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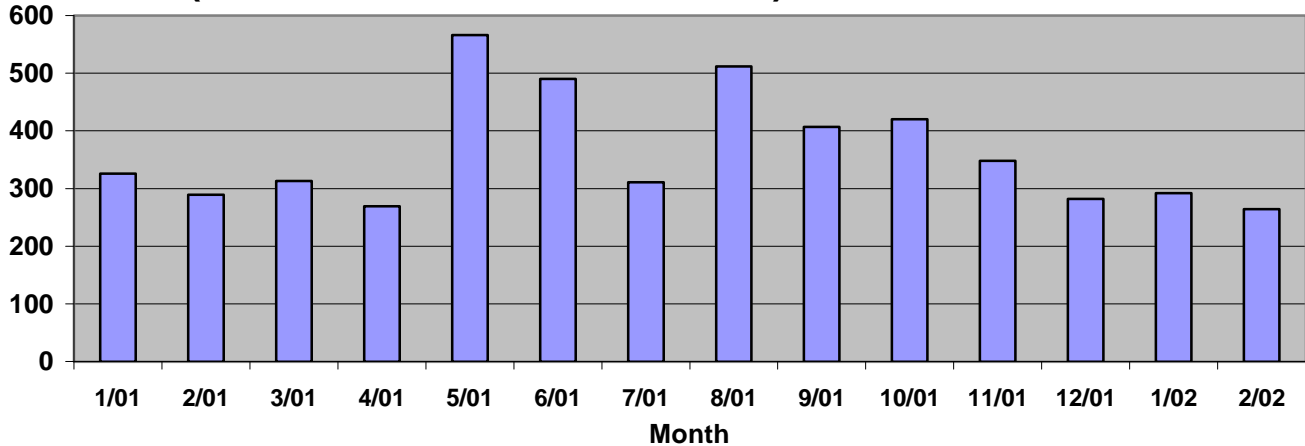
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## # of Sales of Single-Family Dwellings on Cape Cod (between \$50,000 & \$1 million), Jan '01 - Feb '02



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### OTHER SECTORS – MONTHLY AND YEAR-TO-DATE SUMMARY (See pages 2 and 3 for subregion data)

SECTOR	BARNSTABLE COUNTY					
	Feb-01	Feb-02	% Change	YTD2-01	YTD2-02	% Change
<b>Real Estate</b>						
o # Single family (s.f.) homes sold, B&T	289	264	-8.65%	615	556	-9.59%
o Avg sale price of s.f. homes sold, B&T	\$245,110	\$260,493	6.28%	\$248,837	\$276,529	11.13%
<b>Construction</b>						
o # Residential permits issued	122	102	-16.39%	218	160	-26.61%
o \$ Value of residential permits issued	2,248.4	2,136.0	-5.00%	4,419.1	3,525.6	-20.22%
o # Commercial permits issued	6	2	-66.67%	16	9	-43.75%
+ \$ Value of commercial permits issued	1,092.5	487.0	-55.42%	6,405.5	8,719.5	36.13%
<b>Tourism</b>						
+ Total State/Local room tax revenue (Reflects taxes paid for the month of January)	286.6	296.5	3.45%	286.6	296.5	3.45%
o # visits to two CC visitor centers	6,834	8,213	20.18%	11,139	14,295	28.33%
o # visits to CC Nat'l Seashore Areas	129,200	151,014	16.88%	259,668	277,629	6.92%
<b>General</b>						
o Avg daily e-bound traf vol both bridges	38,520	40,403	4.89%	--	--	--
o Avg daily w-bound traf vol both bridges	38,583	40,189	4.16%	--	--	--
o DET Total work force	99,738	101,715	1.98%	100,002	101,979	1.98%
o Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.9	3.51%	5.9	6.1	4.07%

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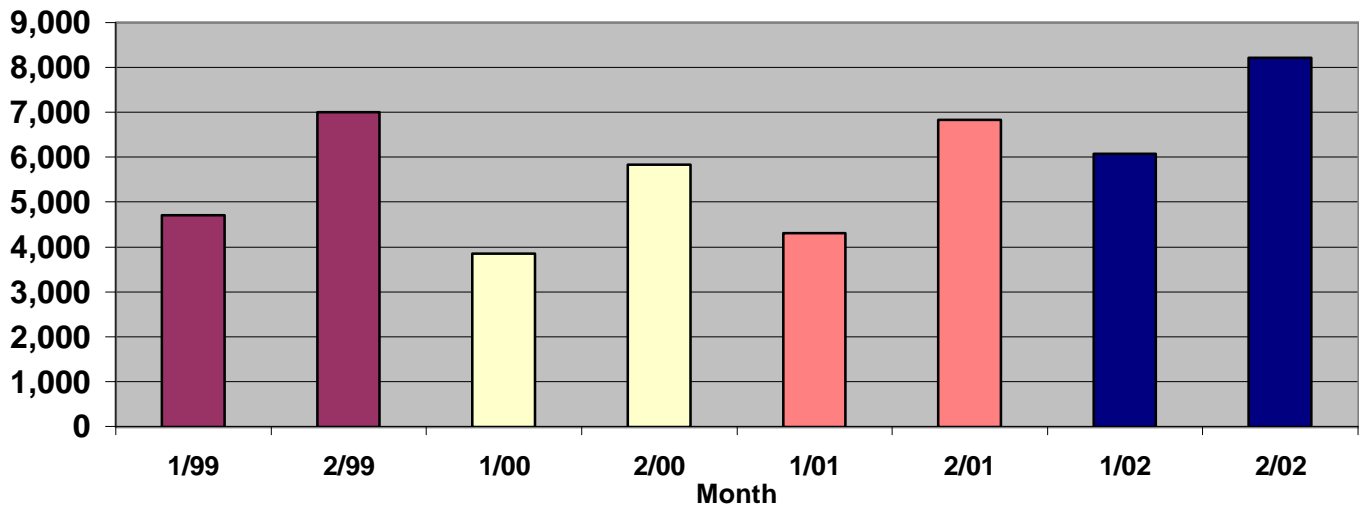
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### Rte 25 & Rte 6 Visitor Center Counts, Jan/Feb 1999-2002



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### OTHER SECTORS – MONTHLY AND YEAR-TO-DATE SUMMARY

SECTOR	Upper Cape				Mid Cape			
	Feb-01	Feb-02	YTD2-01	YTD2-02	Feb-01	Feb-02	YTD2-01	YTD2-02
<b>Real Estate</b>								
# Single family (s.f.) homes sold, B&T	94	90	197	196	127	127	269	239
Avg sale price of s.f. homes sold, B&T	\$250,528	\$267,366	\$245,835	\$280,277	\$218,167	\$238,556	\$218,204	\$244,942
<b>Construction</b>								
# Residential permits issued	65	49	103	64	23	24	38	40
\$ Value of residential permits issued	1,129.3	960.6	1,982.1	1,271.3	503.8	542.7	813.2	963.6
# Commercial permits issued	1	1	8	3	3	0	5	2
\$ Value of commercial permits issued	150.0	400.0	5,063.0	940.0	670.0	0.0	930.0	6,493.8
<b>Tourism</b>								
Total State/Local room tax revenue (Reflects taxes paid for the month of January)	85.6	92.9	85.6	92.9	117.2	127.0	117.2	127.0
# visits to two CC visitor centers	6,026	7,209	9,824	12,439	808	1,004	1,315	1,856
# visits to CC Nat'l Seashore Areas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>General</b>								
Avg daily e-bound traffic vol both bridges	38,520	40,403	--	--	--	--	--	--
Avg daily w-bound traffic vol both bridges	38,583	40,189	--	--	--	--	--	--
DET Total work force	38,601	38,413	38,591	38,526	38,411	40,112	38,538	40,211
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.6	4.2	4.75	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.79

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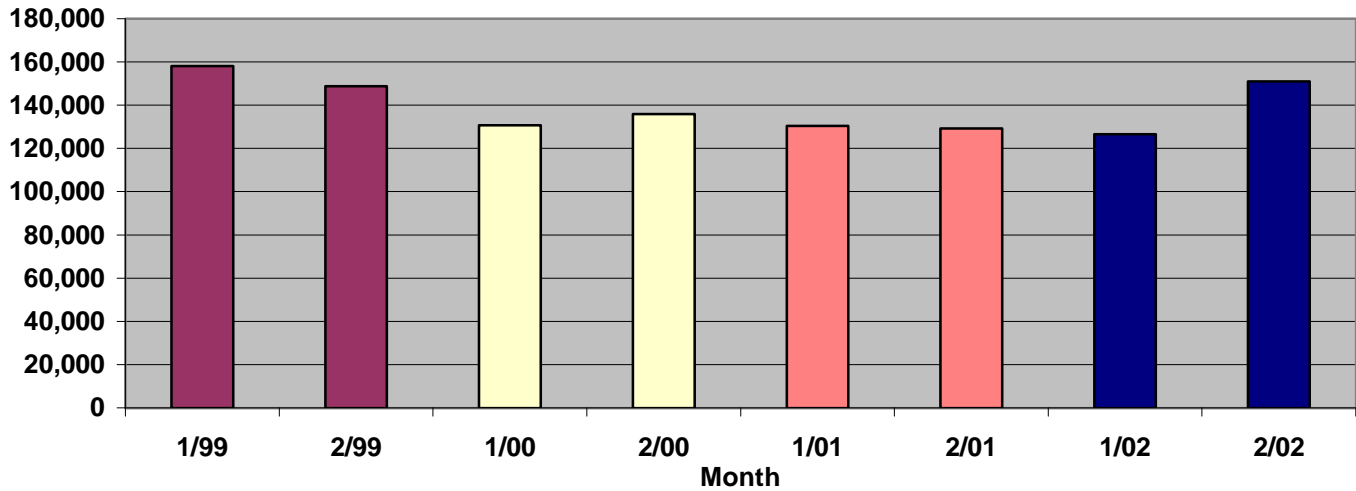
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### Cape Cod National Seashore Visits, '99-'02, Jan. & Feb.



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#### OTHER SECTORS – MONTHLY AND YEAR-TO-DATE SUMMARY

SECTOR	Lower Cape				Outer Cape			
	Feb-01	Feb-02	YTD2-01	YTD2-02	Feb-01	Feb-02	YTD2-01	YTD2-02
<b>Real Estate</b>								
# Single family (s.f.) homes sold, B&T	59	39	129	101	9	8	20	20
Avg sale price of s.f. homes sold, B&T	\$277,412	\$275,476	\$302,404	\$310,263	\$356,944	\$458,375	\$344,925	\$446,900
<b>Construction</b>								
# Residential permits issued	26	22	61	43	7	8	14	15
\$ Value of residential permits issued	453.2	416.3	1,215.2	957.9	123.2	255.4	258.2	483.1
# Commercial permits issued	2	1	3	3	0	0	0	1
\$ Value of commercial permits issued	272.5	87.0	412.5	1,185.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Tourism</b>								
Total State/Local room tax revenue (Reflects taxes paid for the month of January)	55.2	53.8	55.2	53.8	28.7	22.8	28.7	22.8
# visits to two CC visitor centers	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
# visits to CC Nat'l Seashore Areas	35,031	40,017	79,104	73,149	39,980	50,586	75,579	94,191
<b>General</b>								
Avg daily e-bound traffic vol both bridges	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Avg daily w-bound traffic vol both bridges	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
DET Total work force	18,065	18,831	18,094	18,856	4,661	4,359	4,780	4,386
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.76	24.2	22.7	24.4	23.26

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**REGIONS**

**Upper Cape** - Bourne, Falmouth, Mashpee, Sandwich

**Mid Cape** - Barnstable, Dennis, Yarmouth

**Lower Cape** – Brewster, Chatham, Eastham, Harwich, Orleans

**Outer Cape** – Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet

**Barnstable County** – All 15 Cape Cod Towns

**SECTORS**

**Retail & Other Credit Spending**

Sales charged to a single major credit card. Identity of card company is suppressed but data from same company is used each month.

Data source: Compiled by CC Chamber of Commerce

How to interpret the quarterly credit spending numbers:

**Total transactions – All Credit Charges:** Represents all credit card transactions in every category available, including the six categories detailed in this section.

**Avg. transaction amt. – All Credit charges:** Represents the average expenditure of all credit card transactions available, including those in the six categories detailed in this section.

**Total \$ Volume – All Credit Card Charges:** Represents the total amount of money charged to this card in the reporting period, including the six categories detailed in this section.

For each of the six categories – restaurants, lodging, fuel products, department stores, big ticket items\*\*, and supermarkets, the **avg. transaction amount** line is the gross dollar volume for the reporting period divided by the number of transactions for the respective category, rounded to the nearest dollar. The **total transactions** line is the gross number of transactions for the reporting period for each respective category. Fuel products reflects those charges made to Cape-based companies only. Major chain facilities or individual fuel sellers with off-Cape headquarters are not represented in the numbers reported here.

\*\*Big ticket items include aggregated sales of: major appliances, china/crystal/silver, floor coverings, home furnishings & accessories, home improvement, jewelry, furniture, consumer electronics.

## **Real Estate**

**# Single-family (s.f.) homes sold, B&T** – Totals derived from culling entries in Banker & Tradesman each week, compiled by region. Entries only include confirmed single-family home sales sold between \$50,000 and \$1 million, excluding low sales prices under \$100,000 between apparent family members, based on last names of seller(s) and buyer(s).

Data source: Banker & Tradesman

**Avg sale price of s.f. homes sold, B&T** – Calculated average of sale prices of homes in above category, collected by town and compiled and averaged by region.

Data source: Banker & Tradesman

## **Construction**

**# Residential permits issued** – Actual number of new residential permits issued, collected by town and compiled by region.

Data source: CCB&T Commercial Lending Dept. from town data

**\$ Value of residential permits issued** – Estimated value (according to permit applicant's estimate) of new home construction under permits from above category, collected by town and compiled by region.

Data source: CCB&T Commercial Lending Dept. from town data

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## **Tourism**

**Total state/local room tax revenue** – Actual room tax collected by Mass Dept. of Revenue, collected by town and compiled by region each month. Numbers represent the combined state and local portions, totaling 9.7% of total rents.

Unless specifically noted otherwise, the room tax data reported in the Economic Update are for the previous month's collections, so that the September Economic Update carries the room taxes collected for August. Users of this data should use caution in drawing conclusions from month-to-month due to variations in tax payment filings and entry of returns to data base. More reliable figures would be at the quarterly level, followed by the year-to-date totals each month.

Data source: Mass. Dept. of Revenue

**# Visits to three CC Chamber visitor centers** – Actual, aggregated recorded visits to the following visitor facilities: CC Chamber Route 25 Visitor Center (Upper Cape region), CC Chamber Route 6/132 Visitor Center and CC Chamber Cape Cod Mall Visitor Booth (Mid Cape region). Please note that the Cape Cod Mall Visitor Booth was discontinued in mid-November, 2001.

Data source: Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce

**# Visits to CC Nat'l Seashore Areas** – Compiled numbers representing aggregate visits to National Seashore beach areas spanning two regions of the Cape. Lower Cape Seashore beaches include Coast Guard Beach and Nauset Light Beach in Eastham while Outer Cape Seashore beaches/areas include Race Point Beach and Herring Cove Beach in Provincetown, Head of the Meadow Beach in Truro, and the Marconi Area in Wellfleet. Users should take notice that the total visits for Barnstable County will be greater than the sum of the two regions due to inclusion of other types of visits, including camping, oversand permits and miscellaneous visit types.

Data source: Cape Cod National Seashore

### **General**

**Avg. daily e-bound traffic vol both bridges** – Average daily Cape-bound traffic counts from both canal bridges collected by MassHighway.

Data source: MassHighway Department

**Avg. daily w-bound traffic vol both bridges** – Average daily off-Cape-bound traffic counts from both canal bridges collected by MassHighway.

Data source: MassHighway Department

**DET Total work force** – The total estimated number of individuals in the work force, collected by town and aggregated by region. Estimates are derived from data provided by employers covered by the Mass unemployment laws and do not include self-employed individuals.

Data source: Mass Dept. of Employment & Training

**Unemployment Rate (%)** – The percentage of the estimated workforce that is unemployed and looking for work, collected by town and aggregated by region.

Data source: Mass Dept. of Employment & Training



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