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Legislators Return January 7, 2020

Legislators will return to the State House on January 7th for the second half of the biennium. The Vermont Chamber traveled around the state this fall to speak with chamber members about our legislative priorities for the upcoming session. Email [Theresa Miller](mailto:Theresa.Miller@vtchamber.com) if you would like to sign up

for our *State to Main* weekly newsletter during the session to stay apprised of hot button issues. For more information about our legislative agenda, please contact [Charles Martin](mailto:Charles.Martin@vtchamber.com), Vermont Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Director.

Turn Out for Tourism

It's time to work together to increase spending on destination marketing efforts. Tourism is the State's second most lucrative industry after

manufacturing, and a significant economic driver. Currently, the State spends \$3.1 million annually to encourage people to visit Vermont. That number has declined 6%

SAVE THE DATE



TOURISM DAY *at the State House*
Wednesday, January 15, 2020

since 2015. It's time to reverse the decline. Support Vermont's economy and its tourism industry by attending the 2nd Annual [Tourism Day](#) at the State House Wednesday, January 15, 2020, and [sign the petition](#) to increase funding.

[Learn More](#)



Attend the Vermont Economic Conference

Join us on Thursday, January 23, 2020 for our annual Economic Conference to understand national, global, and state perspectives on the economic trends impacting Vermont businesses in 2020 and beyond. A new feature this year is morning breakout sessions offered on a first-come first-served basis.

- **Date:** Thursday, January 23, 2020
- **Time:** 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
- **Location:** DoubleTree by Hilton Burlington Hotel
- **Tickets:** \$150 per person; \$120 per person for four or more tickets

[Get Your Tickets Today!](#)

Awards Dinner Recap

On November 19th, we honored Al Gobeille as Citizen of the Year, as well as the recipients of the first annual Above and Beyond Awards. Missed the event? Take a look at the [photo album on our Facebook page](#).



VT Chamber Extends Aerospace Corridor to Connecticut

The Vermont Chamber organized and led a Vermont delegation of aerospace manufacturers at the ACM Aerospace Trade Show in Hartford, CT where the Vermont Chamber signed an agreement to extend the Vermont – Québec Aerospace Trade Corridor to Connecticut. The Vermont Chamber partnered with the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development and U.S. Commercial Service to bring six Vermont aerospace companies to the ACM Connecticut Aerospace Trade Show in support of the [Aerospace Trade Corridor](#). Through collaboration and inter-clustering,

the Vermont Chamber is delivering contacts and new business opportunities for state, regional, and cross-border economic development.

Report Identifies Demographic Shifts & Impacts to State Revenue



As part of its work to chart a long-term vision for Vermont's revenue system, the Tax Structure Commission released a report detailing three demographic shifts and their impact on state revenues. These include:

1. Fewer working-age adults, fewer children, and more seniors.
2. More growth in urban centers and less in rural communities.
3. Shrinking average household size.

In its report, [Population Changes and Vermont State Revenue](#), the Tax Structure Commission examines significant population trends and how will they impact the State's ability to raise revenue.

Welcome New Chamber Members

This month we welcome:

[Sunsoil](#)

[Shanty on the Shore](#)

Jewell Brook LLC

[Costco Wholesale](#)

Hickok & Boardman Capital Management

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[PC Construction selected for \\$20 million project at Mount Washington Resort](#)

[Burlington's Long-Awaited Train Terminal May Be Built](#)

[Vermont Tech Ranks First In Vermont For ROI](#)

[Maple Landmarks Becomes Specialty Products Hub](#)

[Woodstock Inn Building New Terrain Parks at Suicide Six](#)

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In Other News

[Tax Commissioner Forecasts School Taxes Will Rise Over 6%](#)

[Vermont's Unemployment Rate Holds At 2.2 Percent In October](#)

[Remote Worker Incentive Author Defends Program's Benefits](#)

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