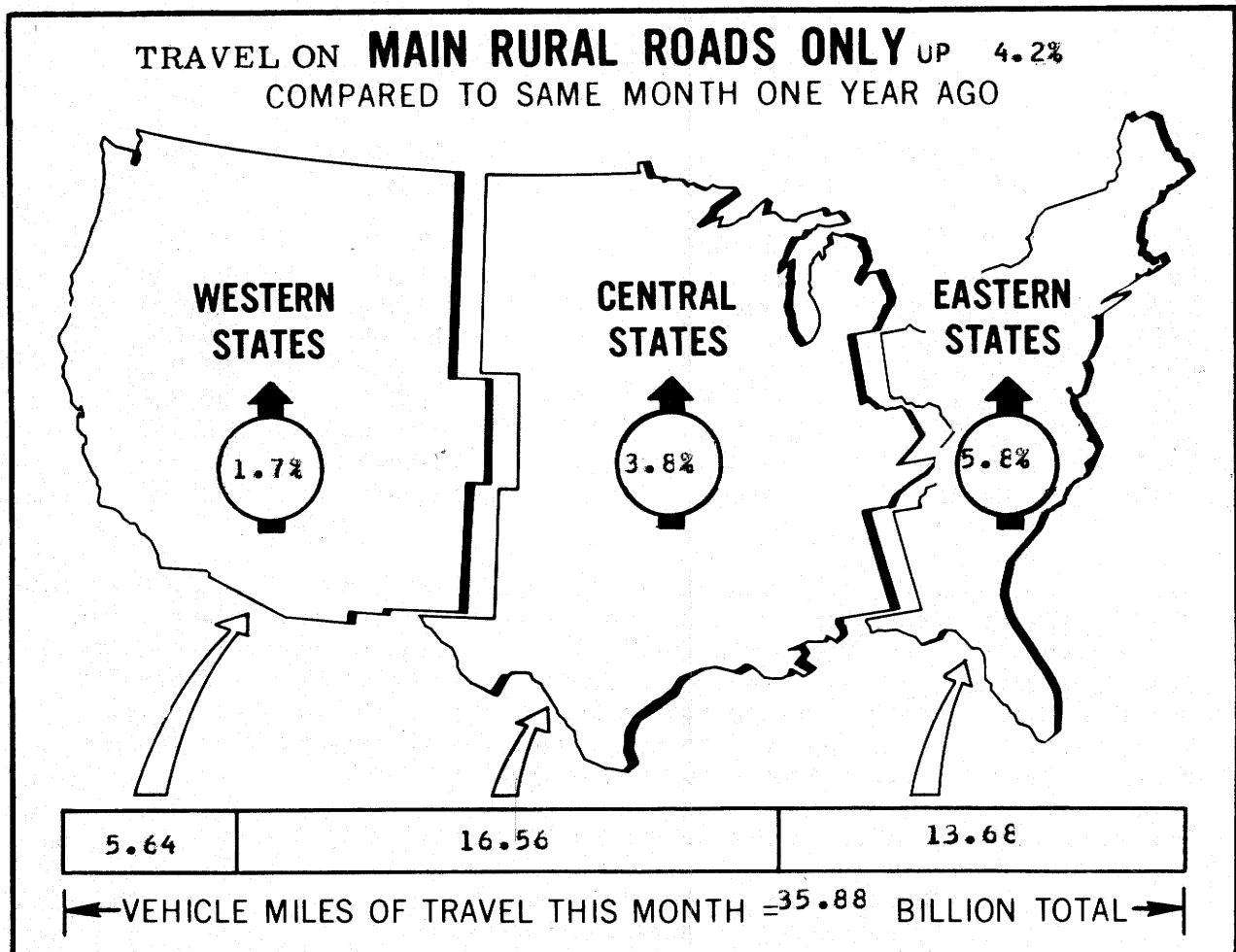


TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

JANUARY 1979 \downarrow

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** UP 3.7%
COMPARED TO SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO



^{1/} ALL DATA FOR THIS MONTH ARE PRELIMINARY, REVISED VALUES FOR PREVIOUS MONTH ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 and 2.

NOTE: ALL VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL HAVE BEEN COMPUTED WITH 1976 VM-2 DATA AS A BASE.

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Based on preliminary reports from the state highway agencies, travel during January 1979 on all roads and streets in the nation increased by 3.7 percent as compared to January 1978, resulting in estimated travel for the month at 107,356 million vehicle miles. This total includes 36,096 million vehicle miles on main rural roads, 9,655 million vehicle miles on other rural roads, and 61,605 million vehicle miles on city streets.

Travel for the current month as well as the cumulative yearly total on main rural roads and for all roads and streets is shown below. Similar totals for each year since 1970 are also included.

TRAVEL IN MILLIONS

	Main Rural Roads		All Roads and Streets	
	January	Year to Date	January	Year to Date
1970	27,169	27,169	80,173	80,173
1971	29,190	29,190	85,336	85,336
1972	30,054	30,054	92,465	92,465
1973	31,795	31,795	96,664	96,664
1974	30,558	30,558	95,030	95,030
1975	32,149	32,149	98,342	98,342
1976	34,248	34,248	102,460	102,460
1977	33,870	33,870	102,445	102,445
1978	34,632	34,632	103,484	103,484

Traffic Volume Trends is a monthly report prepared by the Planning Services Branch, Highway Statistics Division, based on hourly traffic count data. These data, collected at approximately 4,000 continuous traffic counting locations nationwide, are used to determine the percent change in traffic for the current month compared to the same month in the previous year. This percent change is applied to the travel for the same period in the previous year to obtain travel for the current period.

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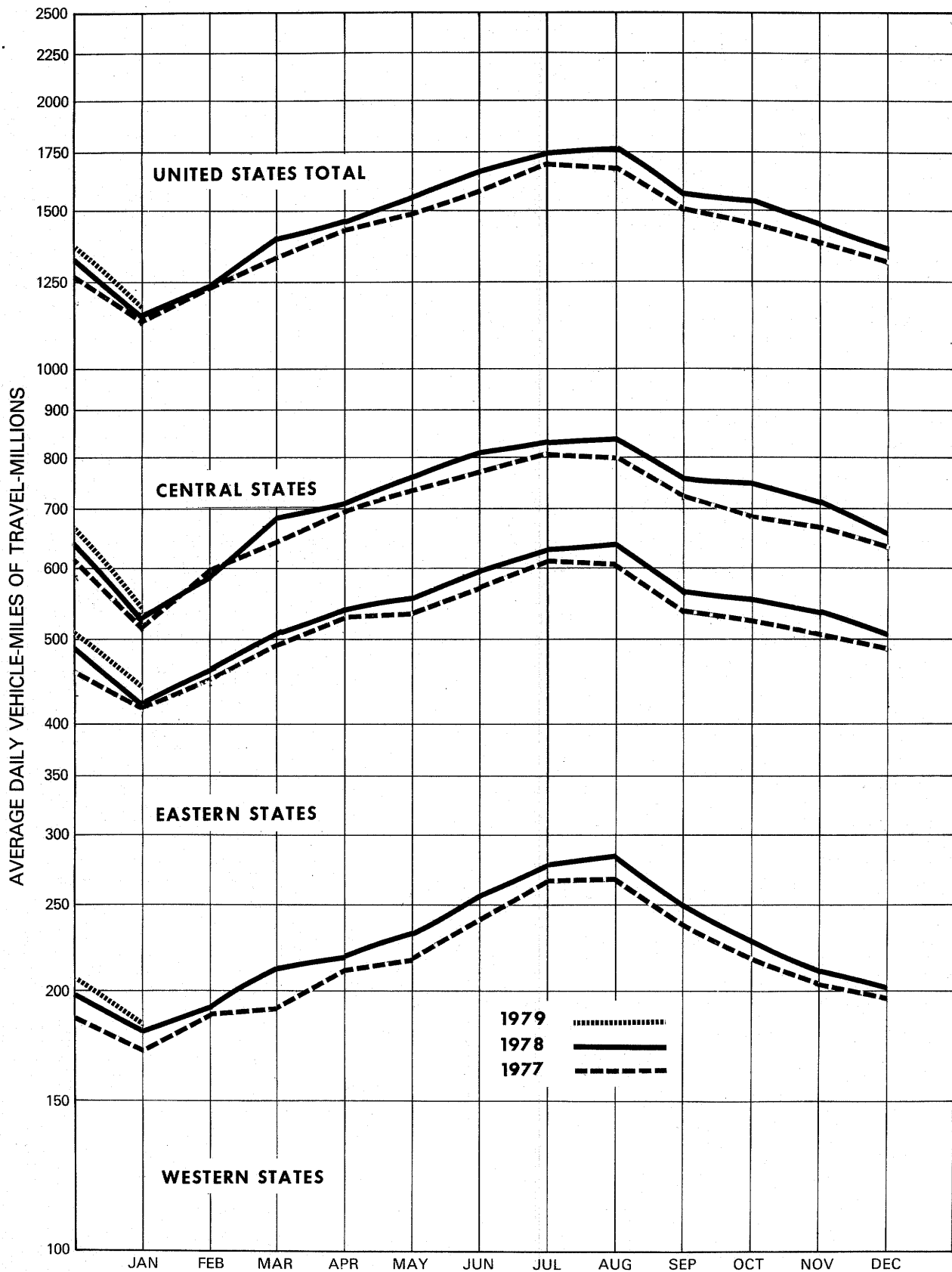


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

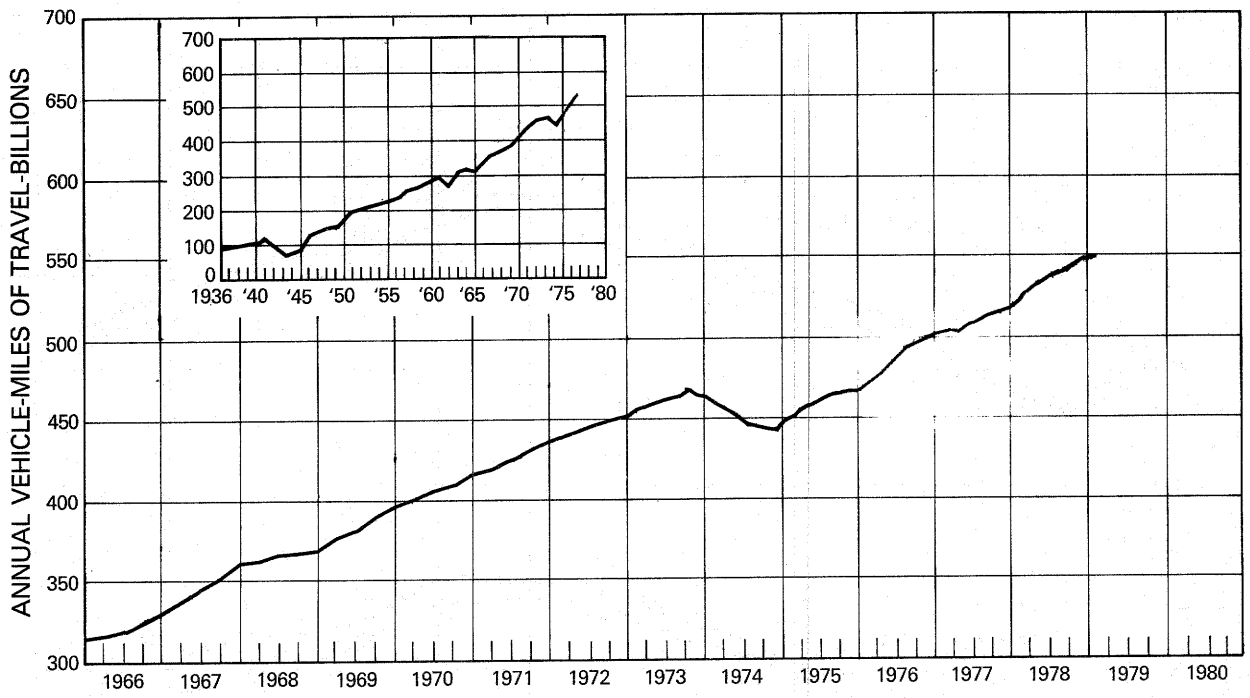


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

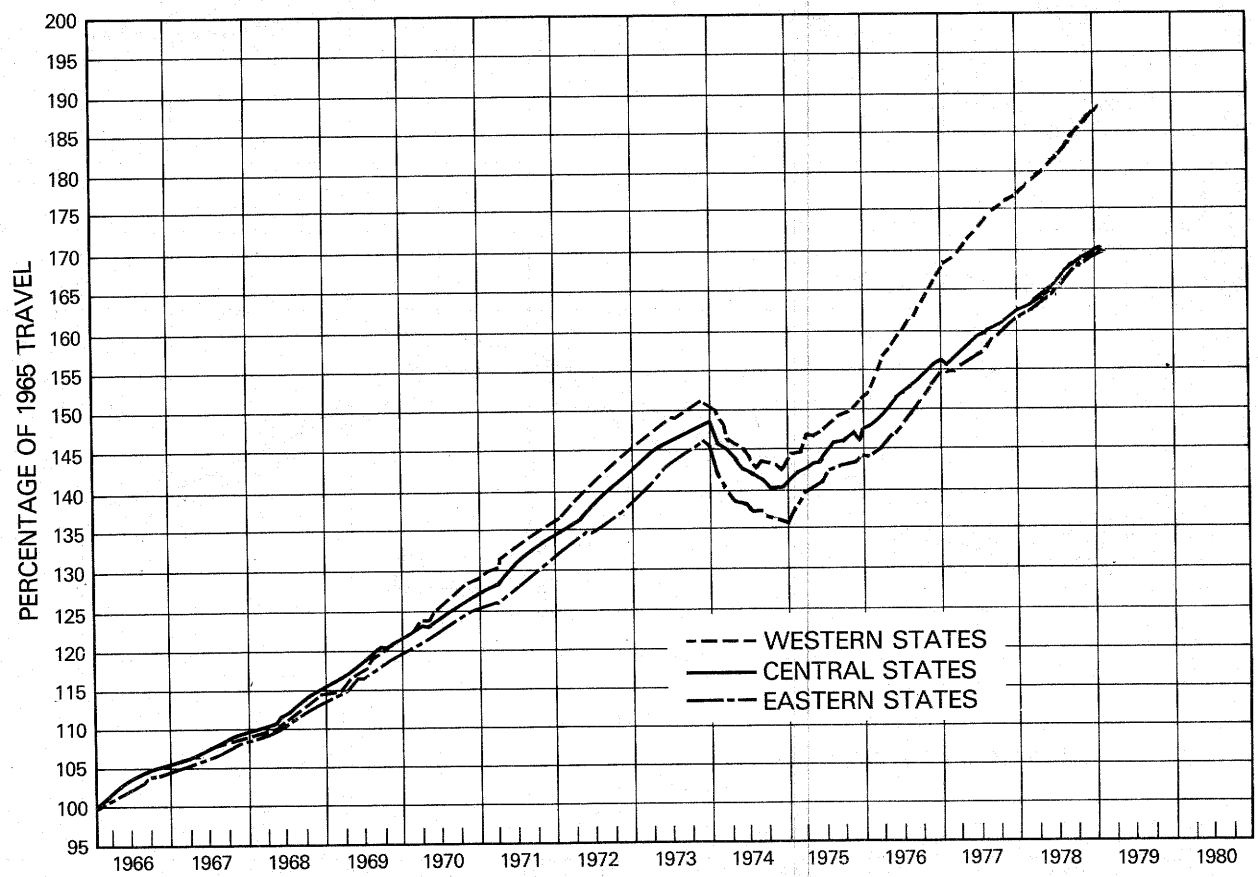


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

TABLE 1.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR JANUARY			REVISED DATA FOR DECEMBER		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1979	1978		1978	1977	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	36,096	34,632	4.2	42,794	40,686	5.2
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	9,655	9,465	1.8	11,109	10,723	3.6
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	45,751	44,117	3.7	53,903	51,409	4.9
CITY STREETS.....	61,605	59,367	3.8	67,671	64,847	4.4
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	107,356	103,484	3.7	121,574	116,257	4.6
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	13,681	12,928	5.8	15,688	15,063	4.2
CENTRAL REGION.....	16,555	15,942	3.8	20,505	19,432	5.5
WESTERN REGION.....	5,645	5,549	1.7	6,359	5,966	6.6
TOTAL.....	35,881	34,419	4.2	42,552	40,461	5.2

TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	JANUARY (PRELIMINARY)		DECEMBER (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	JANUARY (PRELIMINARY)		DECEMBER (REVISED)	
	NUMBER OF STATIONS	PER-CENTAGE CHANGE	NUMBER OF STATIONS	PER-CENTAGE CHANGE		NUMBER OF STATIONS	PER-CENTAGE CHANGE	NUMBER OF STATIONS	PER-CENTAGE CHANGE
NEW ENGLAND:					EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
CONNECTICUT.....	5	14.9	4	9.6	ALABAMA.....	-	-	-	-
MAINE.....	22	2.9	23	6.9	KENTUCKY.....	17	16.7	35	6.0
MASSACHUSETTS.....	-	-	3	- 0.9	MISSISSIPPI.....	18	7.9	35	5.5
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	-	-	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	25	7.2
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	37	8.8	41	6.8	IOWA.....	31	- 5.1	31	4.3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	61	-13.6	67	- 1.6
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	20	3.0	MINNESOTA.....	-	-	35	7.5
NEW YORK.....	20	6.6	23	4.1	MISSOURI.....	72	- 6.7	71	5.3
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	53	5.4	NEBRASKA.....	21	- 4.8	15	- 0.5
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	27	14.2
DELAWARE.....	13	3.8	14	1.1	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	34	4.3
MARYLAND.....	28	10.1	30	5.6	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	5.1	-	4.7	ARKANSAS.....	19	- 1.7	24	2.4
WEST VIRGINIA.....	18	11.6	27	8.8	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	30	6.5	38	- 2.1
FLORIDA.....	16	2.0	-	-	TEXAS.....	117	5.2	118	3.3
GEORGIA.....	-	-	-	-	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	38	7.5	42	5.5	ARIZONA.....	6	7.0	6	7.5
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	13	2.3	13	1.8	COLORADO.....	42	0.5	43	- 3.1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	-	-	-	-
ILLINOIS.....	20	- 4.3	-	-	MONTANA.....	-	-	-	-
INDIANA.....	23	17.6	20	12.6	NEVADA.....	28	6.6	27	8.4
MICHIGAN.....	61	15.0	60	6.6	NEW MEXICO.....	29	1.2	26	1.2
OHIO.....	21	9.0	23	9.6	UTAH.....	47	- 0.2	-	-
WISCONSIN.....	34	- 4.4	47	6.4	WYOMING.....	36	4.3	37	- 4.4
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	1	2.0	1	7.9	CALIFORNIA.....	14	3.7	16	7.7
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	5	- 1.7	4	6.4

NOTE: 1-RURAL MILEAGE OF EACH MAJOR TRAIL ROUTE IS CONSIDERED AS ONE OR MORE STATIONS, DEPENDING ON STATES' METHOD OF REPORTING.

2-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS IS SHOWN AS A DASH AND A VALUE FOR PERCENTAGE CHANGE IS INDICATED, THE LATTER VALUE IS BASED ON A STATEWIDE ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY THE HIGHWAY AGENCY DETERMINED FROM EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SAMPLING SURVEYS.

3-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE ARE SHOWN AS DASHES, SUFFICIENT INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE AN ESTIMATE.

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TABLE 3.

ESTIMATED INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES ***

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1978 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	34.6	35.0	44.2	44.3	48.5	50.3	54.3	55.0	47.4	48.0	44.0	42.8
LOCAL RURAL	9.5	9.5	11.2	12.3	13.6	13.6	14.4	14.4	13.2	13.4	12.0	11.1
URBAN	59.4	57.9	68.9	68.5	71.8	71.6	72.4	73.3	69.3	72.0	66.5	67.7
ALL SYSTEMS	103.5	102.3	124.4	125.0	133.9	135.4	141.2	142.7	129.9	133.4	122.8	121.6
1979 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	36.1											
LOCAL RURAL	9.7											
URBAN	61.6											
ALL SYSTEMS	107.4											
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1979 VS. 1978												
MAIN RURAL	4.2											
LOCAL RURAL	1.8											
URBAN	3.8											
ALL SYSTEMS	3.7											

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TABLE 4.

ESTIMATED CUMULATIVE MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES ***

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1978 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	34.6	69.6	113.8	158.1	206.6	256.9	311.2	366.2	413.5	461.6	505.6	548.4
LOCAL RURAL	9.5	18.9	30.1	42.4	56.0	69.5	84.0	98.4	111.6	125.0	137.0	148.1
URBAN	59.4	117.3	186.2	254.7	326.5	398.1	470.5	543.8	613.1	685.1	752.0	819.6
ALL SYSTEMS	103.5	205.8	330.1	455.1	589.0	724.5	865.6	1008.3	1138.2	1271.7	1394.5	1516.1
1979 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	36.1											
LOCAL RURAL	9.7											
URBAN	61.6											
ALL SYSTEMS	107.4											
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1979 VS. 1978												
MAIN RURAL	4.2											
LOCAL RURAL	1.8											
URBAN	3.8											
ALL SYSTEMS	3.7											

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