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The Public Assets Institute analyzed jobs data provided by the Vermont Department of Labor. The following table shows the change in Vermont Non-farm Payroll Employment from April 2001, prior to the start of the last recession, to April 2008, the date of the most recent figures. The numbers are seasonally adjusted.

Vermont Jobs 2001-2008

	April-01	April-08	Change
Total jobs	302,300	306,800	4,500
Private sector jobs*	252,700	252,600	(100)
Public sector jobs**	49,600	54,200	4,600

Data source: Vermont Department of Labor, Current Employment Statistics

* Includes both for-profit and non-profit employers

** Includes federal, state, and local government employers

The table shows that before the economy went into recession in 2001, Vermont had 302,300 jobs. This year, the state has 306,800, only 4500 more jobs than in 2001. And, all of the net new jobs were public sector jobs. There are actually fewer private sector jobs now than there were in 2001.

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