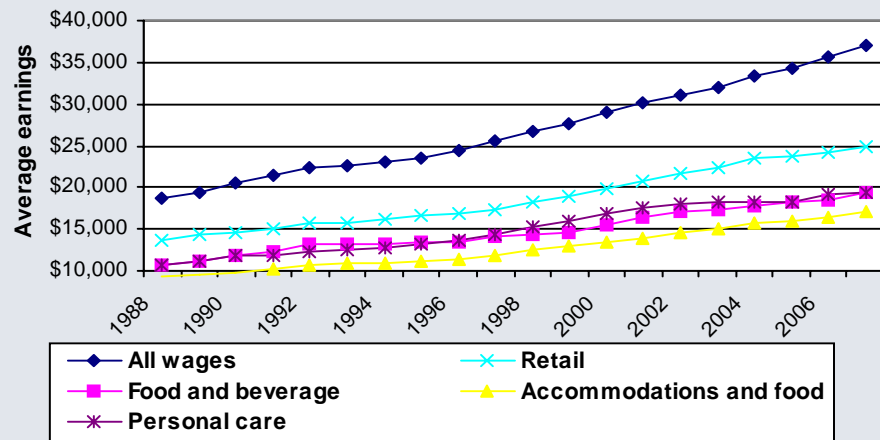
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Chart 5-4: Per Capita Disposable Personal Income Vermont, New England, U.S. 1970 to 2007



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Average Nominal (Non-Inflationary Adjusted)
Earnings in Select Industries in Vermont
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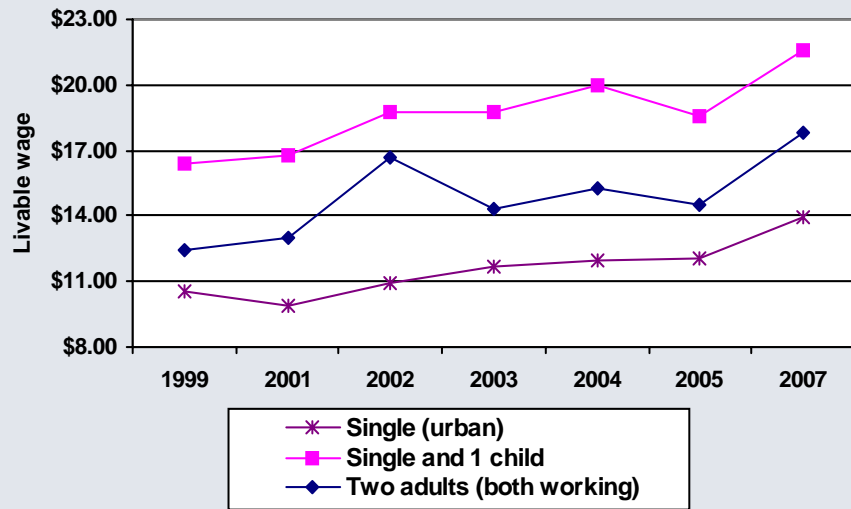
Source: Vermont Department of Labor, Economic and Labor Market Information. *U.I. Covered Employment and Wages*: <http://www.vtlni.info/indnaics.htm>

Table 5-6
Percent of People in Poverty
New England States
1985 to 2006

| | CT | ME | MA | NH | RI | VT |
|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1985 | 7.76% | 12.43% | 8.60% | 7.06% | 12.10% | 12.46% |
| 1986 | 6.83 | 11.70 | 9.10 | 5.60 | 10.30 | 10.93 |
| 1987 | 6.73 | 11.26 | 8.86 | 4.83 | 8.73 | 9.83 |
| 1988 | 5.53 | 11.70 | 8.63 | 5.06 | 9.00 | 9.46 |
| 1989 | 4.50 | 11.76 | 8.50 | 6.40 | 8.20 | 8.46 |
| 1990 | 4.30 | 12.23 | 9.33 | 6.90 | 8.00 | 9.00 |
| 1991 | 5.83 | 12.53 | 10.16 | 7.10 | 8.20 | 10.50 |
| 1992 | 8.13 | 13.56 | 10.66 | 7.43 | 10.10 | 11.33 |
| 1993 | 8.96 | 14.33 | 10.66 | 8.63 | 11.33 | 11.03 |
| 1994 | 9.70 | 12.76 | 10.23 | 8.76 | 11.30 | 9.36 |
| 1995 | 9.66 | 12.00 | 10.46 | 7.63 | 10.70 | 9.30 |
| 1996 | 10.73 | 10.60 | 10.26 | 6.46 | 10.63 | 10.16 |
| 1997 | 10.00 | 10.83 | 11.10 | 6.93 | 11.43 | 10.73 |
| 1998 | 9.93 | 10.56 | 10.33 | 8.43 | 11.76 | 10.60 |
| 1999 | 8.43 | 10.36 | 10.90 | 8.83 | 11.43 | 9.60 |
| 2000 | 8.13 | 10.36 | 10.10 | 7.30 | 10.60 | 9.83 |
| 2001 | 7.53 | 10.26 | 10.46 | 5.53 | 10.13 | 9.86 |
| 2002 | 7.90 | 11.20 | 9.86 | 4.93 | 10.46 | 9.96 |
| 2003 | 8.03 | 11.70 | 10.03 | 5.36 | 10.90 | 9.46 |
| 2004 | 10.11 | 11.88 | 9.29 | 5.57 | 11.57 | 8.01 |
| 2005 | 9.32 | 12.25 | 10.04 | 5.77 | 11.84 | 8.13 |
| 2006 | 9.15 | 11.48 | 10.48 | 5.46 | 11.38 | 7.76 |

Source: National Priorities Project:
http://www.nationalpriorities.org/nppdatabase_tool/

**Chart 5-7
Basic Needs – Livable Wage*
1999 to 2007**



Source: The Vermont Legislative Joint Fiscal Office, Sara Teachout, Fiscal Analyst, "Basic Needs Budgets and the Livable Wage"
*With employer assisted health care and moderate cost of food plan

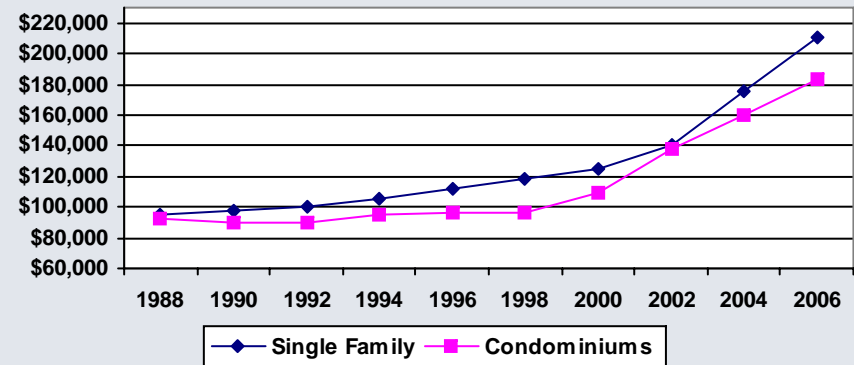
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Hunger in New England % Lacking Enough
Food* By State
1997 to 2005**

| | CT | ME | MA | NH | RI | VT |
|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1997 | 4.44% | 4.25 % | 3.25 % | 1.38 % | 2.53 % | 2.98% |
| 1998 | 4.10 | 4.00 | 2.10 | 3.10 | 2.70 | 2.70 |
| 1999 | 3.74 | 3.35 | 2.14 | 2.35 | 1.94 | 2.05 |
| 2000 | 2.90 | 3.03 | 2.37 | 2.47 | 2.73 | 2.17 |
| 2001 | 2.60 | 3.10 | 2.00 | 1.90 | 2.50 | 1.80 |
| 2002 | 2.80 | 2.80 | 2.10 | 2.10 | 3.40 | 2.40 |
| 2003 | 3.00 | 2.90 | 2.30 | 2.10 | 3.60 | 3.00 |
| 2004 | 3.00 | 3.10 | 2.70 | 2.40 | 4.20 | 3.60 |
| 2005 | 2.60 | 4.60 | 3.00 | 2.20 | 4.10 | 3.90 |

Source: National Priorities Project: http://www.nationalpriorities.org/nppdatabase_tool/

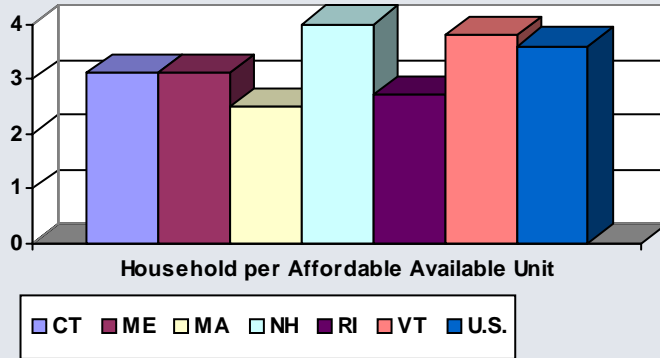
* of households who lacked enough food for all members of the household and where at least one family member at least one family member experienced hunger at some point for the year.

**Chart 5-9: Median Prices of Primary Residences
Sold in Vermont
1988 to 2006**



Source: U.S. Census: *Demographic Trends in the 20th Century*

**Chart 5-10: Number of Very Low-Income Households per Affordable and Available Rental Units
New England
2006***



Source: Policy Brief 07-01 NEPPC, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, January 2007 *Very low income is the bottom quintile of the income distribution

**Table 5-11
Vermont: Fair Market Rent
- 2 Bedroom
Monthly Price
1983 to 2005**

| | |
|------|--------|
| 1983 | \$ 406 |
| 1984 | N/A |
| 1985 | \$ 422 |
| 1986 | \$ 414 |
| 1987 | \$ 440 |
| 1988 | \$ 459 |
| 1989 | \$ 502 |
| 1990 | \$ 525 |
| 1991 | \$ 554 |
| 1992 | \$ 581 |
| 1993 | \$ 591 |
| 1994 | \$ 556 |
| 1995 | \$ 544 |
| 1996 | \$ 563 |
| 1997 | \$ 574 |
| 1998 | \$ 608 |
| 1999 | \$ 615 |
| 2000 | \$ 620 |
| 2001 | \$ 661 |
| 2002 | \$ 687 |
| 2003 | \$ 706 |
| 2004 | \$ 717 |
| 2005 | \$ 698 |

Source: National Priorities Project:
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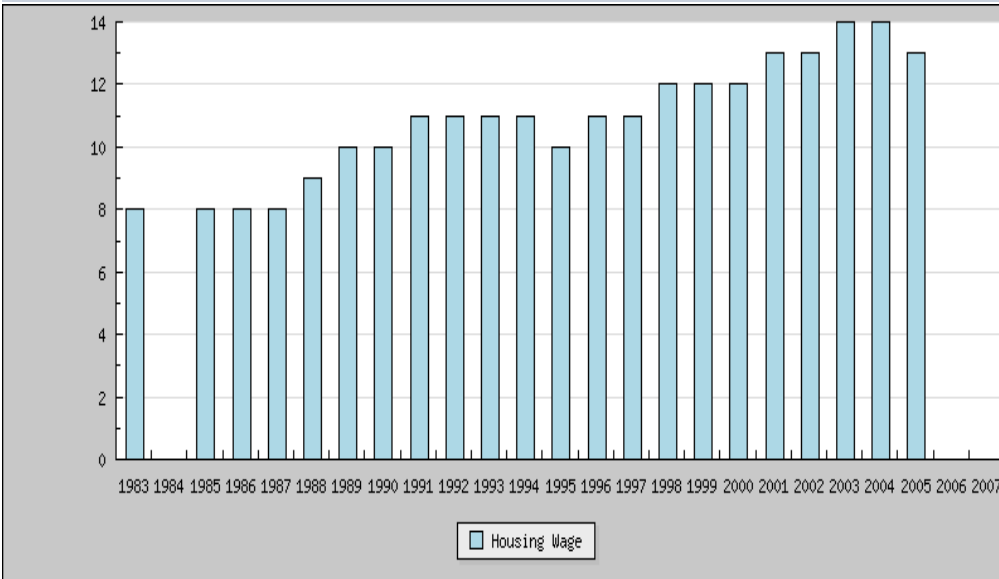
**Percent of Renters Unable to Afford a 2 Bedroom Apartment
New England States*
1998 to 2003**

| | VT | CT | ME | MA | NH | RI |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1998 | 44% | 39% | 41% | 40% | 39% | 43% |
| 1999 | 53 | 43 | 45 | 48 | 39 | 51 |
| 2000 | 48 | 42 | 46 | 46 | 44 | 46 |
| 2003 | 49 | 50 | 52 | 61 | 48 | 50 |

Source: National Priorities Project: http://www.nationalpriorities.org/nppdatabase_tool/

* Estimates from HUD of the renters who cannot afford fair market rent for a 2 bedroom apartment. Affordable rent is defined as paying no more than 30 of income for rent and utilities.

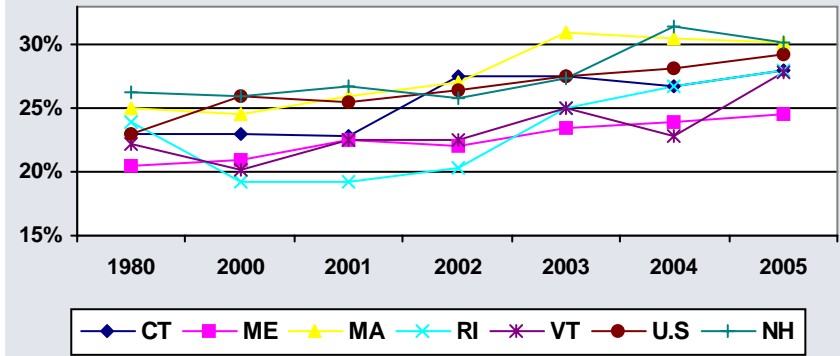
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Housing Wage in Vermont*
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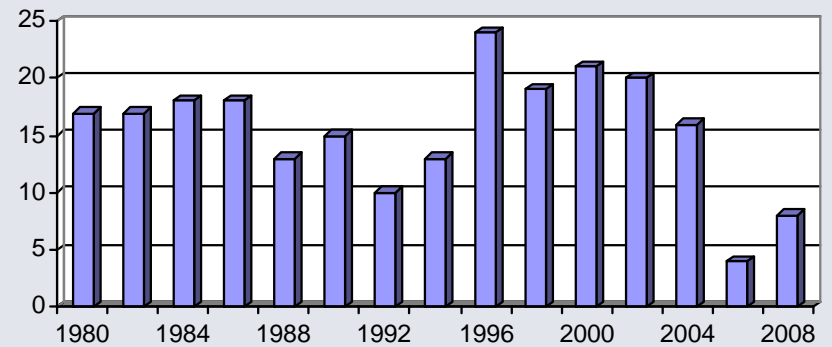
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Source: *The Lack of Affordable Housing in New England:*

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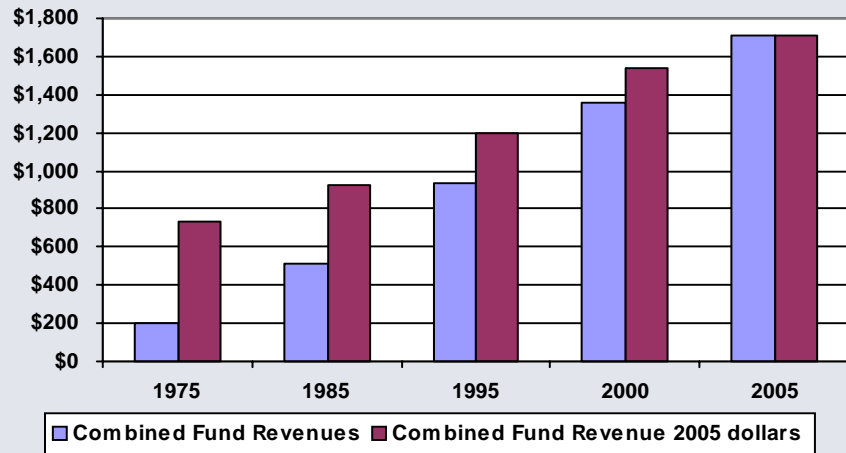
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State and Local Tax Collections
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1980 to 2008**



Source: Tax Foundation: http://www.taxfoundation.org/files/sl_burden_vermont-20080807.pdf

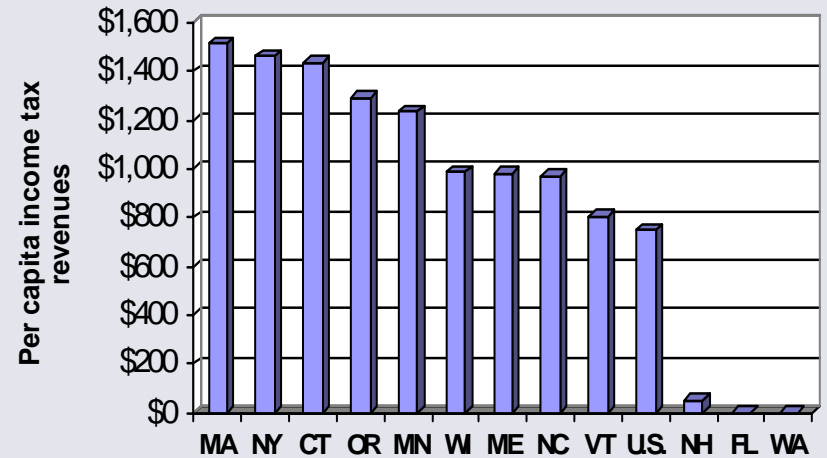
*The lower the rank, the higher the tax relative to income.

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Combined Vermont Fund Revenues
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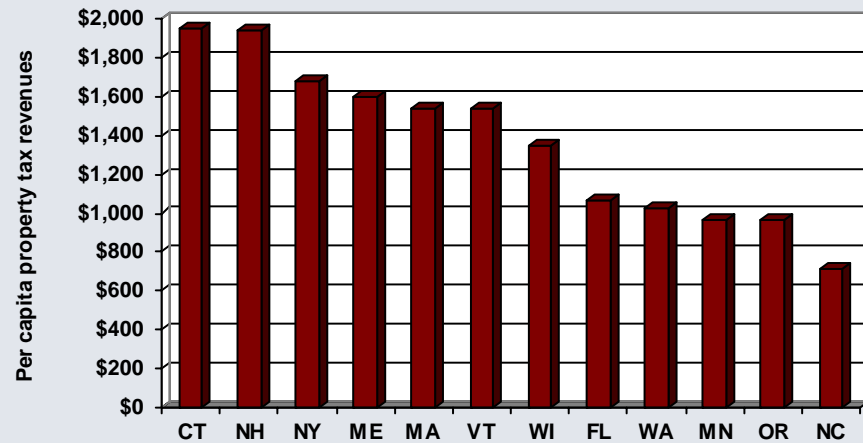
Source: Vermont Legislative Joint Fiscal Office 2007 Vermont Tax Study

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2005 Individual Income Tax Revenues per Capita,
12 State and U.S. Comparisons**



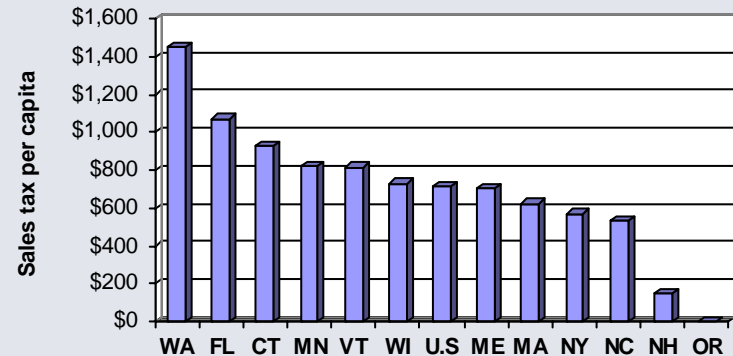
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Chart 5-17: FY 2004 State and Local Property Tax Revenues Per Capita (State and Local) 12 State Comparisons



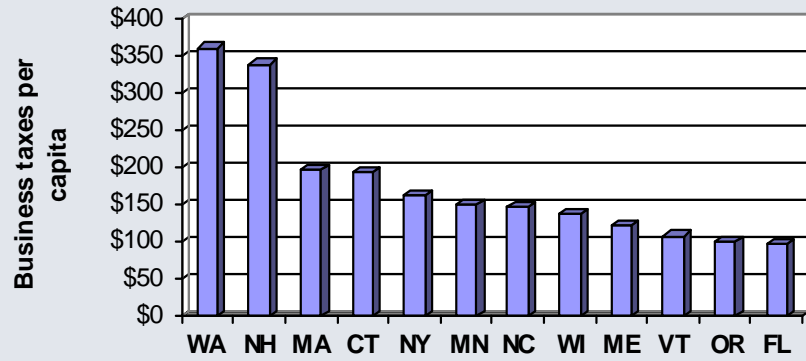
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**Chart 5-19
2005 State Sales Tax Revenue per Capita
12 State and U.S. Comparisons**



Source: Vermont Legislative Joint Fiscal Office. 2007 Vermont Tax Study
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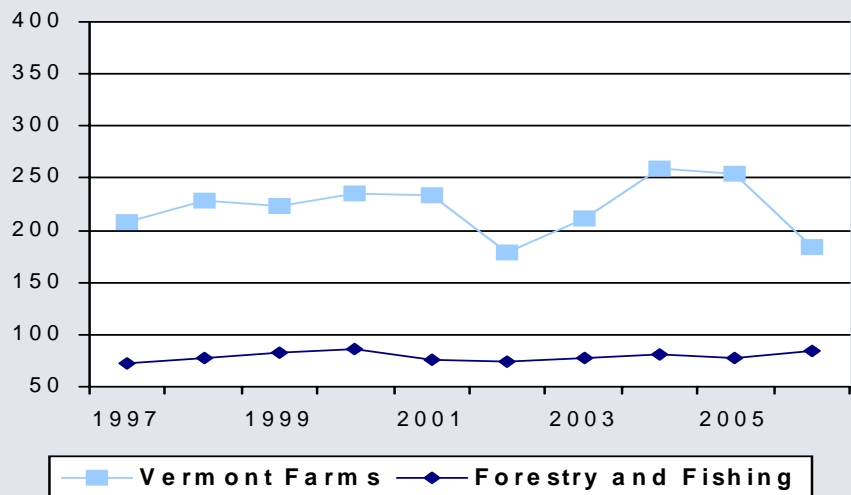
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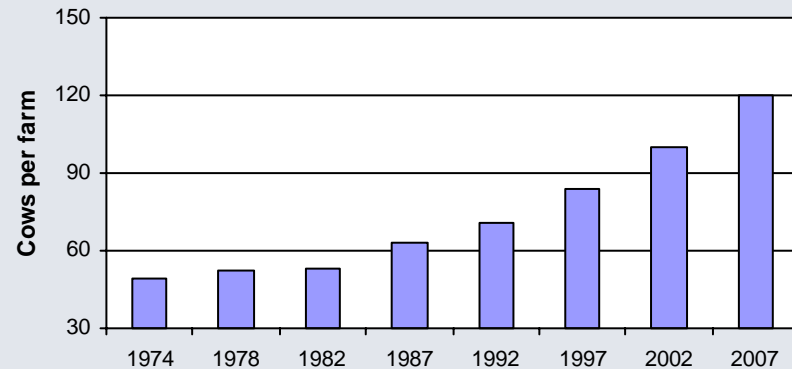
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Value of Output (in millions)
1997 to 2007



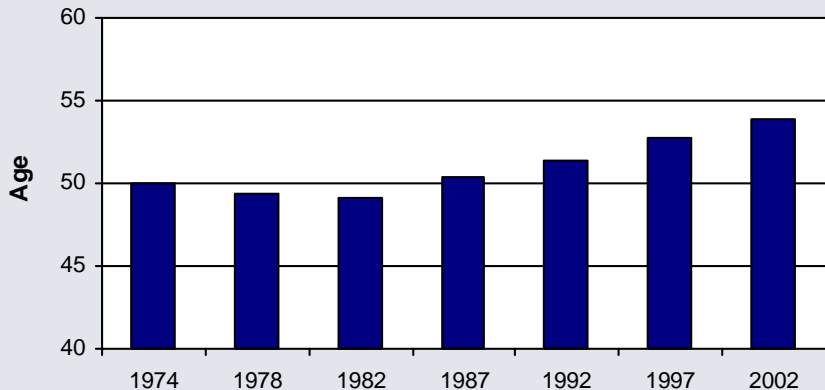
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Average Number of Cows on Vermont Dairy Farms
1974 to 2007



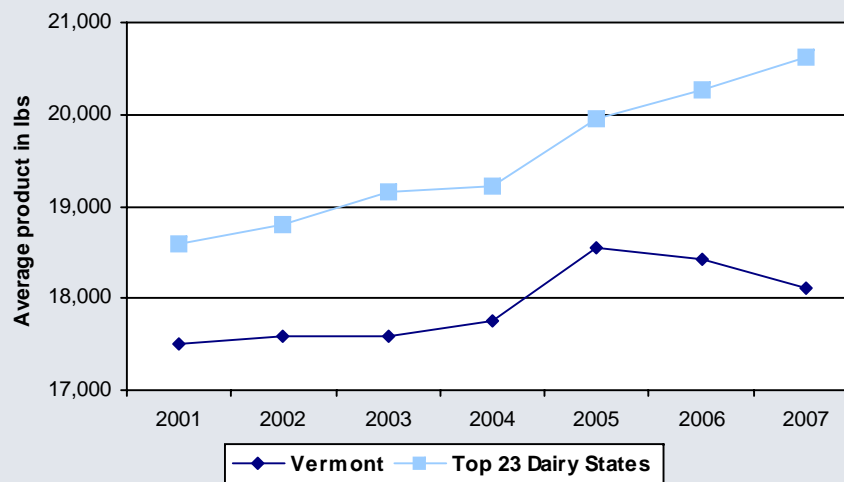
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Average Age of Primary Operators of Vermont Farms
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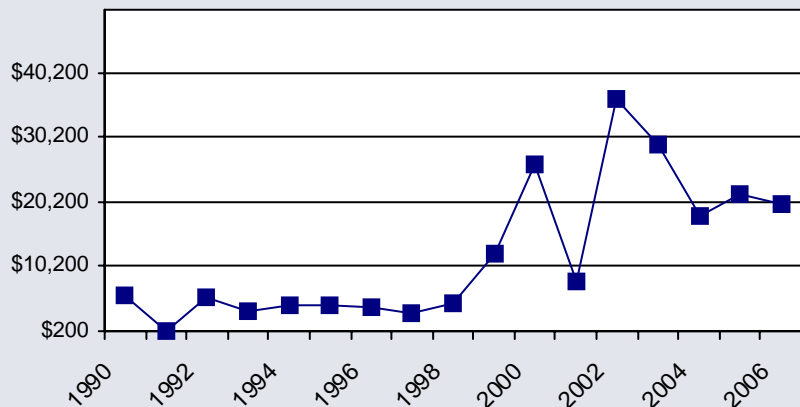
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Milk Produced per Cow in Vermont and Selected Dairy States (in Pounds), 2001 to 2007



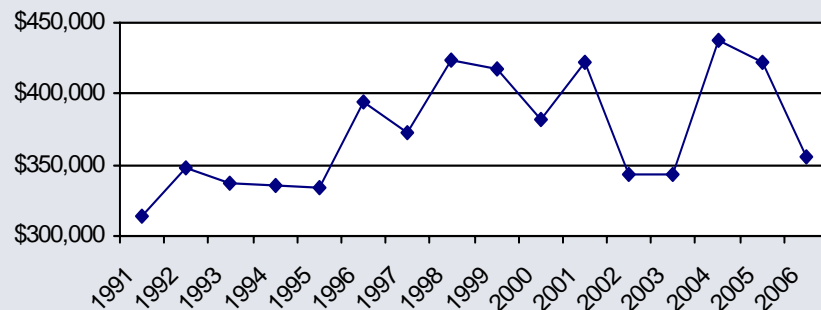
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Value of Government Payments to Farms in Vermont (Thousands of dollars)
1991 to 2006



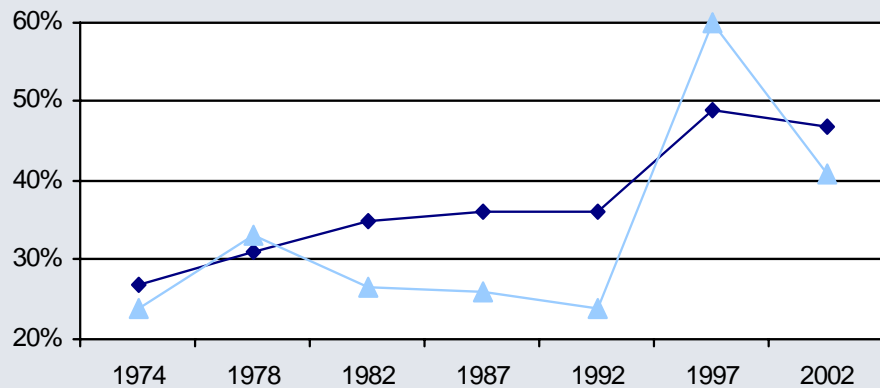
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Value of Milk Produced in Vermont (1,000 dollars)
1991 to 2006



Source: New England Agricultural Statistics. 2001 and 2006 Annual Bulletins. (There are minor discrepancies in the two numbers from the two series)

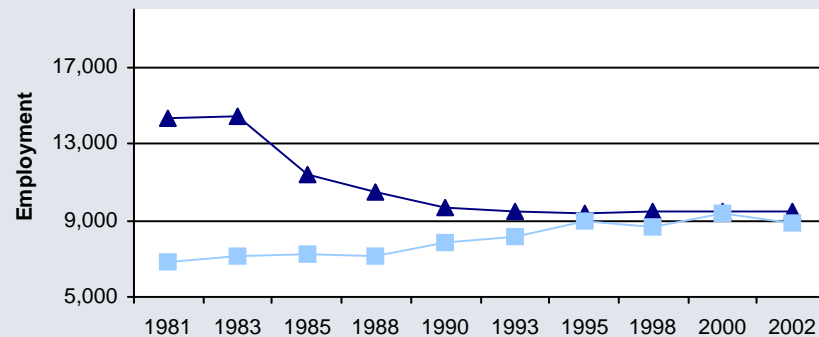
Chart 6-6: Changing Structure of Vermont Farms
1974 to 2002



◆ % of farm operators whose primary occupation is not farming
 ▲ % of farms with sales under \$2,500

Source: 2002 Census of Agriculture-State Data. Historical Highlights: 200-2

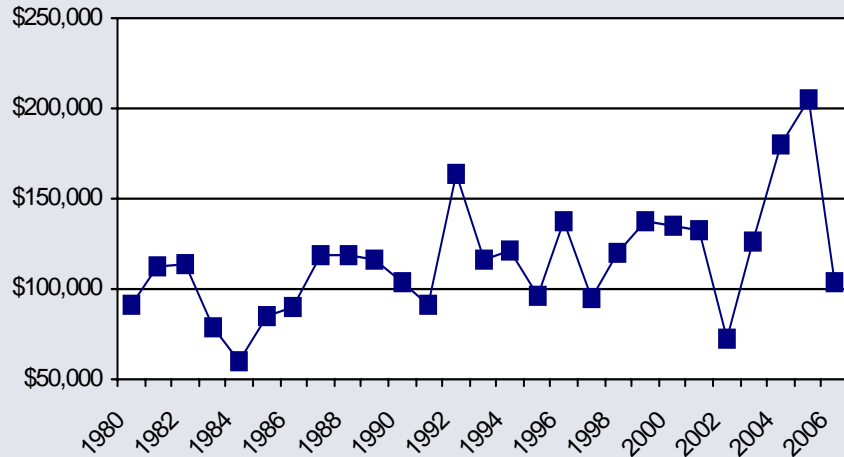
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Employment on Farms and Related Industries in Vermont
1981 to 2002



▲ Dairy Farms
 ■ Agricultural Related Industries

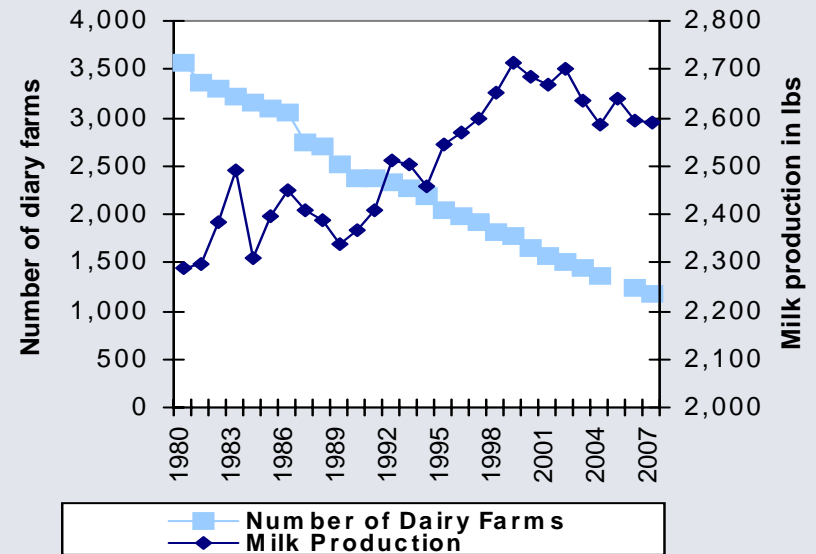
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Net Farm Income in Vermont
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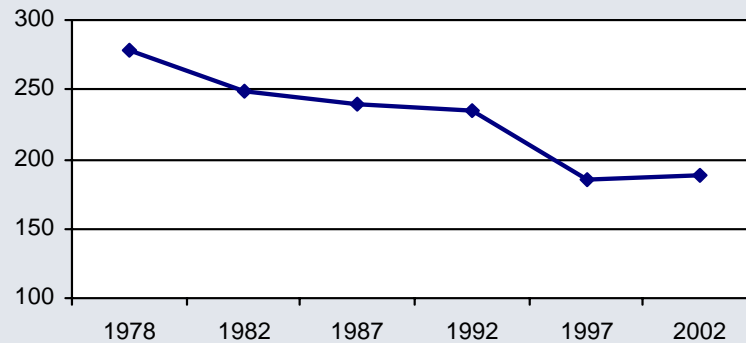
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Chart 6-10
Number of Vermont Dairy Farms and
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Source: Vermont Department of Agriculture, unpublished chart, Vermont Dairy Production

Chart 6-11
Average Size of Vermont Farms
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Source: United States Department of Agriculture. Economic Research Service. State Fact Sheets: Vermont

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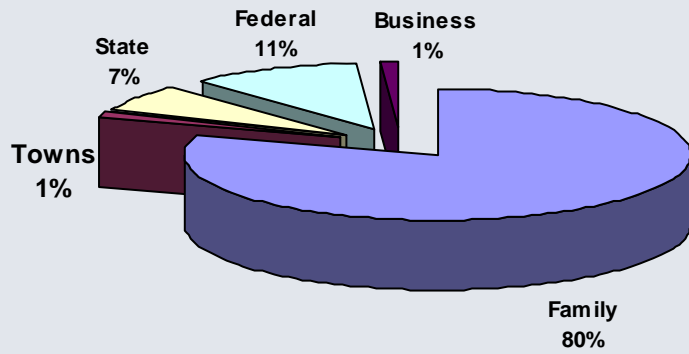
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4. Sawtimber in Vermont's Forests, 1973 to 1997



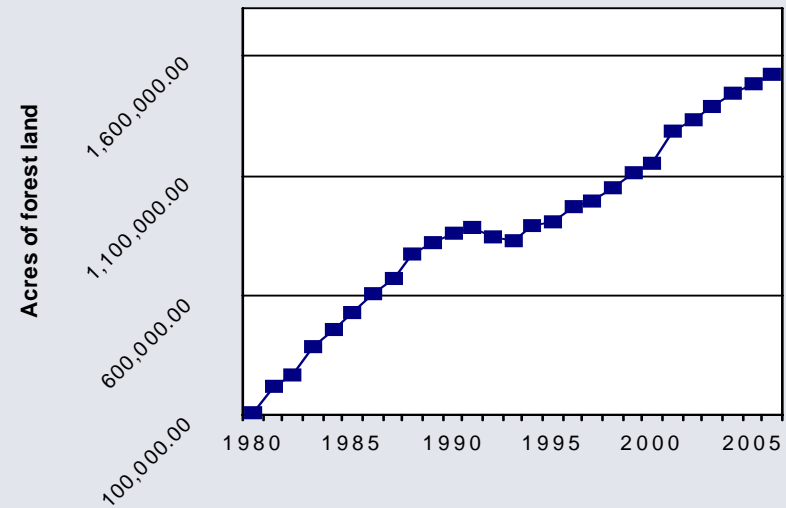
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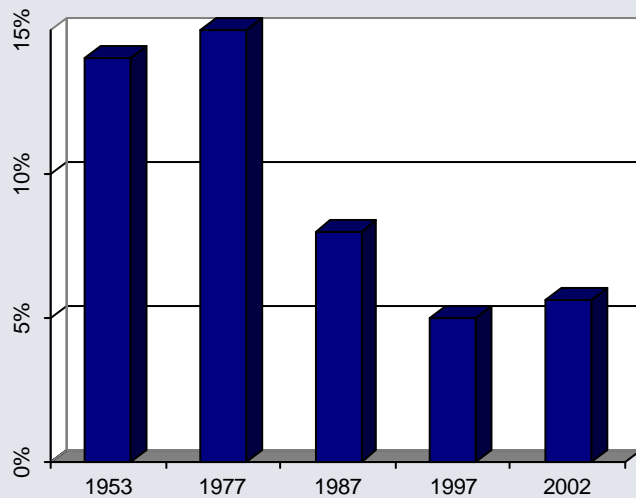
Source: U.S. Department Agriculture Forest Service, "The Forests of the Green Mountain State."

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Acres Enrolled in Forest Land
1980 to 2006**



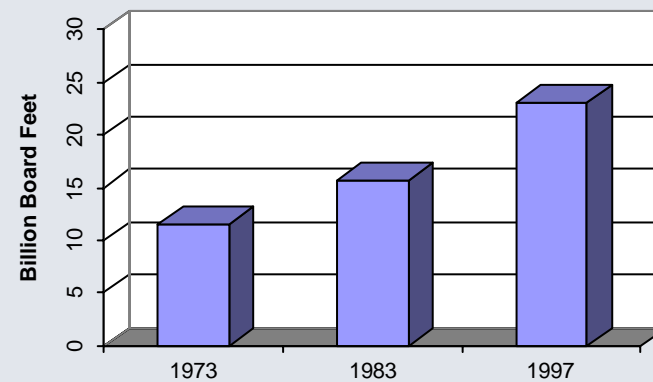
Source: Vermont Department of Taxes

**Chart 7-2
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1953 to 2002**



Source: Forest Resources of the United States, 2002
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**Chart 7-4
Sawtimber in Vermont's Forests
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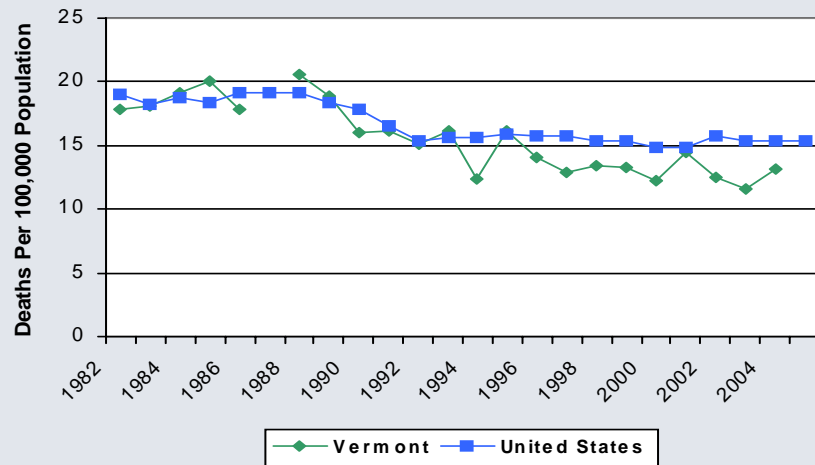
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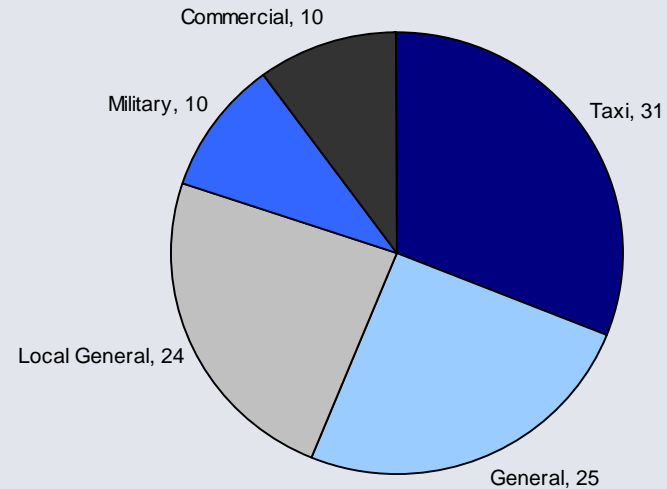
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**Chart 9-1
Motor Vehicle Accident Death Rates
Vermont and United States, 1982 to 2004**



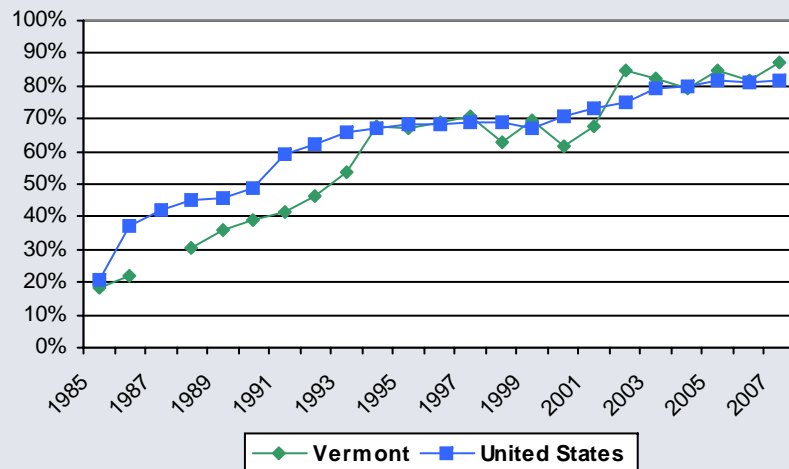
Source: Bureau of the Census, "Statistical Abstract of the United States," various years; Vermont Department of Health, "Vermont Vital Statistics," various years; "Datapedia of the United States: American History in Numbers," (2004), George Thomas Kurian

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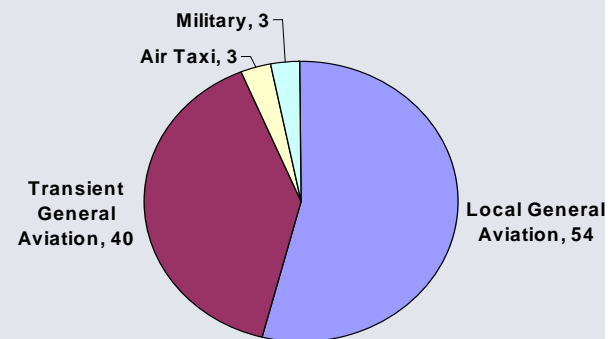
Source: AIRNAV.com, Burlington International Airport <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KBTV>

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Percent of Population Using Seatbelts
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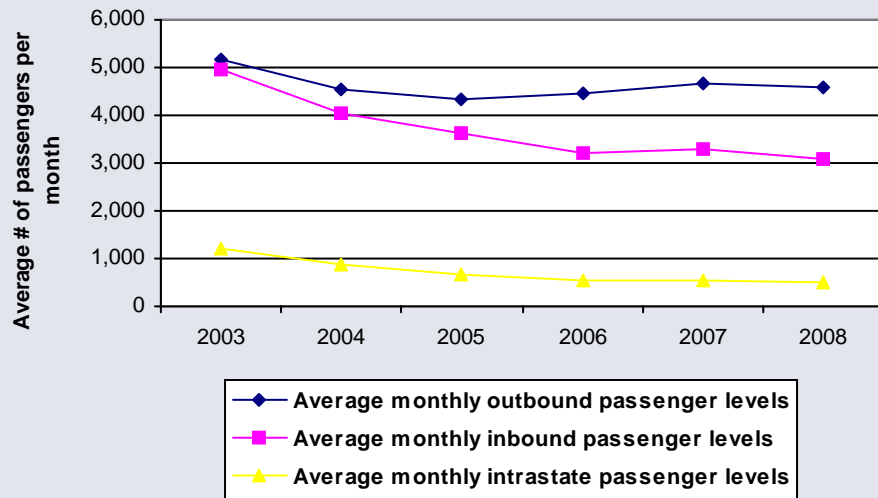
Source: Vermont Department of Public Safety, Governor's Highway Safety, courtesy Steve Reckers*Note: A change in method of data collection partially explains the drop in 1998.

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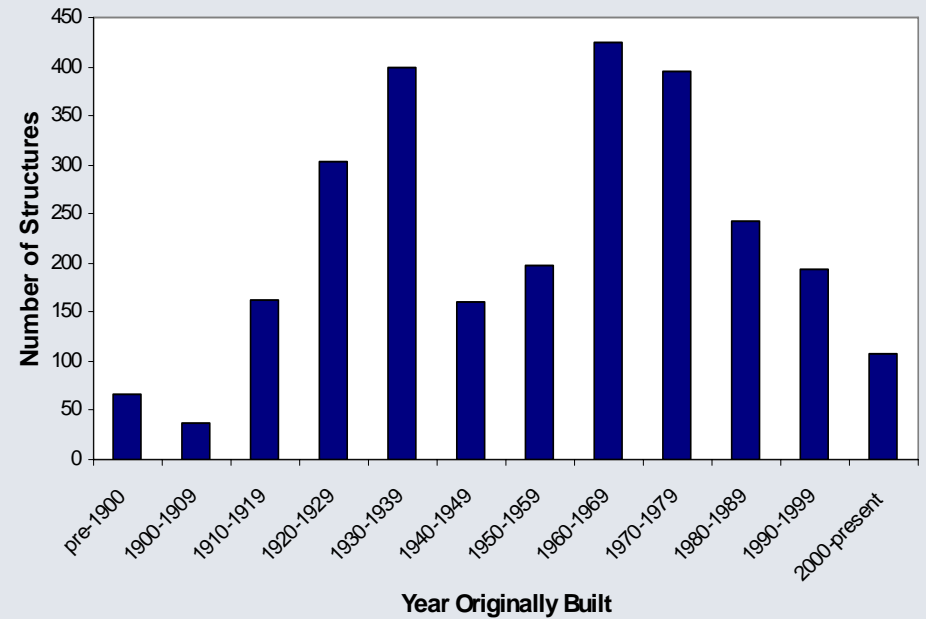
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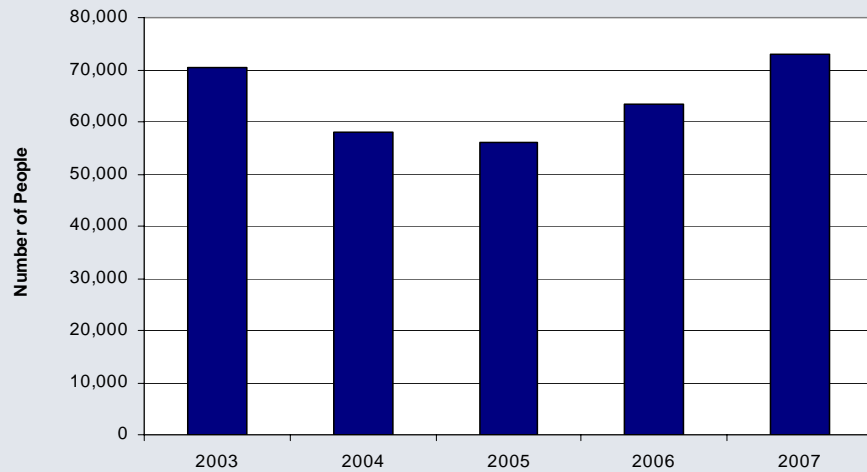
Source: Greyhound Corporation.
 * Intrastate travelers are included in both outbound and inbound passenger levels.
 * Ridership levels are calculated for only four months in 2003 and nine months in 2008.

Chart 9-7: Age of Long Bridge Structures in Vermont Pre-1900 to Present



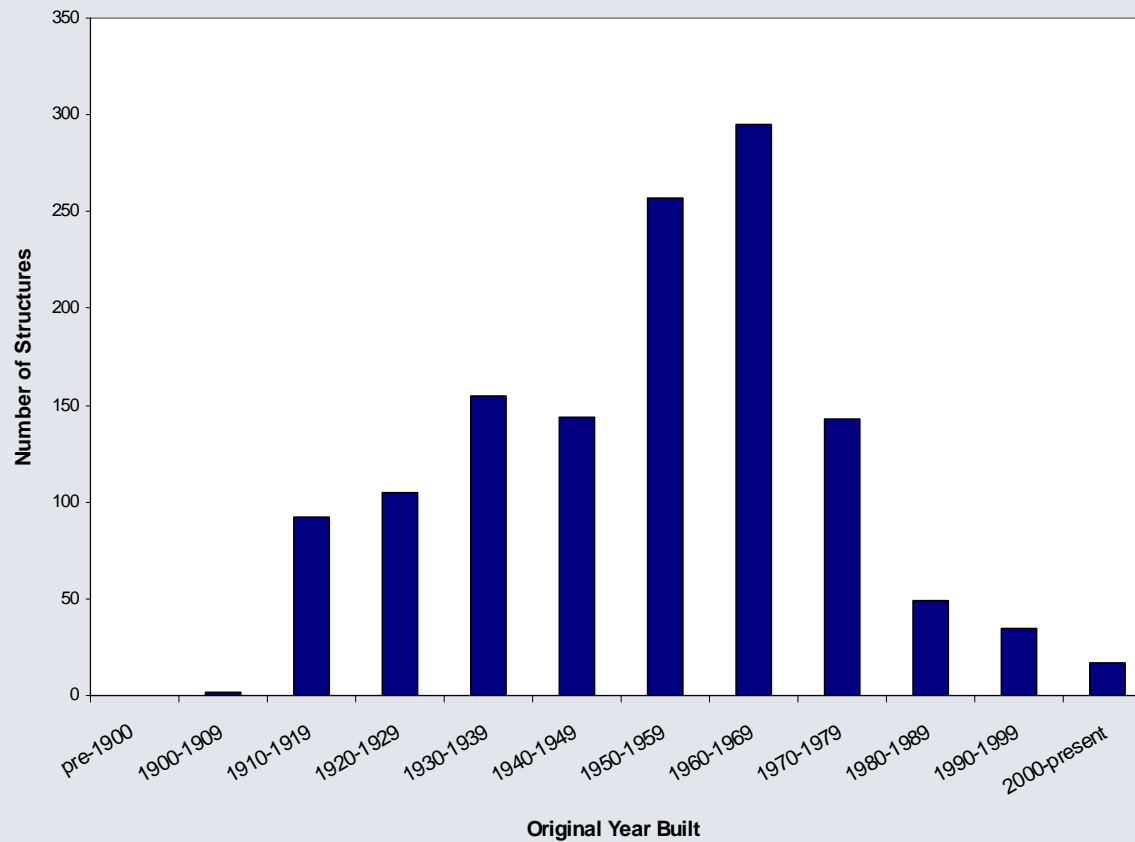
Source: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Program Development-Structures Section, Annual Report, 2008, page 5.
 Note: Long Structures span more than 20 feet. Also, the peaks of building represent construction after a flood in 1927 and the interstate era (approximately 1958 to 1978).

Chart 9-6: Total Number of Passengers Boarding and Detrainig, All of Vermont Amtrak Stations 2003 to 2007



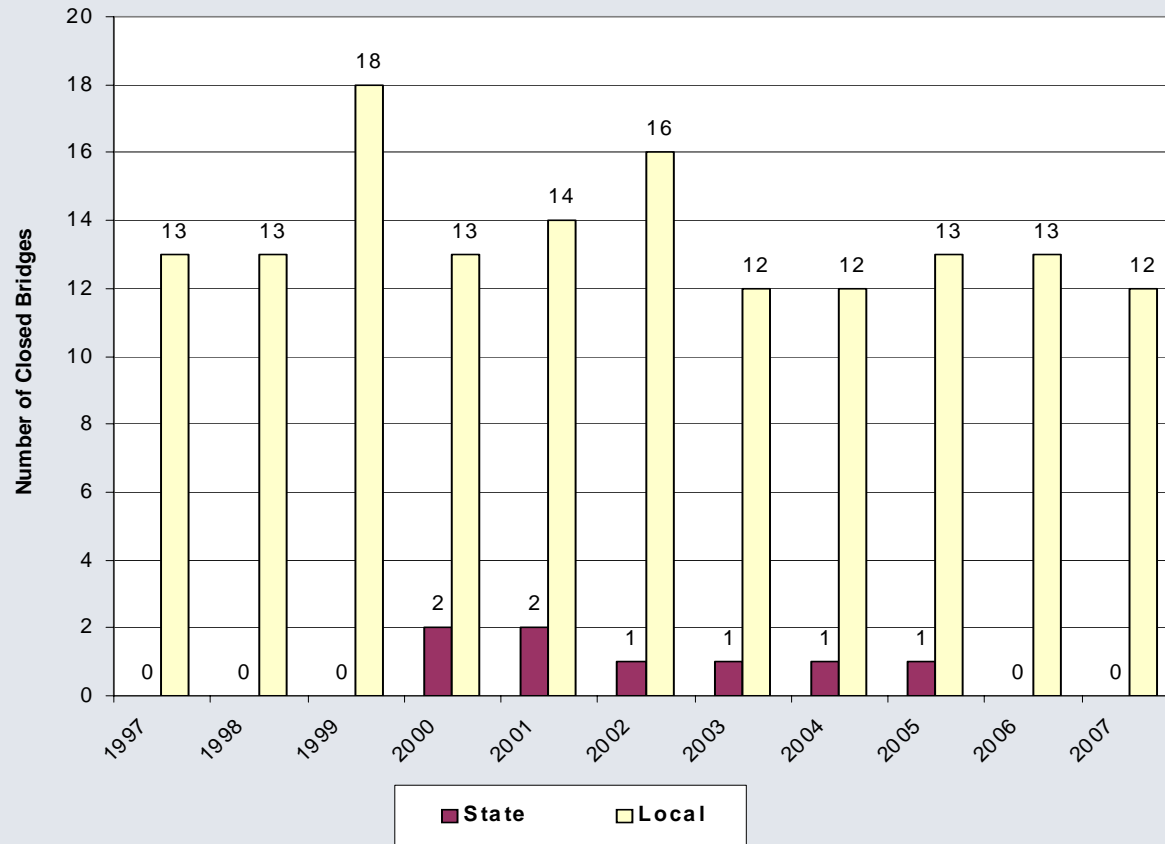
Source: National Association of Railroad Passengers, http://www.narprail.org/cms/images/uploads/fact_sheets_all06.pdf (p847)

Chart 9-8
Age of Short Bridge Structures in Vermont
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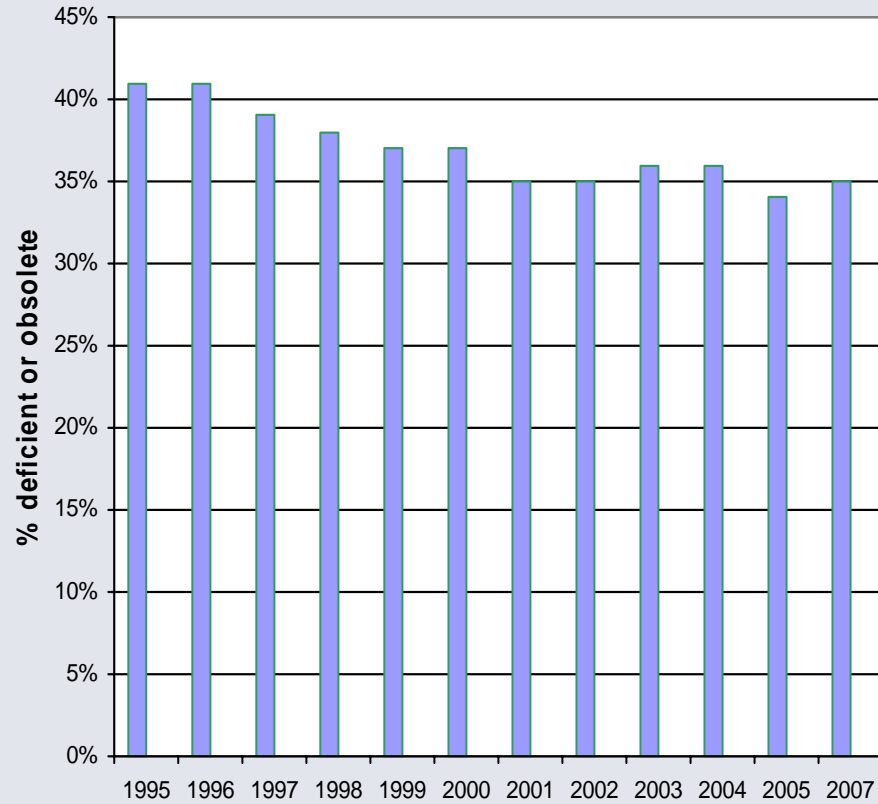
Source: Vt Agency of Transportation, Program Development—Structures Section, Annual Report, 2008.
* Note: Short bridges span more than 6 ft, but are not designated as 'long'.

**Chart 9-9
Number of Closed Bridges in Vermont
1997 to 2007**



Source: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Program Development—Structures Section, Annual Report, 2008, page 11.

Chart 9-10
Percent of Vermont Road Bridges
Classified as "Structurally Deficient or Functionally
Obsolete" , 1995 to 2007

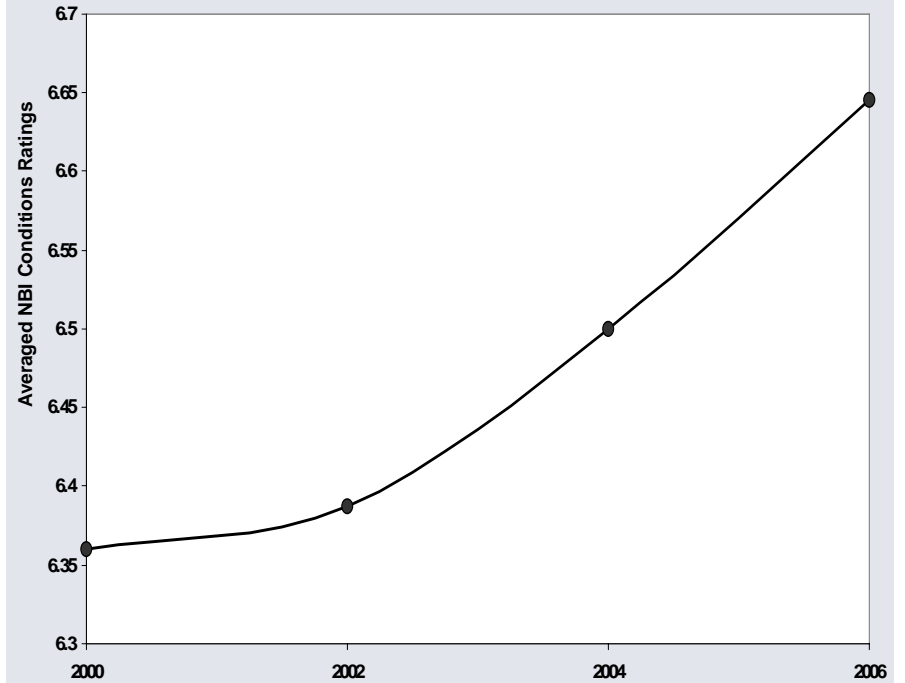


Source: U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, various annual reports.

Note: The total number bridges rated in Vermont varied slightly from about 2,686 to 2,716. Explanations for the terms "structurally deficient or functionally obsolete" can be found at the following source:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/2006cpr/pdfs/chap3.pdf>
http://www.bts.gov/publications/state_transportation_statistics/state_transportation_statistics_2007/

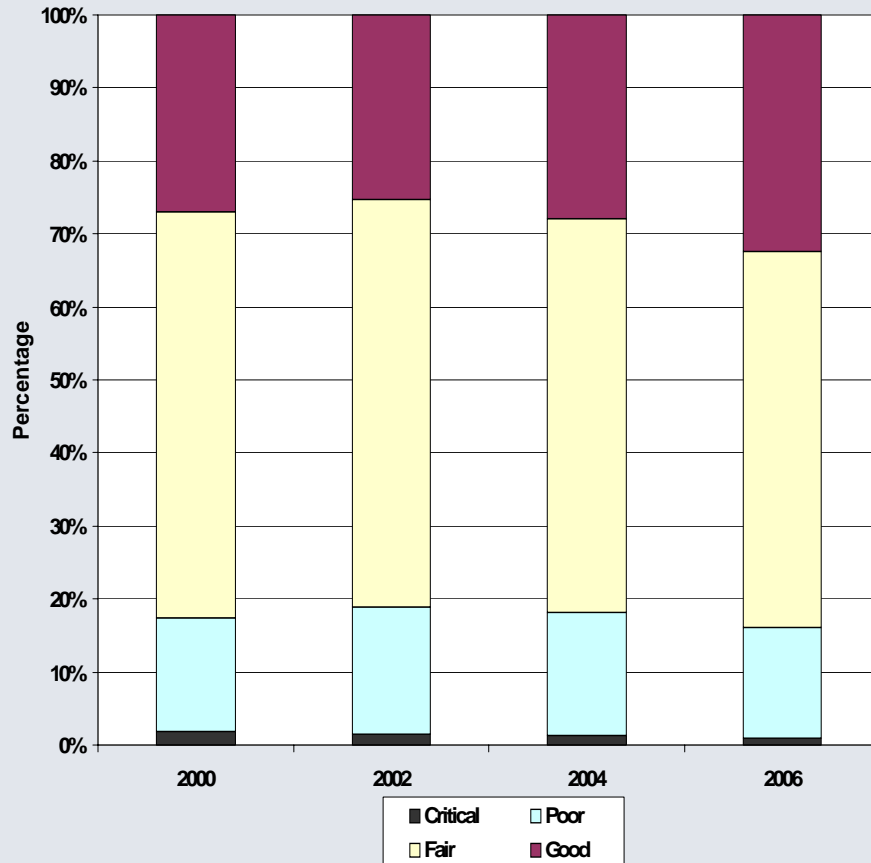
Chart 9-11
Averaged National Bridge Inventory Conditions Ratings
(All Bridges) Vermont 2000 to 2006



Source: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Program Development—Structures Section, Annual Report, 2008, page 9.

Note: The scale ranges from 0 to 10, with 10 being the highest.

Chart 9-12
Lowest Rated Component (All Bridges) in Vermont
2000 to 2006



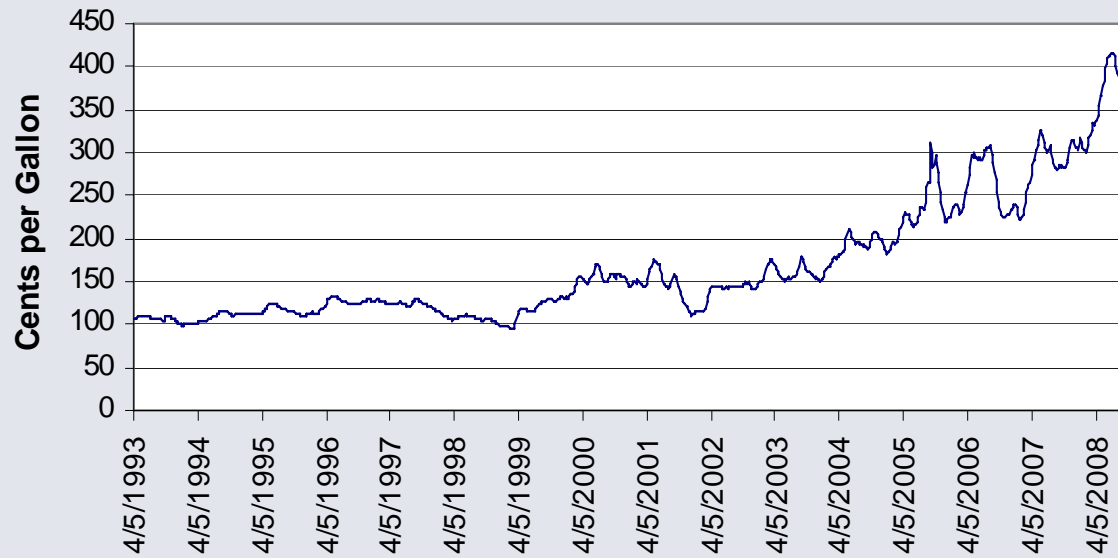
Source: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Program Development—Structures Section, Annual Report, 2008, page 10.

Chart 9-13
Selected Transportation Expenditures in Vermont
Millions of Dollars
1991, 2002, 2007

| | 1991 | 2002 | 2007 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Paving | 12.1 | 38.3 | 51.5 |
| Maintenance | 37.9 | 46.8 | 59.4 |
| Town Highway Bridges | 2.5 | 23.6 | 28.0 |
| Public Transit | 2.0 | 11.9 | 15.6 |
| Project development (excluding paving) | 68.7 | 94.1 | 110.9 |
| Rail | 2.3 | 12.5 | 10.4 |
| Aviation | 5.5 | 10.1 | 9.8 |
| Entire Budget (includes other categories) | 166.3 | 327.6 | 387.9 |

Source: University of Vermont Transportation Research Center, courtesy Karen Glitman

Chart 9-14
Weekly Retail Gasoline Prices
United States
April, 1993 to April, 2008



Source: Energy Information Administration, Petroleum Navigator, http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/dnav/pet/hist/mg_tt_usW.htm
Note: Gasoline is all grades and formulations.

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Chapter II: EDUCATION ~ APPENDIX

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7. Tuition and Fees, Family Income and Aid, 1986-87, 1996-97, 2006-07
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10. Percent Achieving Competency: Vermont and the United States, 2007



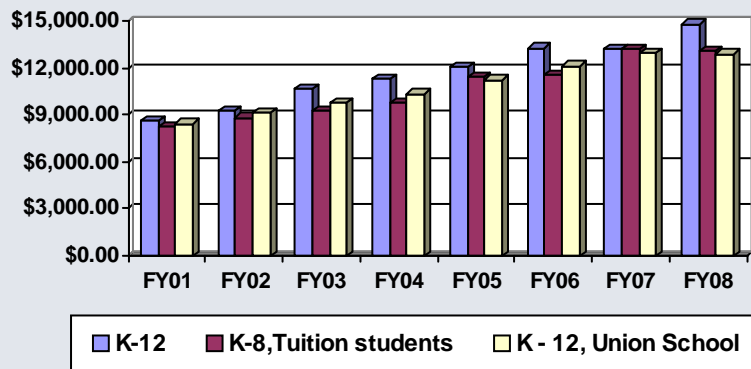
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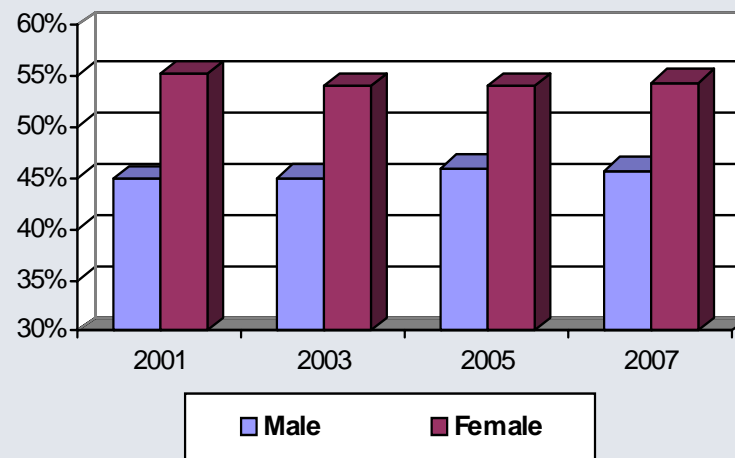
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**Chart 11-1
Per Pupil Spending by District Type
FY01 to FY08**



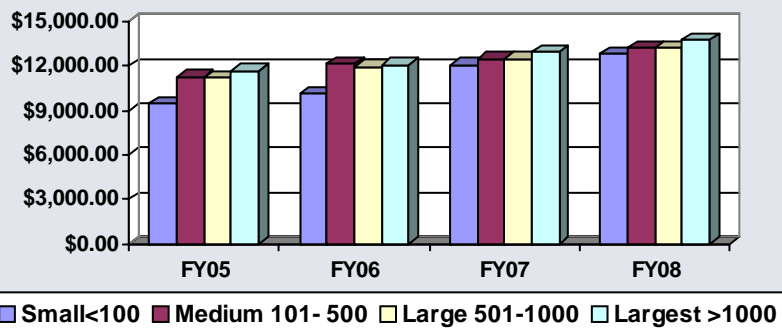
Source: Vermont Department of Education, electronic data bases:
<http://education.vermont.gov/index.htm>

**Chart 11-3
Vermont Total Undergraduate Headcount by
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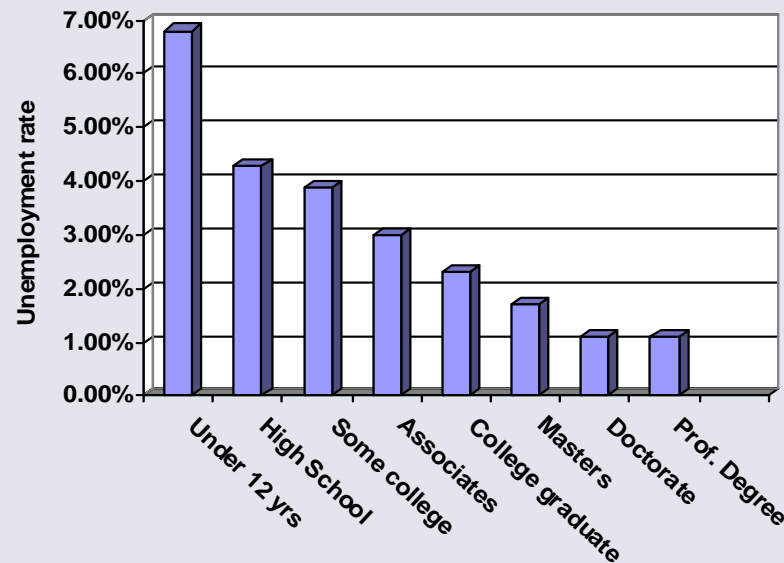
Source: Vermont Higher Education Council

**Chart 11-2
Per Pupil Expenditure by School Size**



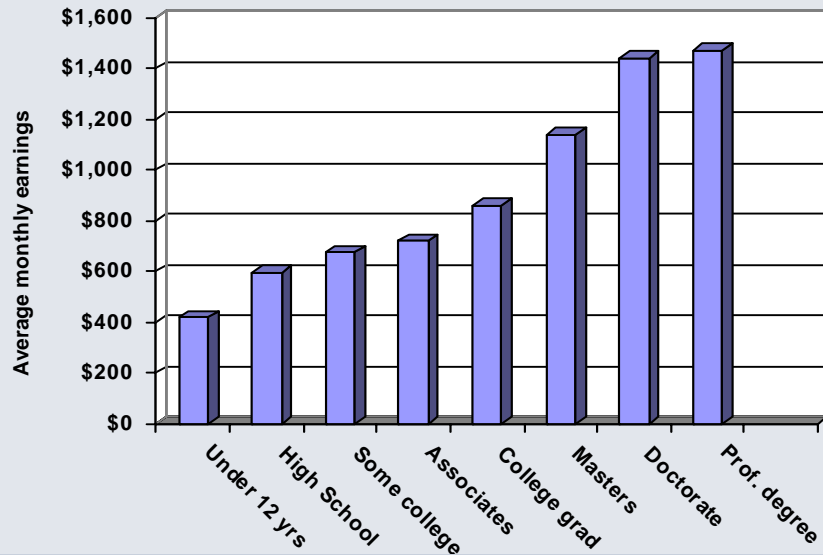
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**Chart 11-4: Unemployment Rate by
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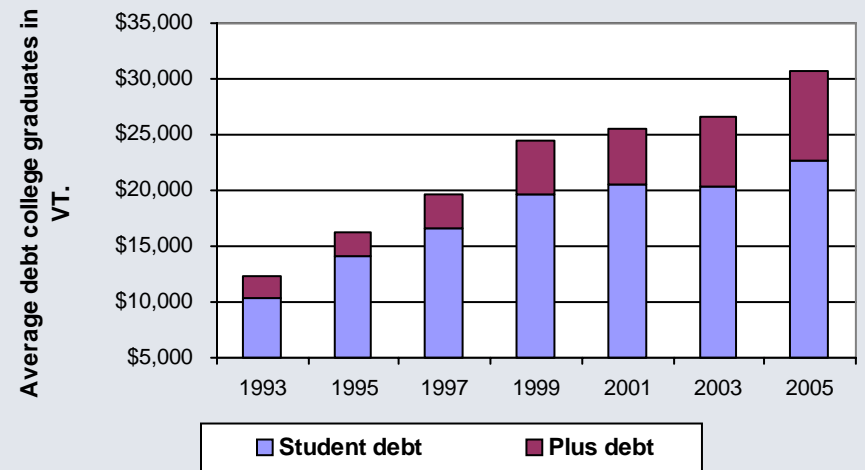
Sources: FY2004, IPEDS Finance Survey

Chart 11-5
Education and Earnings in the U.S. in 2004



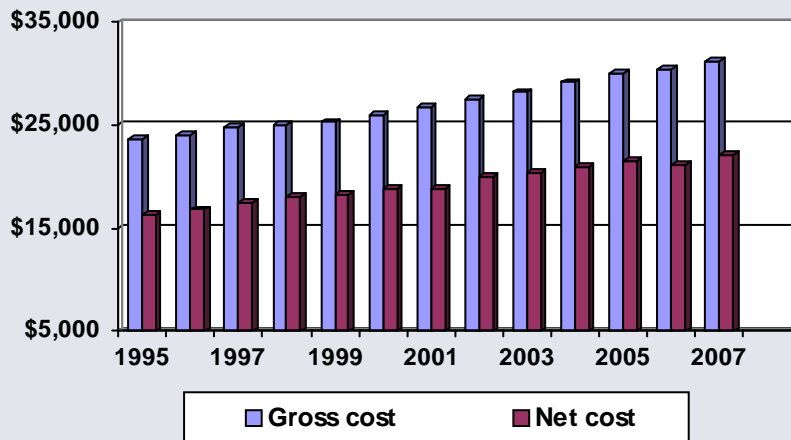
Sources: U.S. Department of Education. National Center for Educational Statistics. FY2004, IPEDS Finance Survey

Chart 11-7
Average Cumulative Debt of VSAC Grant Recipients Attending 4-Year Institutions, 1993 to 2005



Source: Vermont Student Assistance Corporation

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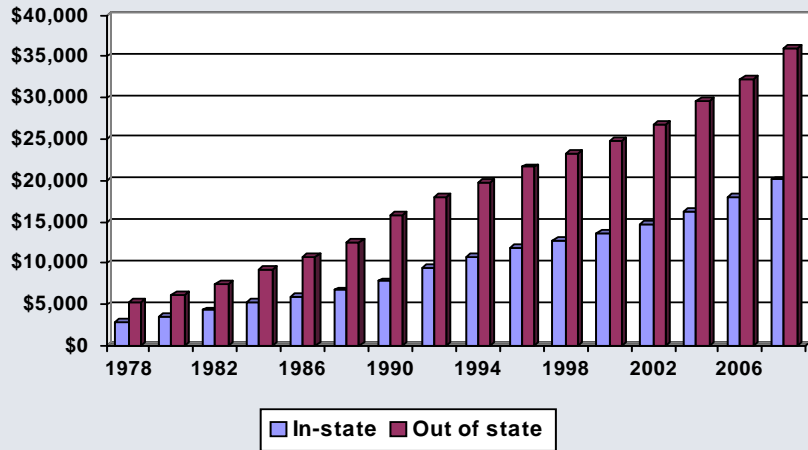
Source: Trends in College Pricing: 2007, The College Board

Table 11-8
Tuition and Fees, Family Income and Aid 1986-87, 1996-97 and 2006-07

| | Private 4 year College | Public 4 year College | Median Income (ages 45-54) | Total Aid per FTE Student | Grant Aid per FTE Student | Federal Loan per FTE Student |
|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1986-87 | \$12,218 | \$2,595 | \$71,482 | \$3,967 | \$2,014 | \$1,826 |
| 1997-97 | \$16,695 | \$3,822 | \$73,446 | \$6,627 | \$3,120 | \$3,415 |
| 2006-07 | \$22,308 | \$5,804 | \$72,881 | \$9,499 | \$4,648 | \$4,337 |

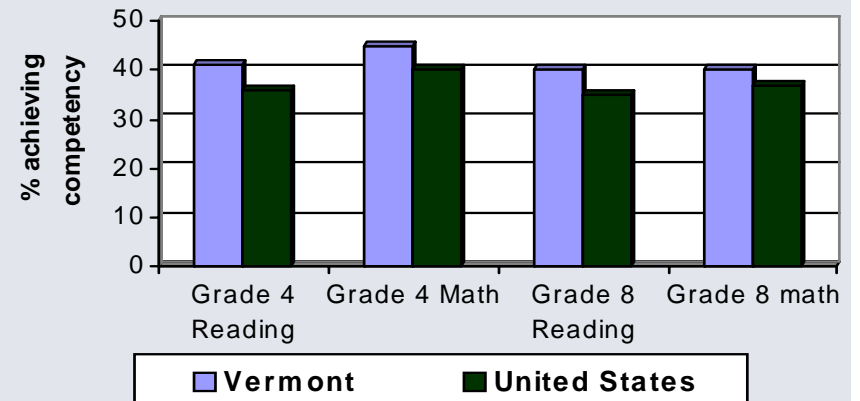
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Chart 11-9
University of Vermont:
Tuition, Room, Board and Fees
1978 to 2006



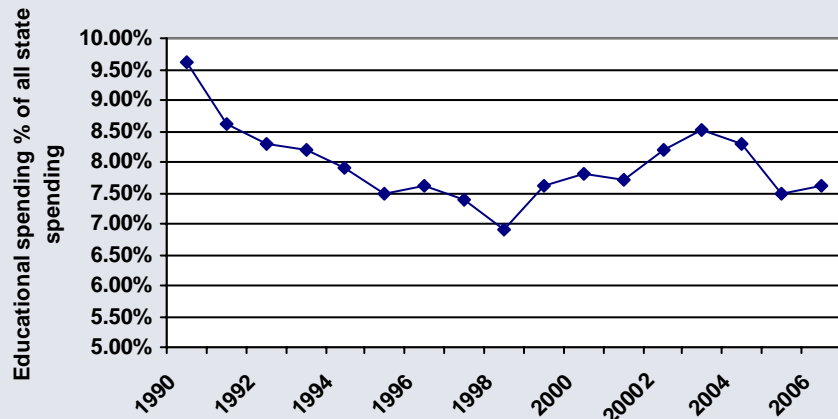
Source: University of Vermont, <http://www.uvm.edu/~isis/?Page=costs0.html>
 IPDES (FTE: Full Time Equivalents)

Chart 11-11
Percent Achieving Competency:
Vermont and the United States
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Source: Vermont Department of Education and U.S. Department of Education

Chart 11-10
State Appropriations to Higher Education in Vermont
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Source: Vermont Legislative Joint Fiscal Office

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17. Average Length of Acute Hospital Stay, Age Adjusted, Vermont, 1990-2006
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19. Vermont Community Mental Health Caseload, 1985-2007
20. Number of Cumulative Patient Days and Number of Hospitalization Episodes For Mental Illness plus Substance Abuse, Vermont, 1990-2005
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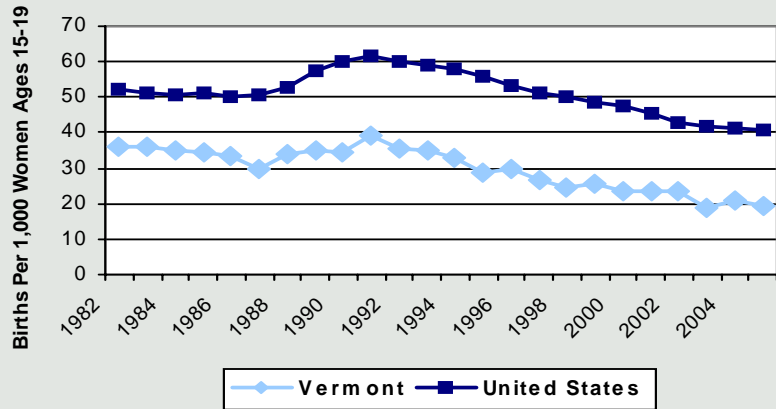
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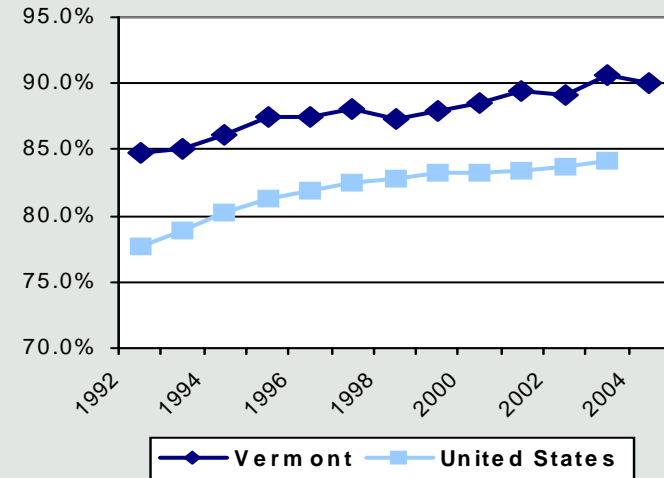
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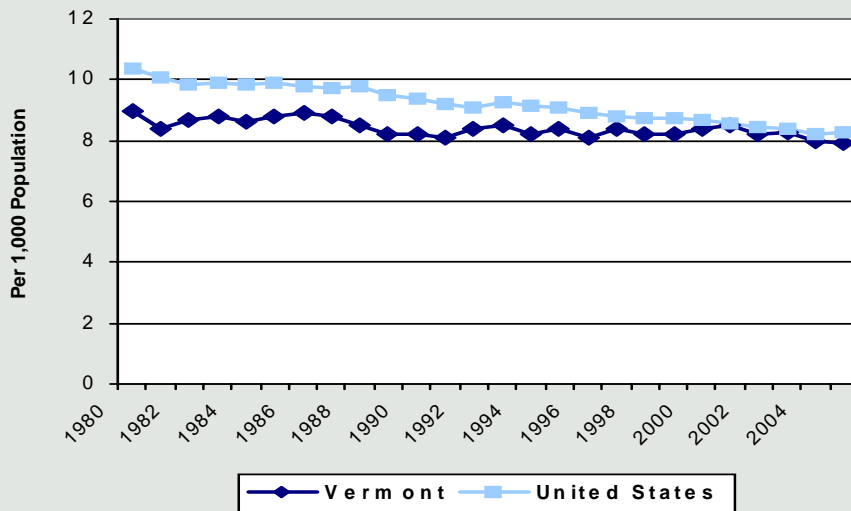
Source: National Center for Health Statistics, Center for Disease Control. "Births: Final Data for 2005;" Vermont Department of Health, "Vermont Vital Statistics," various years.

Chart 12-3: Early Prenatal Care Vermont and United States 1992-2004



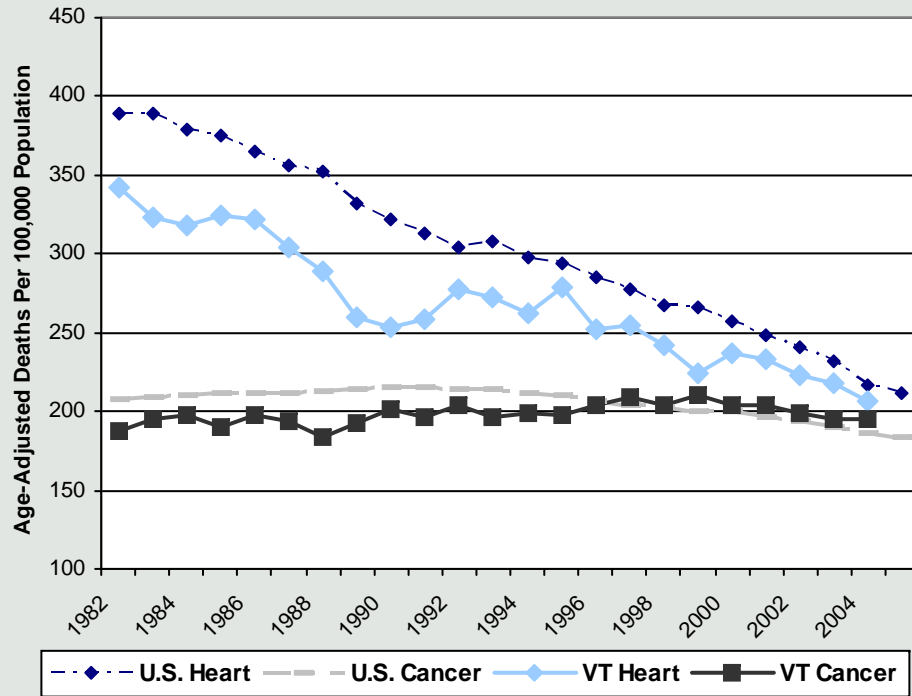
Source: Vermont Agency of Human Services, Planning Division, "Vermont Well-Being: A Social Indicators Sourcebook," May, 2006, David Murphey.

Chart 12-2: Crude Death Rates Vermont and United States, 1980-2005



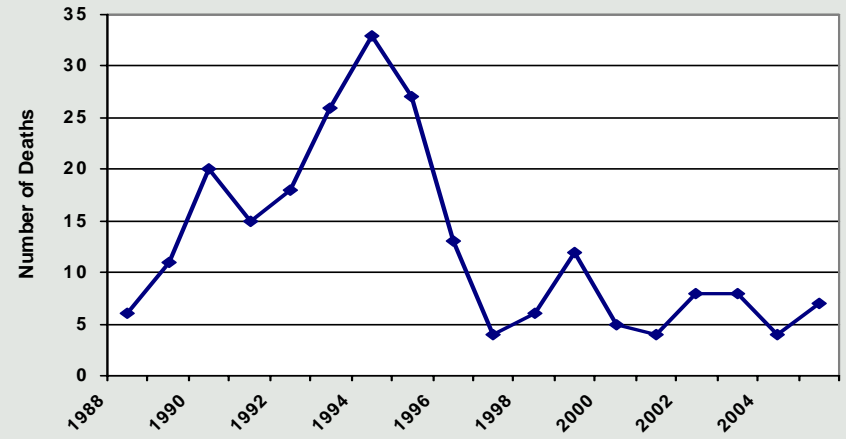
Source: Bureau of the Census, "Statistical Abstract of the United States," various years; Vermont Department of Health, "Vermont Vital Statistics," various years.

Chart 12-4: Death Rates for the Two Leading Causes of Death (Age-Adjusted Per 100,000) Vermont and United States



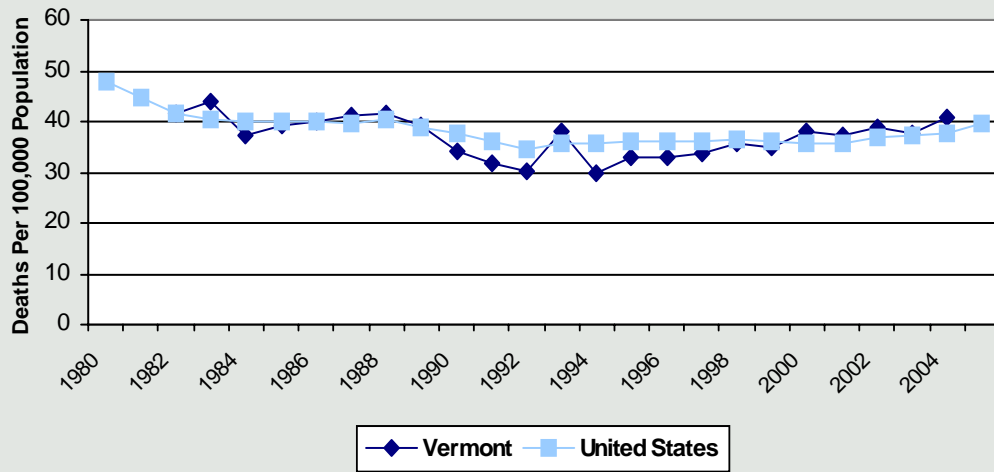
Note: The rates for the time period between 1952 and 1972 were in the 160 per 100,000 range.
Source: Bureau of the Census, "Statistical Abstract of the United States," various years; Vermont Department of Health, "Vermont Vital Statistics," various years.

**Chart 12-5
Number of Deaths Due to HIV/AIDS*
Vermont, 1988 to 2005**



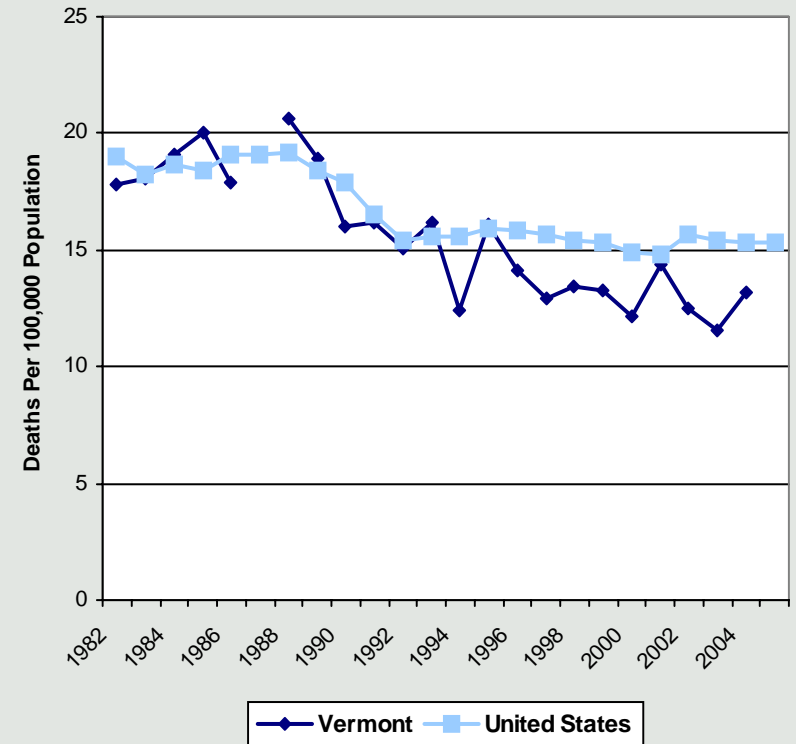
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Chart 12-6: Death Rates for All Accidents and Injuries (Per 100,000) Vermont and United States, 1980-2004



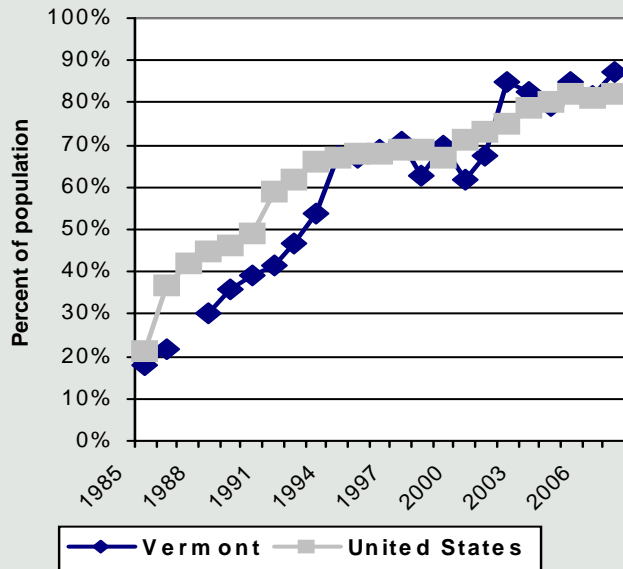
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Chart 12-7: Motor Vehicle Accident Death Rates Vermont and United States 1982 to 2004



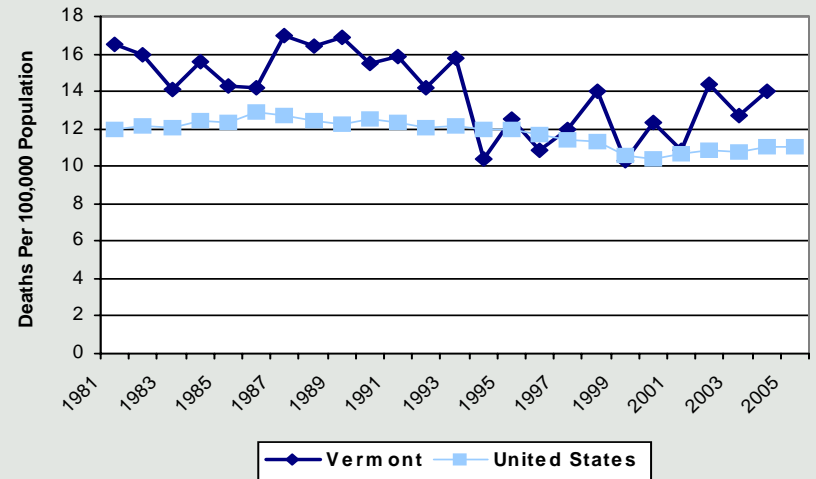
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Chart 12-8
Percent of Population Using Seatbelts
Vermont and United States
1985 to 2007



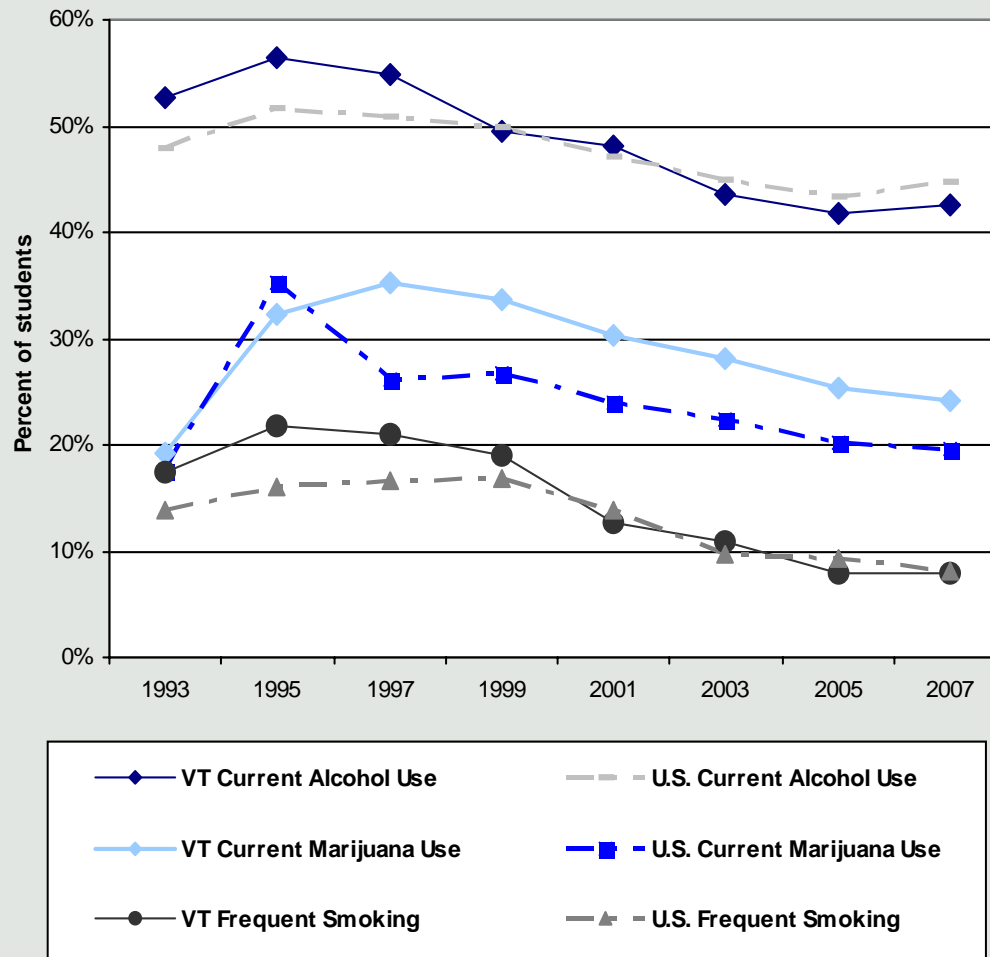
Source: Vermont Department of Public Safety, Governor's Highway Safety, courtesy Steve Reckers.
 Note: A change in method of data collection partially explains the drop in 1998.

Chart 12-9: Suicide Rate Per 100,000
Vermont and United States
1981 to 2005



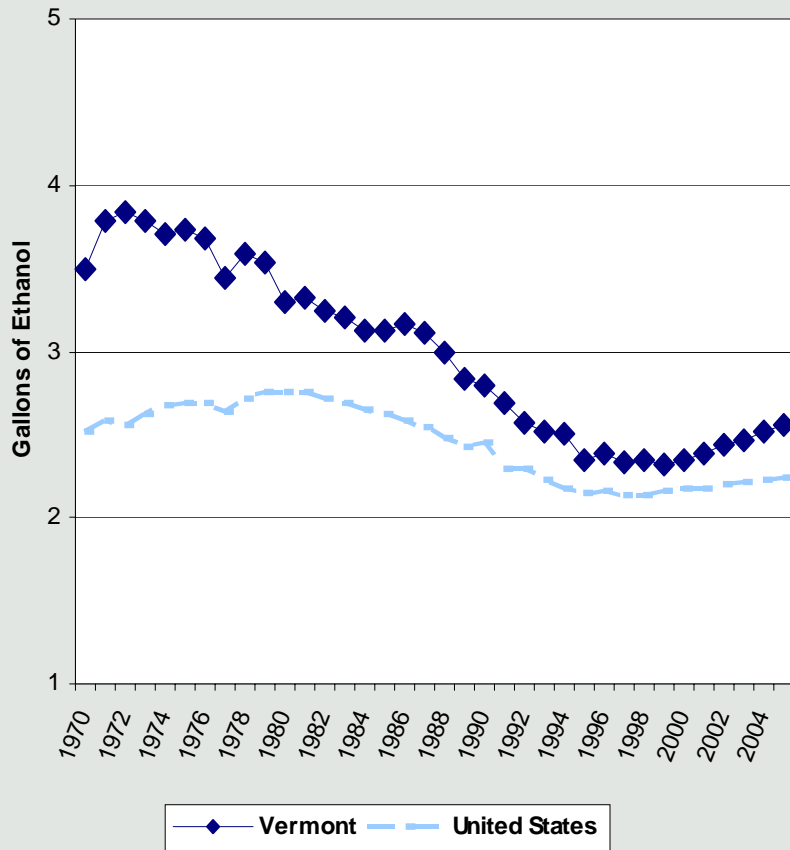
Source: Center for Disease Control, National Center for Injury Prevention

Chart 12-10
Substance Abuse of High School Students*
Self-Reports of Risk Behavior
Vermont and United States
1993 to 2007



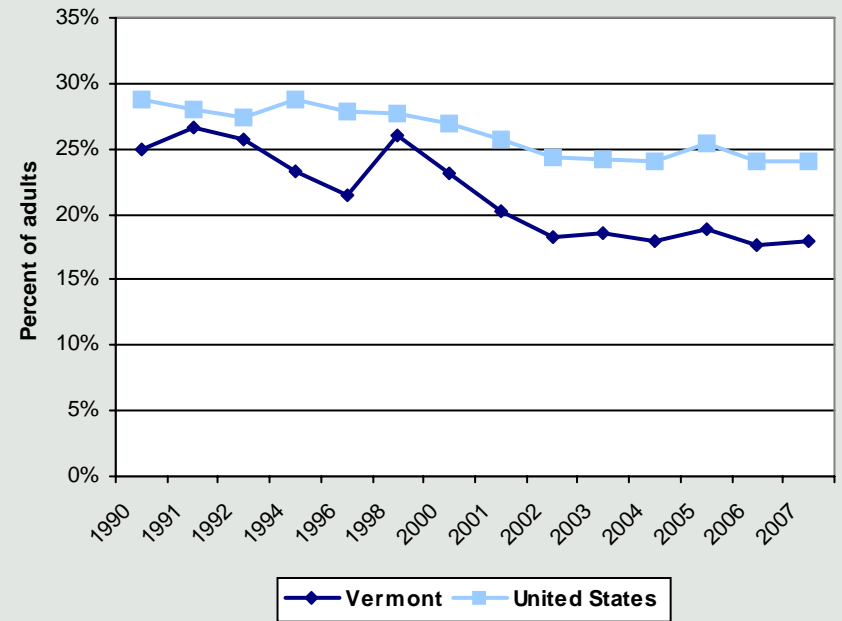
Source: Center for Disease Control, Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Healthy Youth! Youth Online: Comprehensive Results.
 *Definitions: "Current Alcohol Use" is the percentage of students who had at least one drink of alcohol on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey. "Current Marijuana Use" is the percentage of students who used marijuana one or more times during the 30 days before the survey. "Frequent Smoking" refers to the percentage of students who smoked cigarettes on 20 or more days during the 30 days before the survey.

Chart 12-11
Per Capita Alcohol Consumption
Gallons of Ethanol
Vermont and the United States
1970 to 2005



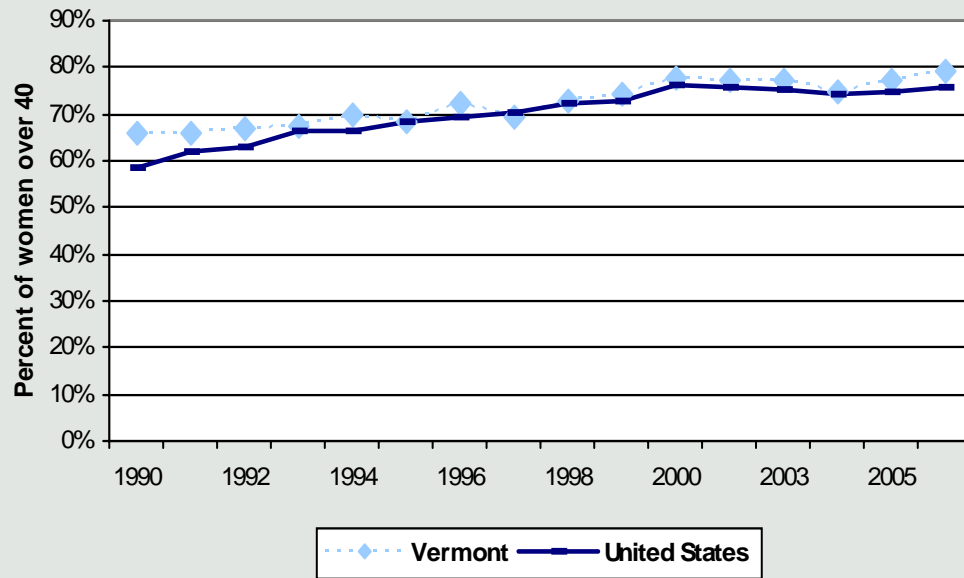
Source: National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institute of Health, "Database Resources."

Chart 12-12
Percent of Adults Without Leisure Time Physical Activity
Vermont and United States
1990 to 2007



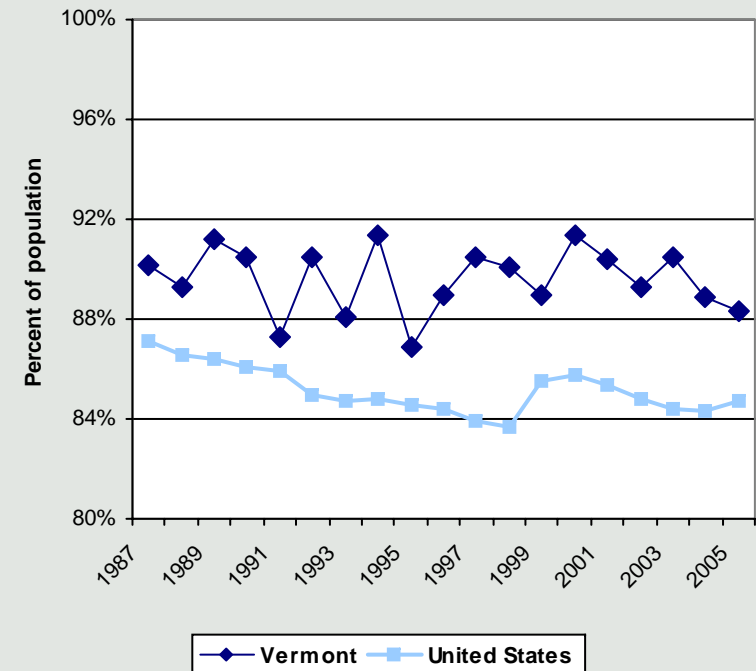
Source: Center for Disease Control, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Physical Activity Statistics,

Chart 12-13
Percent of Women (Aged 40+)
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Vermont and United States
1990 to 2006



Source: Center for Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Trends Data, Vermont vs. Nationwide.

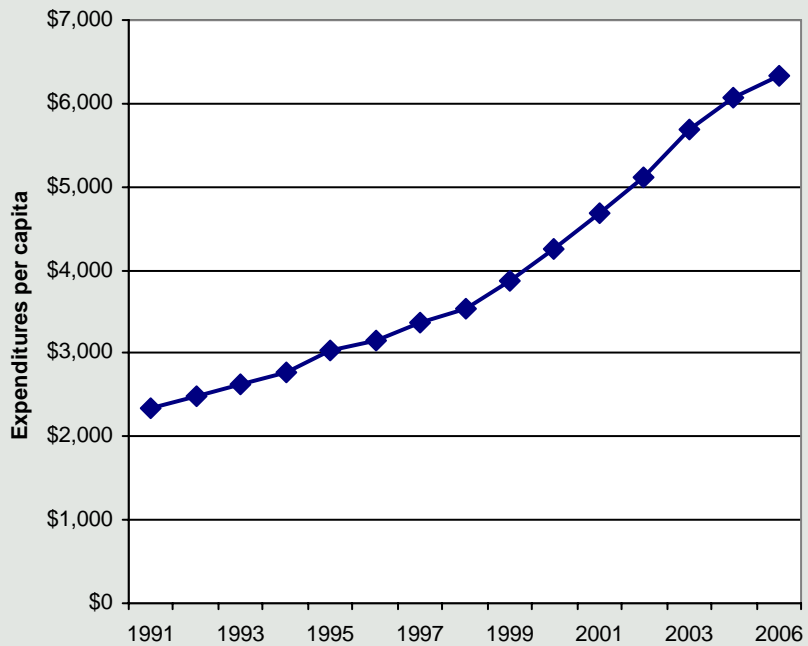
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Vermont and United States



Source: Historical Statistics of the United States, Millennial Edition, "Work and Welfare"; Bureau of the Census, "Statistical Abstract of the United States," various years; Social Change in America: The Historical Handbook, edited by Patricia C. Becker, Bernan Press (2006); Health Insurance, Historical Health Insurance Tables, *Table HI-4. Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by State All People: 1987 to 2005.*

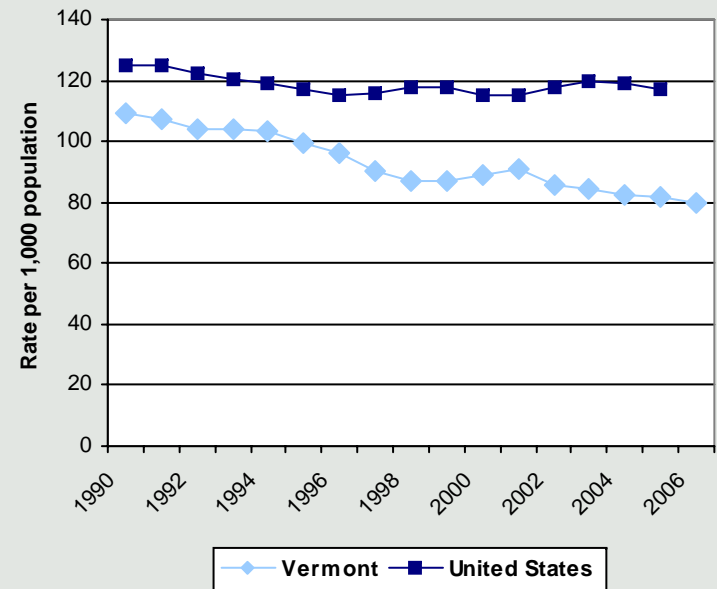
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Chart 12-15
Health Care Expenditures per Capita
Vermont



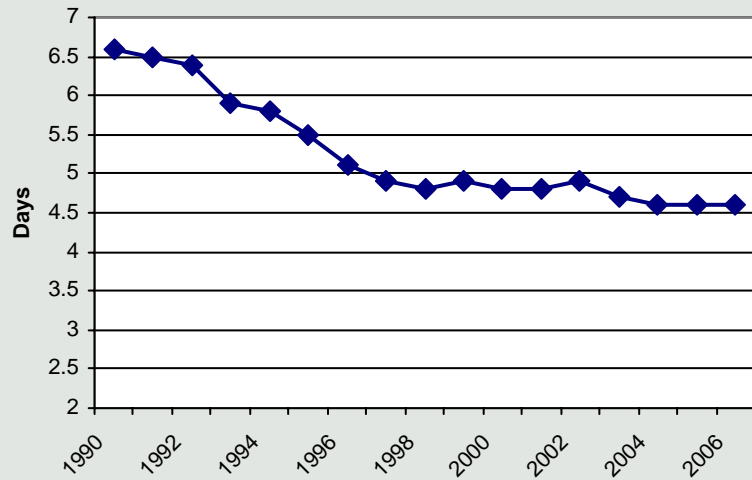
Source: Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities and Health Care Administration, "2006 Vermont Health Care Expenditure Analysis and Three Year Forecast," Vermont January, 2008; Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. "Health Expenditures by State of Residence: 1991-2004."

Chart 12-16
Inpatient Hospital Care
Measured by Discharge Rates
Per 1,000 Age Adjusted Population
Vermont and United States 1990 to 2006



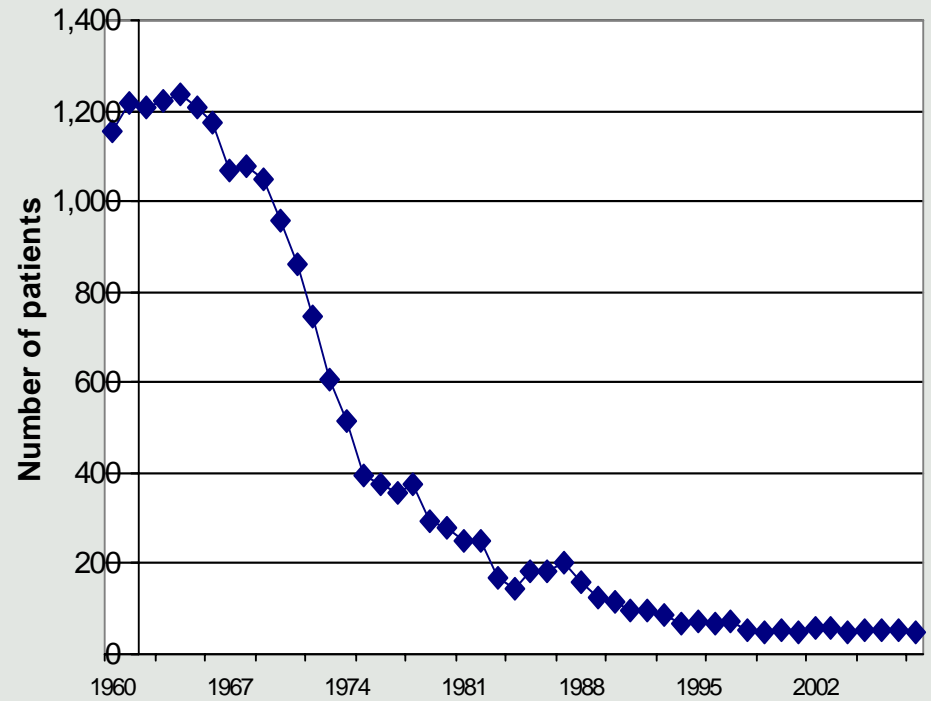
Source: Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities and Health Care Administration, "2006 Vermont Inpatient Hospitalization Re-

Chart 12-17
Average Length of Acute Hospital Stay*
Age Adjusted
Vermont 1990 to 2006



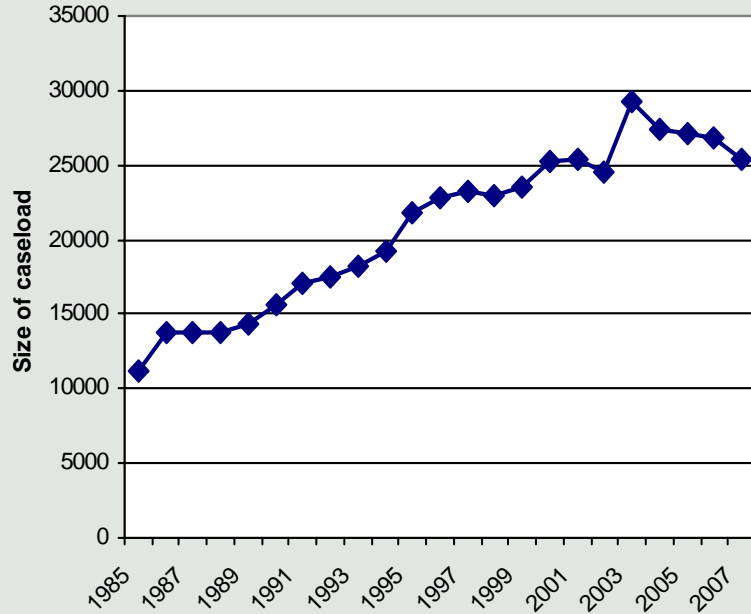
Source: Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities and Health Care Administration, "2006 Vermont Inpatient Hospitalization Report," June, 2006, VT Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set.

Chart 12-18
Vermont State Hospital
Year-End Census
1960 to 2008



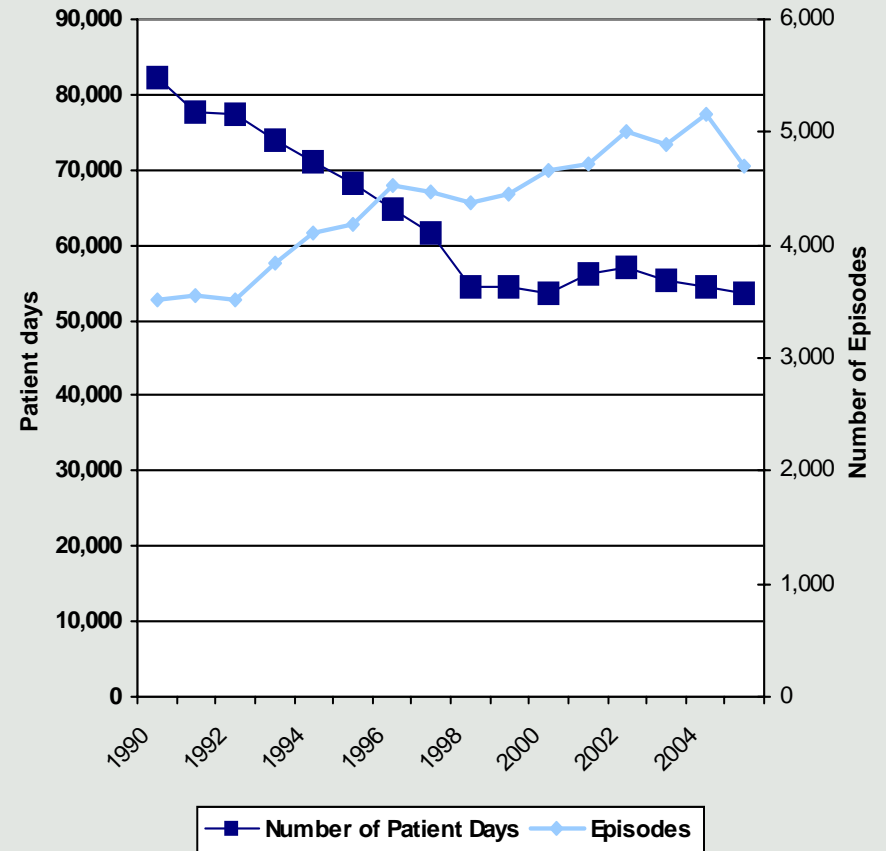
Source: Vermont Department of Health, Mental Health Performance Indicator Project, "Inpatient Behavioral Health Care Services Provided to Vermont Residents, 1990-2005," John Pandiani and Brennan Martin, August, 2007.

Chart 12-19
Vermont Community Mental Health Caseload*
1985 to 2007



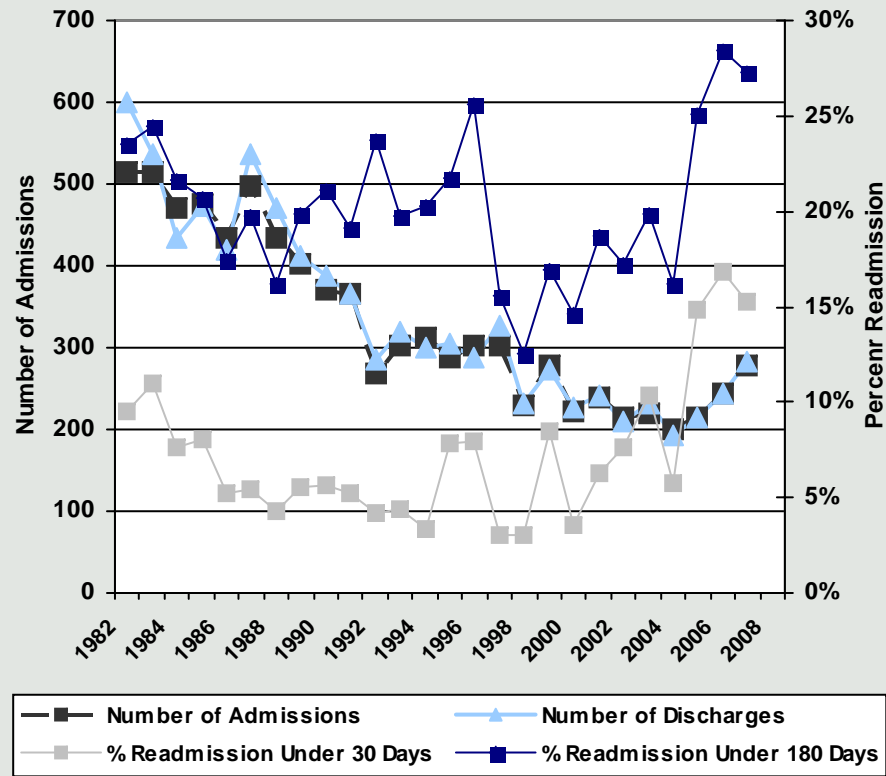
Source: Based on analysis of Monthly Service Report data provided to the Vermont Department of Mental Health by designated community mental health agencies. Analysis conducted by the Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project.
 * Caseload includes only Vermont Community Mental Health Centers, not hospitals or private practice.

Chart 12-20
Number of Cumulative Patient Days
and Number of Hospitalization Episodes
For Mental Illness plus Substance Abuse
Vermont 1990 to 2005



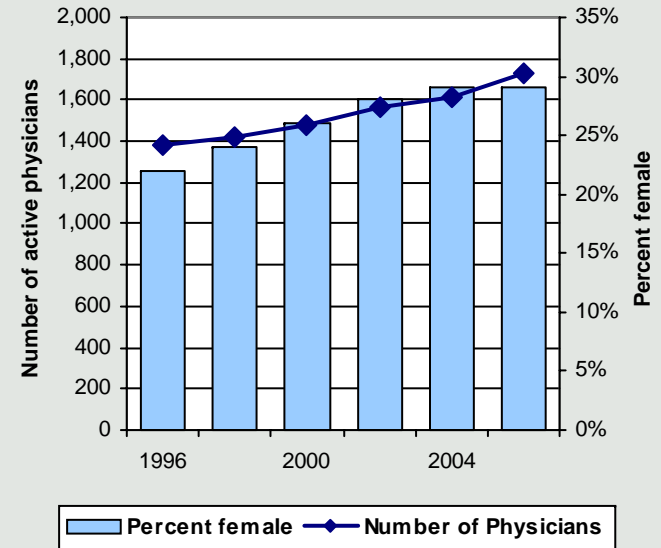
Source: Vermont Department of Health, Mental Health Performance Indicator Project, "Inpatient Behavioral Health Care Services Provided to Vermont residents, 1990-2005," Vermont Department of Health, John Pandiani and Brennan Martin, August, 2007.

Chart 12-21
Hospital Admissions, Discharges & Readmissions
For Vermont State Hospital



Source: Vermont Department of Health, Mental Health Performance Indicator Pro-

Chart 12-22
Active Physicians and Percent Female
Vermont 1996 to 2006



Source: Vermont Department of Health, "2006 Physician Survey Statistical Report."

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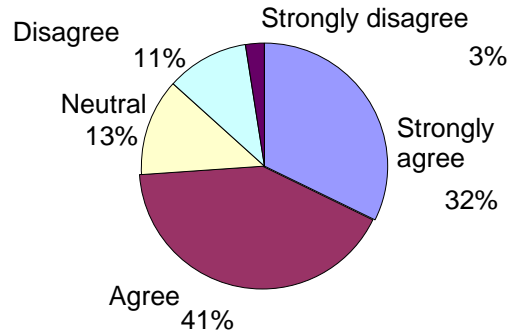
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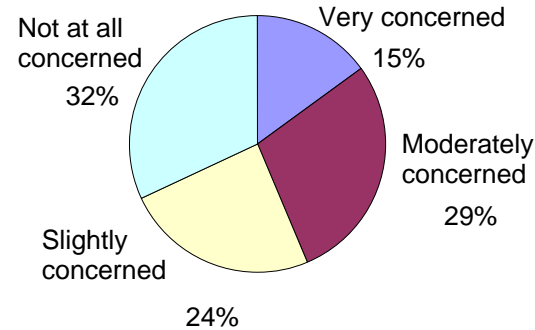
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The Percentage of People who Agree/Disagree with Various Statements
on Vermont Government and the Engagement of Vermonters
2008

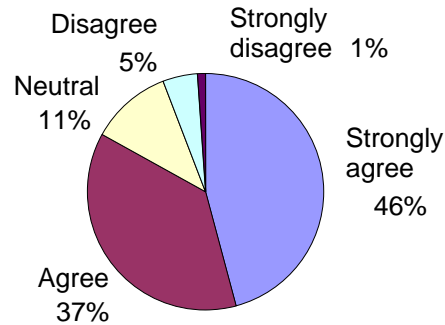
"I value the accessibility of government in Vermont."



"Are you concerned about the level of engagement of Vermonters in their local governments?"

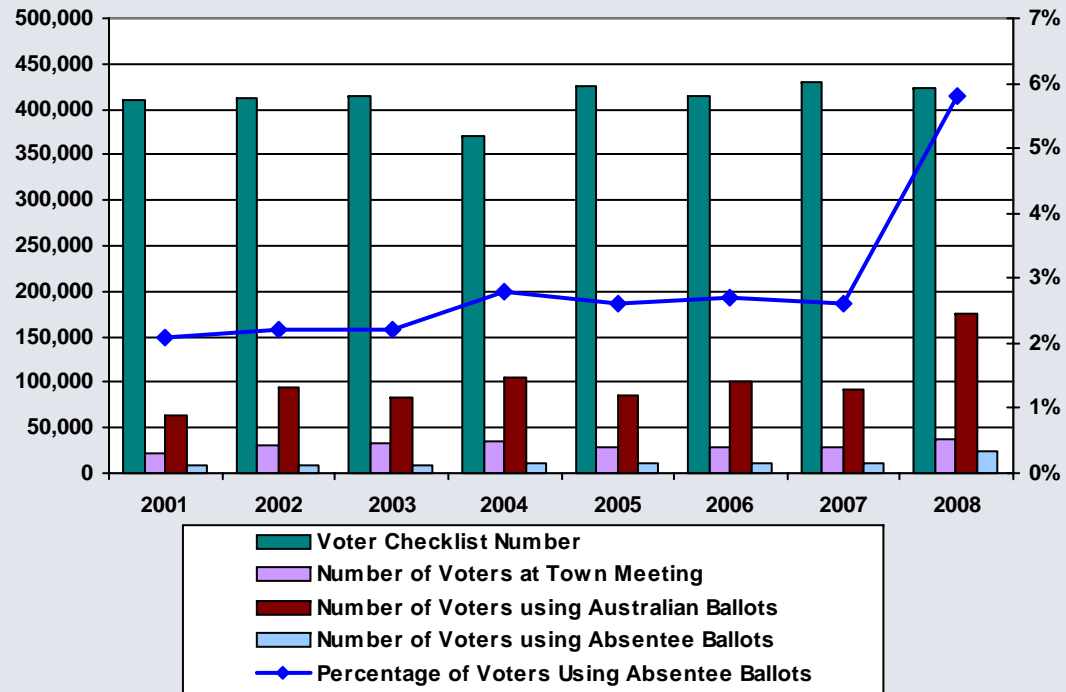


"I value the participatory government in Vermont."



Source: Center for Rural Studies (<http://crs.uvm.edu>) 2008 Council on the Future of Vermont Telephone Survey.

**Chart 14-2
Number of and Percentage of Registered Voters at Town Meeting
Vermont**



Source: Vermont Secretary of State

<http://vermont-elections.org/elections1/townmeetingturnout.html>

Note: It is difficult to find "trends" given the small amount of data. Also note that percentages of "Voters at Town Meeting" and "Voters Using Australian Ballot" are not calculated because data is problematic or incomplete.

**Chart 14-3
Campaign Finance Summary
Vermont
2007 to 2008**

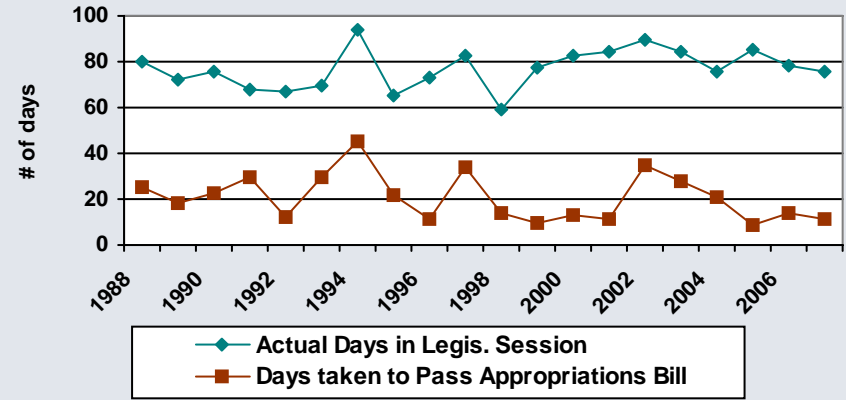
| Category | Total | Rank* |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Total Itemized Contributions++ | \$3,131,575 | 47 |
| Total to Democrats | \$2,594,640 | 40 |
| Percent to Democrats | 82.9% | 1 |
| Total to Republicans | \$523,009 | 50 |
| Percent to Republicans | 16.7% | 50 |
| Individual donations (\$200+) | \$3,312,704 | 47 |
| Soft money donations | \$0 | 24 |
| PAC donations | \$132,778 | 46 |

Source: Center for Responsive Politics. <http://opensecrets.org/states/summary.php?state=VT>

*Rank shows how Vermont compares to all 50 states.

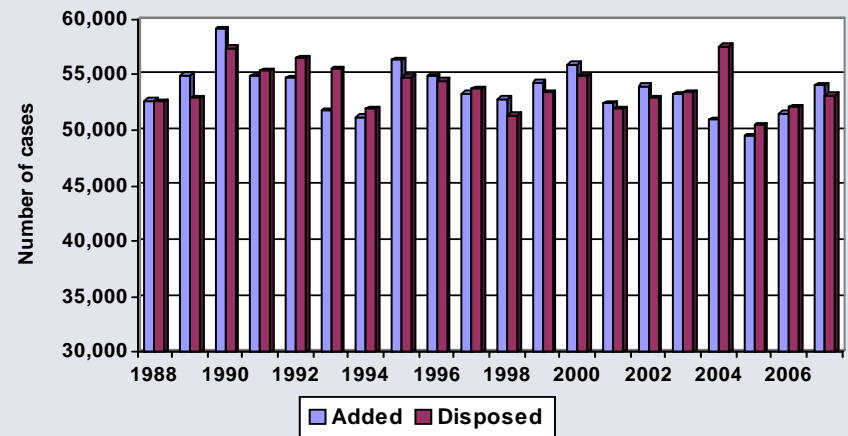
++This figure includes PAC contributions and individual contributions to candidates and parties.

**Chart 14-4
Session Length and Number of
Days to Pass the Appropriations Bill
Vermont**



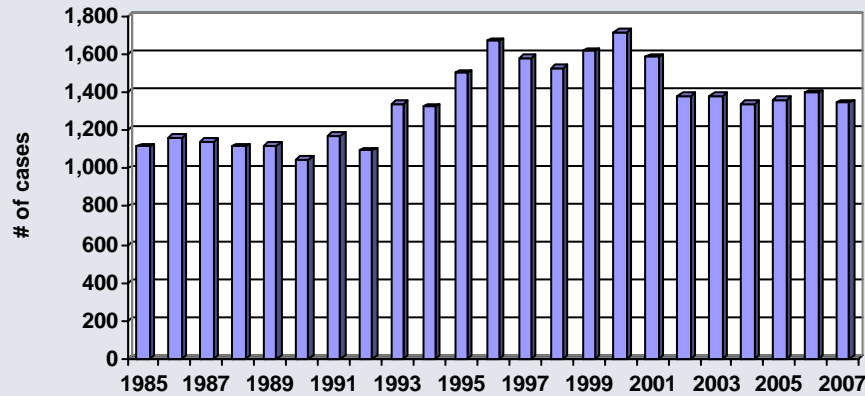
Source: <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/HouseClerk/Legislative%20Process.htm>

**Chart 14-5
Yearly Cases Added and Disposed
In Vermont Trial Courts Total of Superior, District,
and Family Courts FY1988 to FY2008**



Source: Vermont Judiciary, Office of the Court Administrator. Compilation of

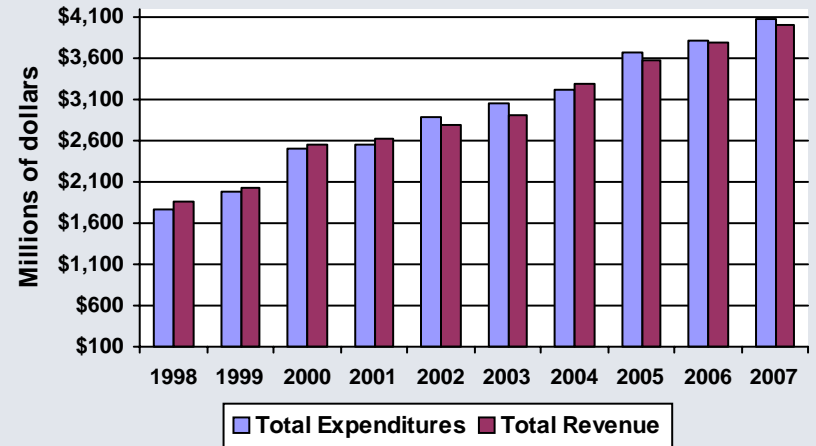
Chart 14-6
Vermont Juvenile Delinquency Cases
Cases Disposed
FY 1985 to FY 2007



Source: Vermont Annual Judicial Statistics, Office of the Court Administrator, in Vermont Department of Children and Families, "Juvenile Justice Sourcebook: Delinquency Dispositions in Vermont, 2007."

Note: The number of cases that flow through the juvenile courts are quite stable from year to year, with major fluctuations more a result of enforcement or court policy than the behavior of Vermont's young citizens. The rise that appears in the chart above in the mid-1990's is largely a reflection of changes in the policy towards the "possession of malt beverages." In 2007, the typical violator who was charged was a 15 year old male and the most common offenses that resulted in charges for males were violations against property (433) and violence (357), followed by drug offenses (186) and violations against the public order (177). In that year, there were 1,256 charges brought against males and 459 against females. The total charges for possession of weapons at school were 23 and 31 for sexual assault.

Chart 14-7
Total Vermont State Expenditures versus Revenue
FY 1997 to 2007 (in millions)



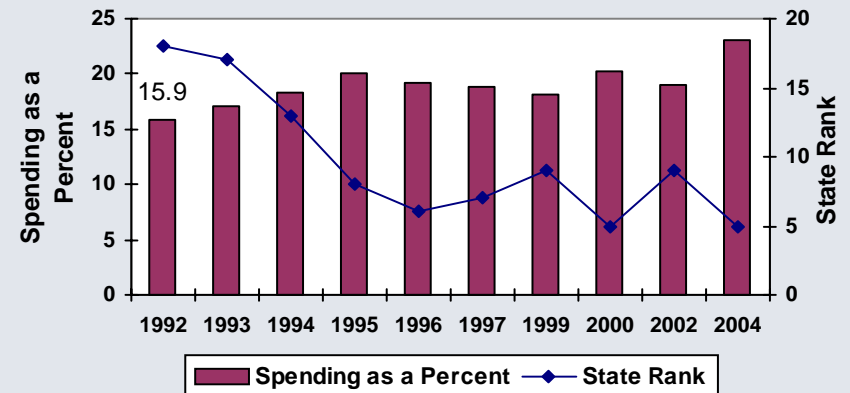
Source: "Vermont Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Period Ending June 30, 2007," page 203-204.

**Chart 14-8
Vermont State Expenditures
All Sources 1998 and 2007**

| Category of Expenditure | 1998 | 2007 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Government | \$130,983,914 | \$66,604,950 |
| Protection to persons and property | 113,904,695 | 247,732,080 |
| Human services | 771,326,892 | 1,521,057,433 |
| Employment and training | 23,926,899 | 24,487,881 |
| General education | 315,650,561 | 1,609,653,282 |
| Natural resources | 67,002,990 | 97,456,248 |
| Commerce & community develop. | 32,808,072 | 30,607,512 |
| Transportation | 229,415,218 | 379,347,072 |
| Public service enterprises | 1,505,472 | 1,890,030 |
| Capital outlay | 5,630,110 | 37,034,547 |
| Debt service, interest | 24,256,578 | 23,032,806 |
| Debt service, principal | 45,695,000 | 46,097,158 |
| Total State Expenditures | 1,762,106,401 | 4,085,000,999 |

Source: "Vermont Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Period Ending June 30, 2007," pages 202-203.

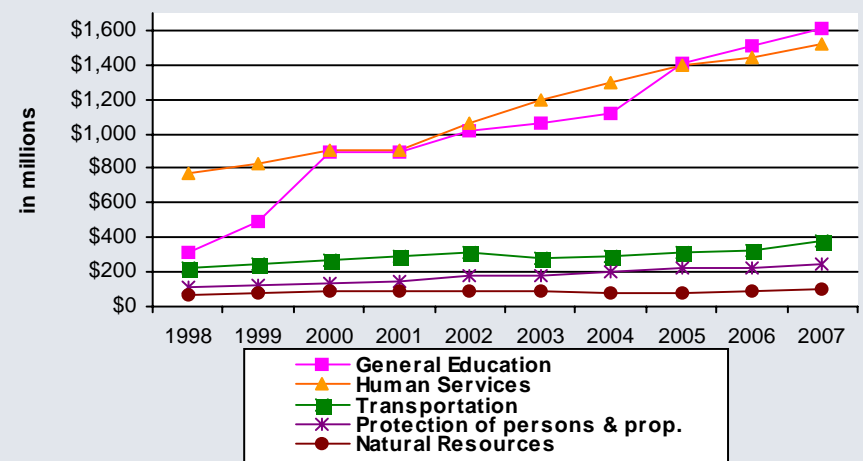
**Chart 14-9
State and Local Welfare Spending in Vermont*
As a Percentage of General Spending**



Source: Hovey, Kendra A. and Harold A. Hovey, *CO's State Fact Finder*, various years, Congressional Quarterly Press.

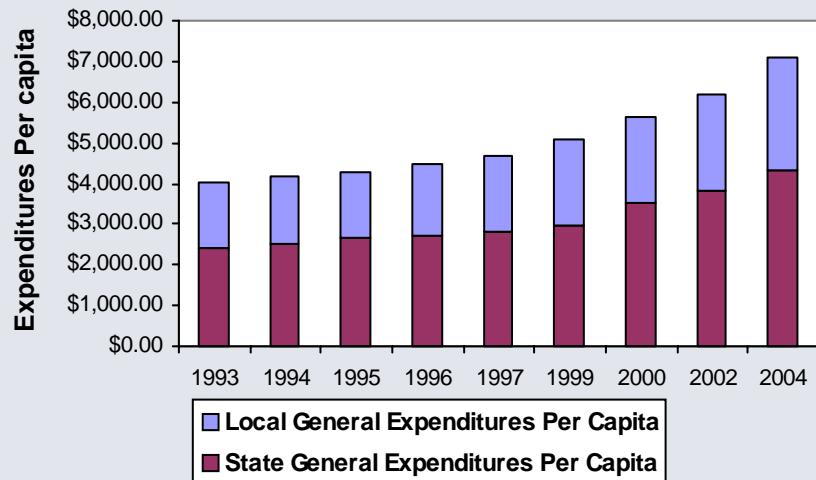
* In addition to cash payments, the definition of Welfare spending includes "Medicaid and other payments to vendors, administrative costs, and welfare"

**Chart 14-10
Vermont State Expenditures
Five Largest 2007 Categories
(in millions) FY 1998 to 2007**



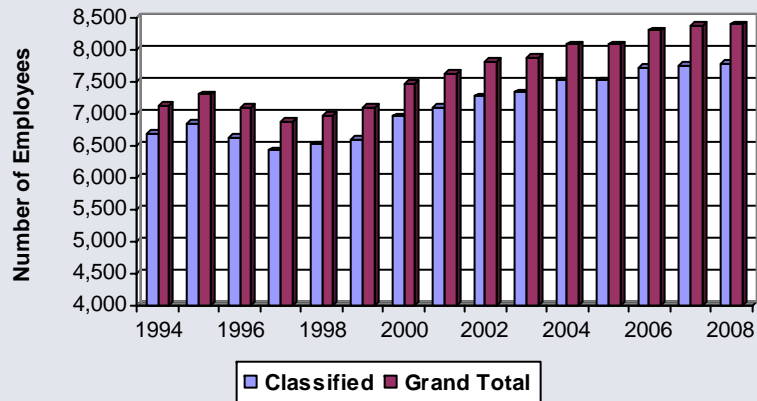
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Chart 14-11: State and Local General Expenditures Per Capita in Vermont* 1993 to 2004



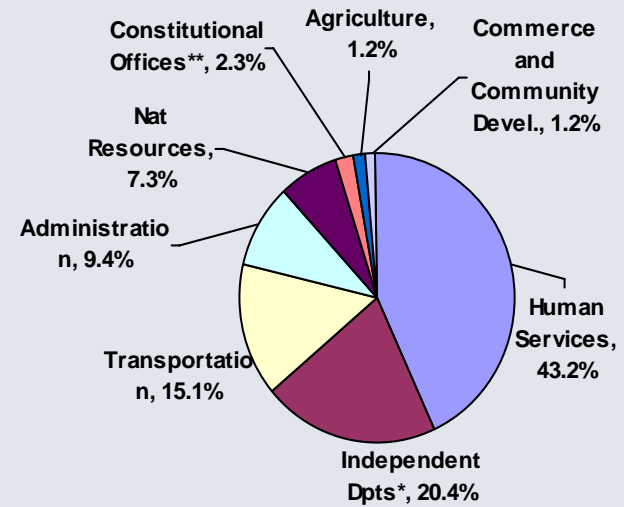
Source: Hovey, Kendra A. and Harold A. Hovey, *CO's State Fact Finder*, various years, Congressional Quarterly Press.
 * State aid to local governments is included only when local officials spend the resources. This avoids double counting. In all years presented, Vermont ranks among the highest 21 states in total expenditures per capita. In 2004, the total \$7,077 was the 9th highest amount of the 50 states

Chart 14-12: Vermont Executive Branch Employees 1994 to 2008



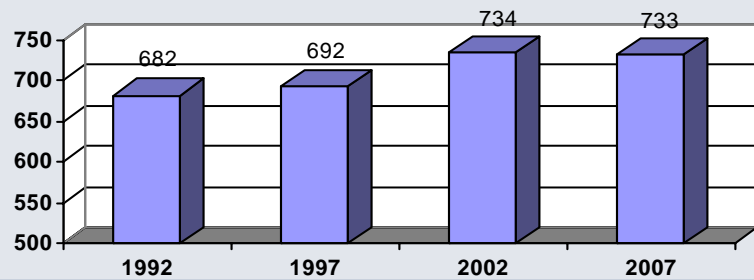
Source: Vermont Department of Human Resources, extracted from Human Capital Management System, courtesy Doug Pine.
Note: Classified service positions are competitive appointments under a merit system of personnel administration. The remaining number that constitute the grand total are "exempt" employees which are generally filled through elective or appointive processes.

Chart 14-13: Executive Branch Employee Distribution by Agency/Department FY 2007



Source: "State of Vermont Workforce Report – FY 2007, Workforce Characteristics." *Independent Departments include: Public Safety, Labor, Education, Defender General, BISHCA, Liquor Control, Military, Public service, and State's Attorney's and Sheriffs. Constitutional Offices (also called Statewide Elected Offices) include: Attorney General, Auditor of Accounts, Governor's Office, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer.

Chart 14-14
Number of Government Units in the State of Vermont*
1992 to 2007



Sources: Hovey, Kendra A. and Harold A. Hovey, *CO's State Fact Finder*, various years, Congressional Quarterly Press; Bureau of the Census, *Census of Governments*, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007;

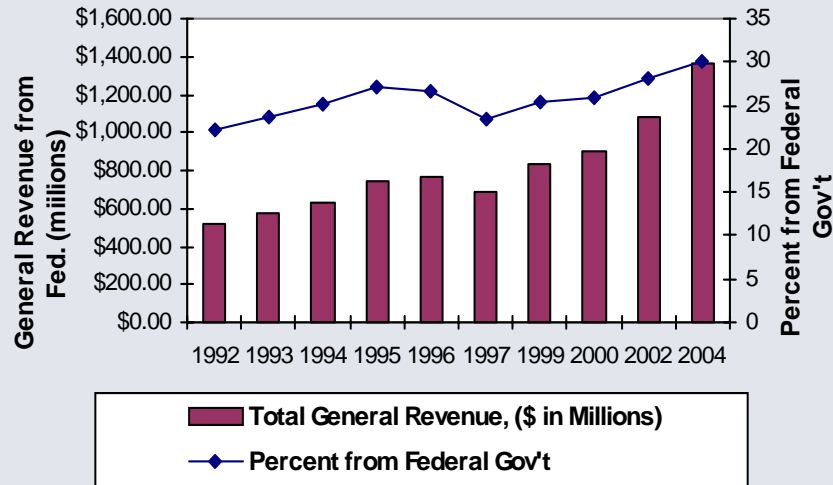
* Includes all towns, cities, school districts, water and sewer districts, etc.

Chart 14-15
Vermont State Revenue: All Sources
1998 and 2007

| Source of revenue | 1998 | 2007 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Taxes | \$981,170,111 | \$2,460,570,749 |
| Fees | 30,723,658 | 70,221,353 |
| Sales of service, rents, leases | 18,155,472 | 13,723,675 |
| Federal grants | 690,679,253 | 1,243,957,617 |
| Fines, forfeits, penalties | 7,373,244 | 19,315,425 |
| Investment income | 7,216,805 | 17,316,519 |
| Licenses | 61,237,739 | 92,593,084 |
| Special assessments | 32,768,035 | 29,026,116 |
| Other revenues | 34,213,995 | 71,338,330 |
| Total State Revenue | 1,863,535,312 | 4,018,098,868 |

Source: "Vermont Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Period Ending June 30, 2007," pages 202-203.

Chart 14-16: State and Local General Revenue from Federal Government *
Dollar Amount and Percentage of General Spending in Vermont, 1992 to 2004



Source: Hovey, Kendra A. and Harold A. Hovey, *CQ's State Fact Finder*, various years, Congressional Quarterly Press.
 * Federal aid contributing to "general revenue" is defined by the Census survey of government finances. It excludes certain trust funds, but includes such funds as those for highway construction. In all years presented, Vermont ranked among the highest three to 11 states in its percent of general revenue from the Federal Government.

Chart 14-17
Main Volunteer Activity, United States
2007

| | Percent distribution of main volunteer activity |
|--|---|
| Coach, referee, or supervise sports | 5.8% |
| Tutor or teach | 10.8 |
| Mentor youth | 5.8 |
| Be an usher, greeter or minister | 4.2 |
| Collect prepare, distribute food | 9.2 |
| Collect, make, or distribute clothing, crafts | 3.2 |
| Fundraise or sell items to raise money | 10.9 |
| Provide counseling, medical care, fire/EMS, or protective services | 3.1 |
| Provide general office services | 4.7 |
| Provide professional management assistance, board member | 7.6 |
| Engage in music, performance or other artistic activity | 4.4 |
| Engage in general labor, transportation | 8.3 |
| Other | 14.3 |
| "Equal time among all" | 7.7 |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Volunteering in the United States, 2007," USDL 08-0090