

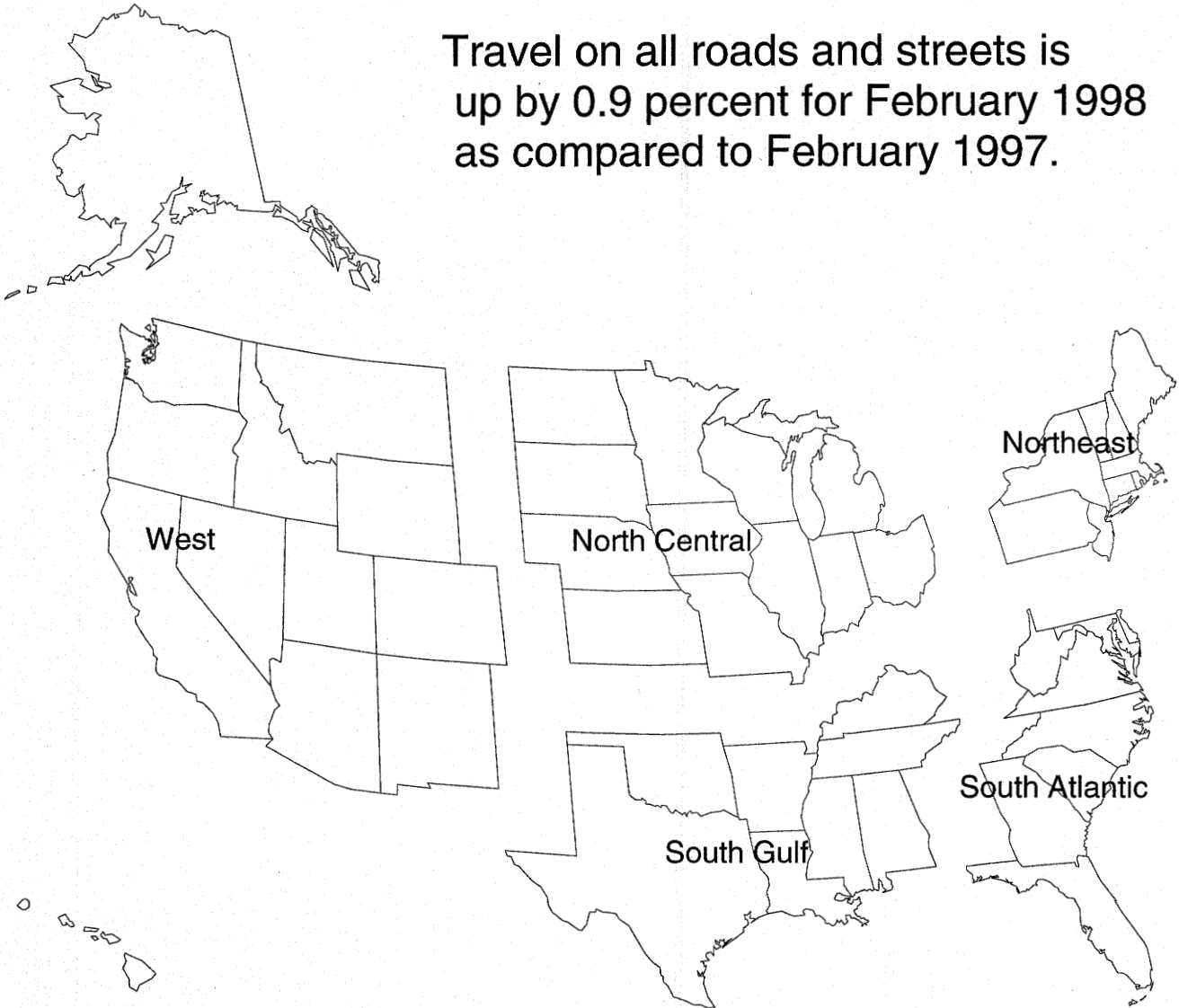


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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

February 1998

Travel on all roads and streets is up by 0.9 percent for February 1998 as compared to February 1997.

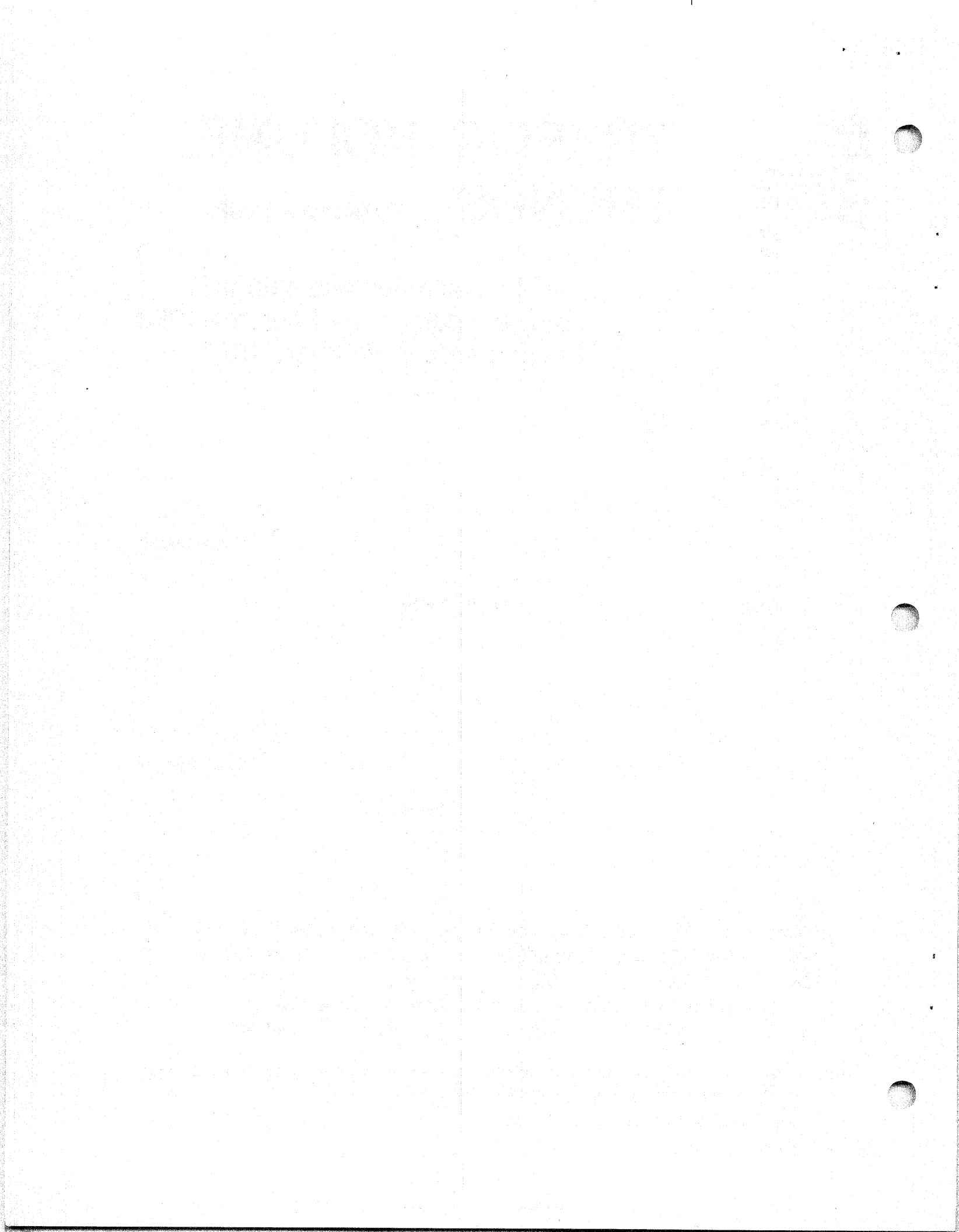


Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region - February 1998 - (in Billions)

West	North Central	South Gulf	Northeast	South Atlantic
38.2	43.6	35.8	28.7	37.6
Change in Traffic as compared to the same month last year.				
-3.4%	+2.9%	+1.1%	+2.4%	+1.9%

Note: All data for this month are preliminary. Revised values for the previous month are shown in Tables 1 and 2.
All vehicle-miles of travel computed with 1996 Table VM-2 as a base

Compiled with data on hand as of April 17, 1998.



Traffic Volume Trends - February 1998

Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during February 1998 on all roads and streets in the nation increased by 0.9 percent as compared to February 1997 resulting in estimated travel for the month at 184.0 billion vehicle-miles. This total includes 69.0 billion vehicle-miles on rural roads and 114.8 billion vehicle-miles on urban roads and streets.

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

Travel in Millions		
All Roads and Streets		
Year	February	Year to Date
1970	77,442	157,615
1971	80,118	165,455
1972	88,272	180,738
1973	92,567	189,231
1974	86,426	181,456
1975	91,303	189,645
1976	98,528	200,988
1977	102,416	204,861
1978	107,018	216,855
1979	109,650	224,004
1980	107,338	223,800
1981	109,765	225,814
1982	107,512	217,269
1983	111,828	231,263
1984	117,483	240,013
1985	119,367	243,488
1986	123,526	256,524
1987	135,996	275,914
1988	141,748	290,627
1989	146,732	306,482
1990	153,559	317,159
1991	153,351	311,240
1992	160,204	327,856
1993	162,844	334,524
1994	166,444	335,758
1995	171,053	364,891
1996	176,562	360,027
1997	182,386	370,892
1998	183,998	380,099

Traffic Volume Trends is a monthly report 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 month of the previous year to obtain an estimate of travel for the current month.

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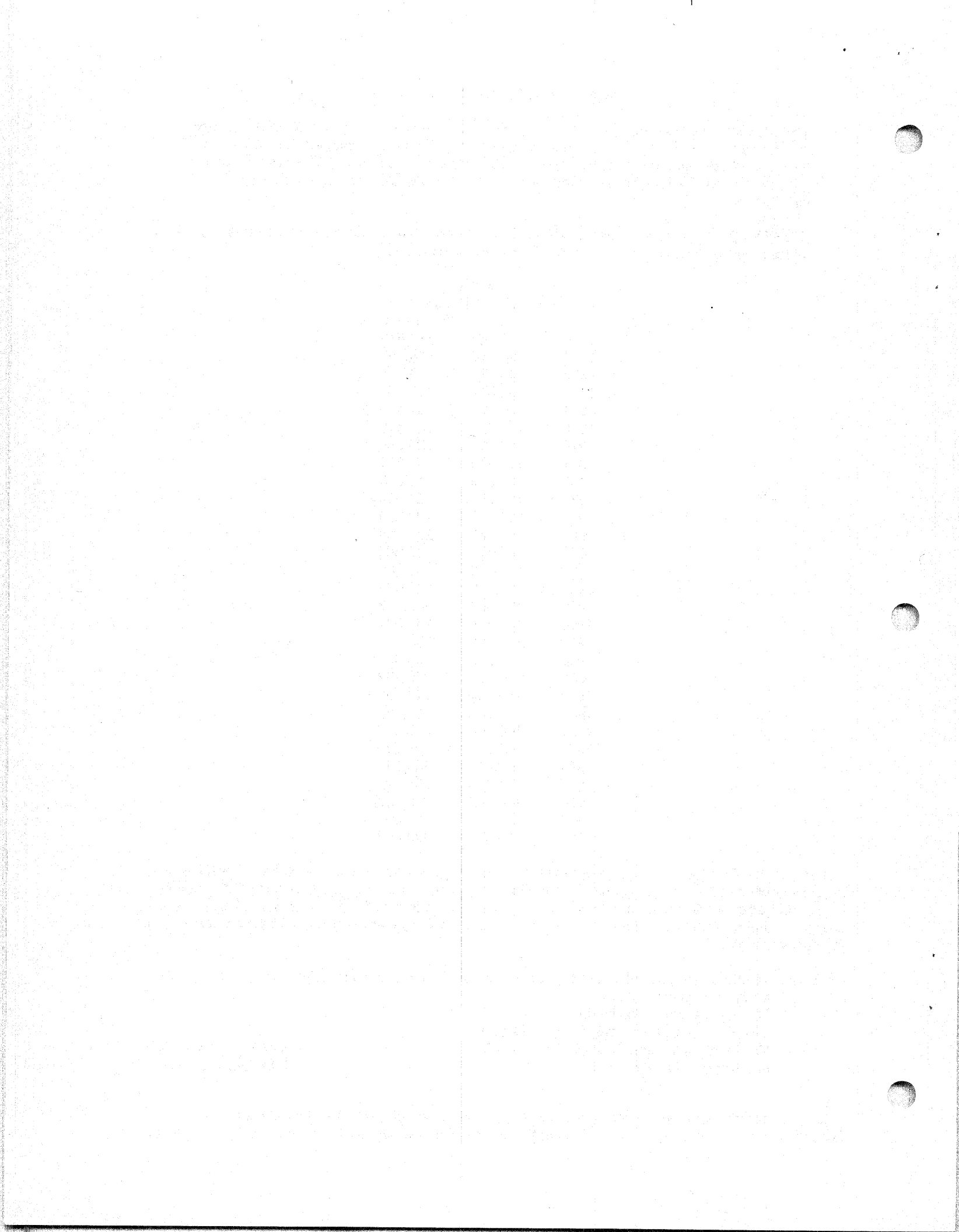


Table 1 - Estimated Individual Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1997 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	16.7	16.5	19.6	18.8	20.8	21.2	23.2	23.5	19.7	20.6	19.4	19.3
Rural Other Arterial	26.9	26.8	31.4	31.2	34.6	34.7	37.5	37.6	33.3	34.1	30.5	30.6
Other Rural	25.7	24.6	29.3	29.2	31.8	31.7	33.3	33.2	30.2	31.0	27.7	28.2
Urban Interstate	27.3	26.4	30.5	29.6	31.1	30.8	31.9	32.2	29.7	31.1	28.7	30.2
Urban Other Arterial	65.7	63.0	71.1	70.9	73.5	72.1	74.1	74.0	69.3	72.1	67.2	71.2
Other Urban	26.2	25.1	28.8	28.4	29.9	29.3	30.7	30.7	28.4	29.5	27.9	28.3
All Systems	188.5	182.4	210.8	208.1	221.7	219.7	230.7	231.3	210.6	218.5	201.5	207.8
1998 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	18.1	17.1										
Rural Other Arterial	28.2	27.2										
Other Rural	26.6	24.7										
Urban Interstate	28.2	26.5										
Urban Other Arterial	67.7	62.9										
Other Urban	27.3	25.4										
All Systems	196.1	184.0										
Percent Change In Individual Monthly Travel 1998 vs. 1997												
Rural Interstate	8.4	4.0										
Rural Other Arterial	4.9	1.8										
Other Rural	3.6	0.3										
Urban Interstate	3.1	0.7										
Urban Other Arterial	3.0	-0.1										
Other Urban	4.2	1.2										
All Systems	4.0	0.9										

Table 2 - Estimated Cumulative Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1997 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	16.7	33.2	52.8	71.6	92.4	113.6	136.8	160.3	180.0	200.7	220.1	239.4
Rural Other Arterial	26.9	53.6	85.1	116.3	150.9	185.6	223.2	260.8	294.1	328.2	358.7	389.3
Other Rural	25.7	50.3	79.6	108.8	140.7	172.4	205.6	238.8	269.0	300.1	327.8	356.0
Urban Interstate	27.3	53.7	84.2	113.8	144.9	175.7	207.6	239.8	269.5	300.6	329.2	359.4
Urban Other Arterial	65.7	128.7	199.7	270.7	344.2	416.2	490.3	564.3	633.6	705.8	773.0	844.2
Other Urban	26.2	51.4	80.2	108.6	138.5	167.7	198.4	229.1	257.5	287.0	314.9	343.2
All Systems	188.5	370.9	581.7	789.8	1011.5	1231.2	1461.9	1693.2	1903.8	2122.4	2323.8	2531.6
1998 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	18.1	35.2										
Rural Other Arterial	28.2	55.5										
Other Rural	26.6	51.3										
Urban Interstate	28.2	54.7										
Urban Other Arterial	67.7	130.6										
Other Urban	27.3	52.8										
All Systems	196.1	380.1										
Percent Change In Cumulative Monthly Travel 1998 vs. 1997												
Rural Interstate	8.4	6.2										
Rural Other Arterial	4.9	3.4										
Other Rural	3.6	2.0										
Urban Interstate	3.1	1.9										
Urban Other Arterial	3.0	1.5										
Other Urban	4.2	2.7										
All Systems	4.0	2.5										

* System entries may not add to give "All Systems" total due to rounding.

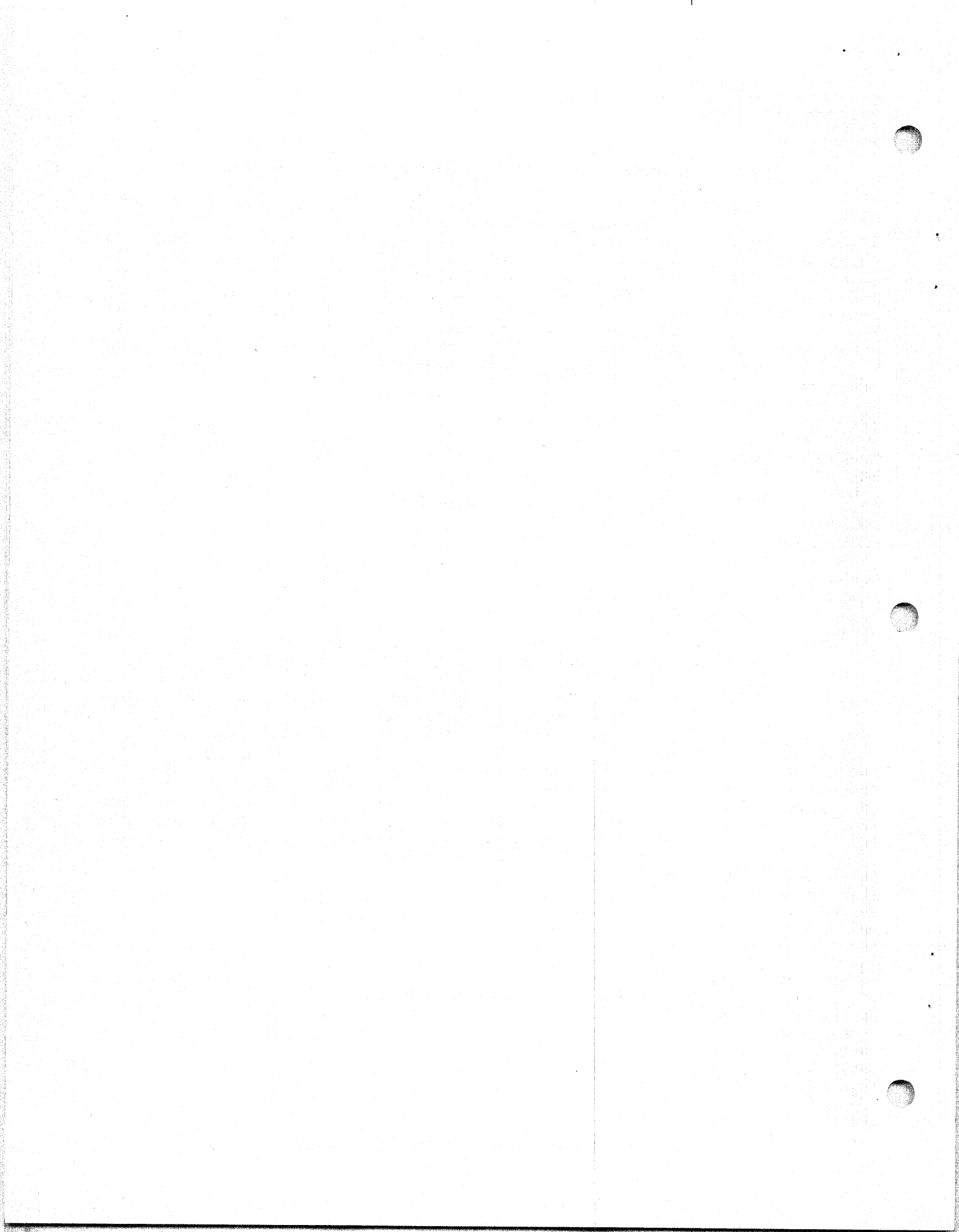


Table 3 - Changes On Rural Arterial Roads By Region and State

Region and State	February				January			
	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change
		1998 (Preliminary)	1997			1998 (Revised)	1997	
Northeast								
Connecticut	20	309	291	6.2	18	312	306	1.8
Maine	35	363	347	4.5	35	346	355	-2.4
Massachusetts	-	380	366	3.9	-	349	339	2.8
New Hampshire	58	301	290	3.8	55	296	290	2.1
New Jersey	6	531	516	3.0	8	549	519	5.7
New York	50	1,131	1,099	3.0	47	1,137	1,109	2.5
Pennsylvania	-	1,854	1,799	3.1	-	1,905	1,814	5.1
Rhode Island	12	51	49	5.0	-	59	53	12.1
Vermont	36	201	195	3.2	38	202	197	2.8
		5,122	4,951	3.5		5,155	4,981	3.5
South Atlantic								
Delaware	-	115	112	2.9	-	124	116	6.2
Dist Of Columbia	-	0	0	0.0	-	0	0	0.0
Florida	206	2,221	2,166	2.5	211	2,321	2,221	4.5
Georgia	36	1,773	1,690	4.9	28	1,948	1,811	7.6
Maryland	-	664	649	2.3	-	743	672	10.5
North Carolina	-	1,704	1,619	5.2	-	1,701	1,594	6.8
South Carolina	-	1,319	1,258	4.8	22	1,371	1,312	4.5
Virginia	-	1,589	1,567	1.4	17	1,727	1,551	11.3
West Virginia	10	552	541	2.0	10	550	514	7.1
		9,936	9,602	3.5		10,484	9,790	7.1
North Central								
Illinois	24	1,340	1,277	4.9	24	1,391	1,249	11.4
Indiana	-	1,323	1,277	3.6	-	1,345	1,237	8.7
Iowa	128	815	776	5.1	129	837	780	7.3
Kansas	-	638	607	5.1	-	699	653	7.0
Michigan	-	1,349	1,290	4.6	-	1,318	1,236	6.6
Minnesota	-	983	947	3.9	-	1,003	929	8.0
Missouri	32	1,209	1,167	3.6	34	1,218	1,136	7.2
Nebraska	30	514	474	8.3	30	527	495	6.4
North Dakota	4	196	213	-7.9	4	199	183	8.9
Ohio	45	1,526	1,471	3.7	48	1,566	1,475	6.2
South Dakota	47	286	282	1.6	39	296	261	13.4
Wisconsin	125	1,348	1,276	5.7	130	1,381	1,289	7.1
		11,527	11,056	4.3		11,778	10,921	7.8
South Gulf								
Alabama	-	1,140	1,099	3.8	-	1,142	1,086	5.1
Arkansas	-	806	775	4.0	-	839	800	5.0
Kentucky	41	938	924	1.5	36	1,021	936	9.1
Louisiana	-	791	752	5.3	-	768	724	6.1
Mississippi	66	950	906	4.9	60	978	923	6.0
Oklahoma	-	806	787	2.4	-	841	791	6.3
Tennessee	-	1,280	1,230	4.1	17	1,257	1,217	3.3
Texas	-	3,066	2,996	2.3	-	3,226	3,039	6.2
		9,777	9,469	3.3		10,073	9,516	5.9
West								
Alaska	-	70	71	-0.4	-	77	71	8.3
Arizona	6	627	673	-6.8	2	685	673	1.8
California	24	3,089	3,186	-3.0	21	3,633	3,378	7.5
Colorado	-	731	698	4.7	-	786	732	7.4
Hawaii	-	108	115	-5.9	-	127	124	2.2
Idaho	154	321	311	3.1	142	319	305	4.7
Montana	42	328	313	4.7	42	324	303	6.7
Nevada	50	231	252	-8.4	48	249	234	6.3
New Mexico	-	524	561	-6.6	-	595	585	1.8
Oregon	136	687	687	0.0	121	677	677	0.1
Utah	83	366	362	1.3	67	391	356	10.0
Washington	-	703	696	1.1	-	716	706	1.5
Wyoming	126	235	229	2.6	124	247	233	6.0
		8,020	8,152	-1.6		8,826	8,377	5.4
TOTALS		44,383	43,230	2.7		46,316	43,585	6.3

Note: Where Number of Stations are shown as dashes, the values for Vehicle-Miles and Percent Change are derived from the estimated VMT based on data from surrounding States or the Nationwide average VMT.

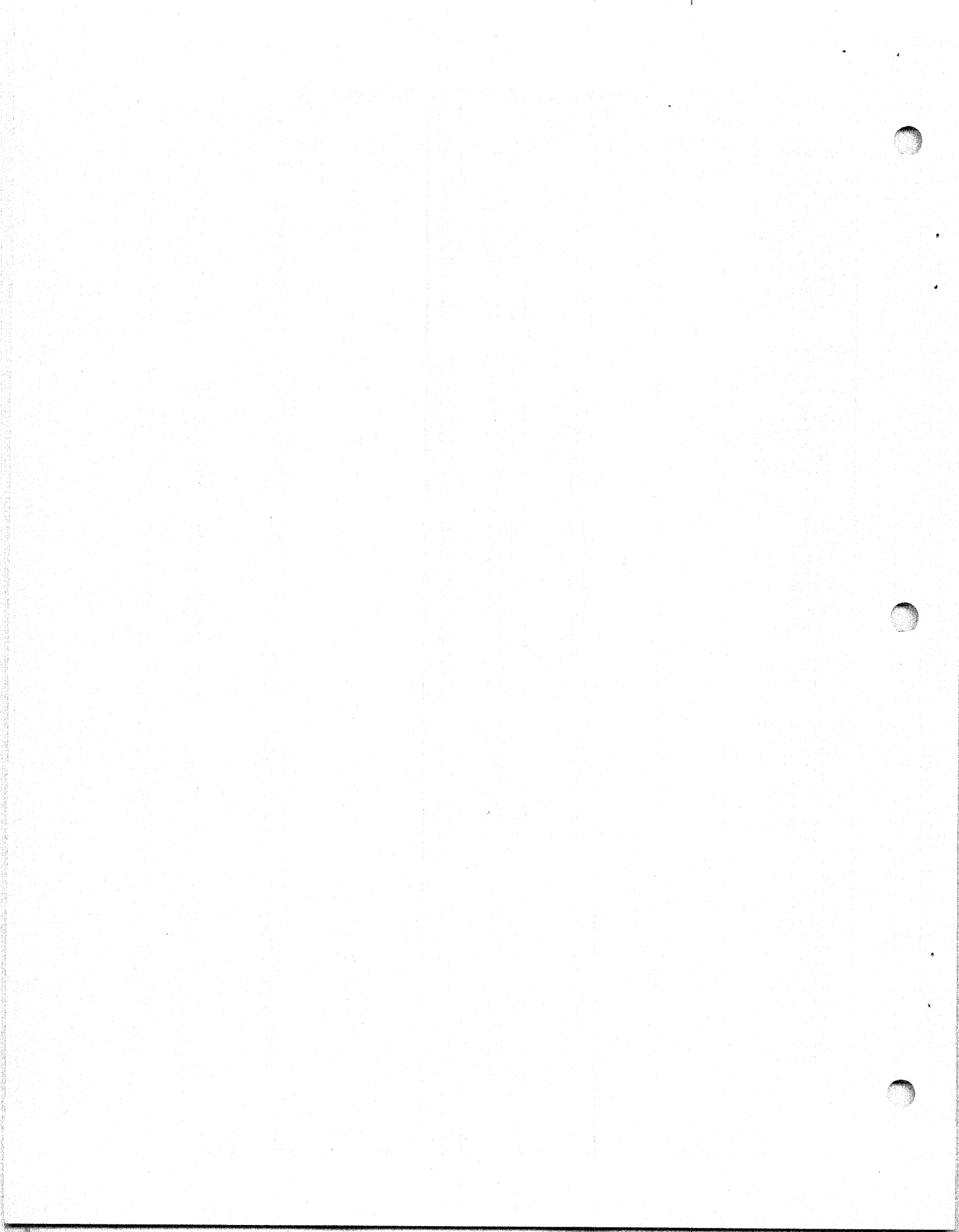
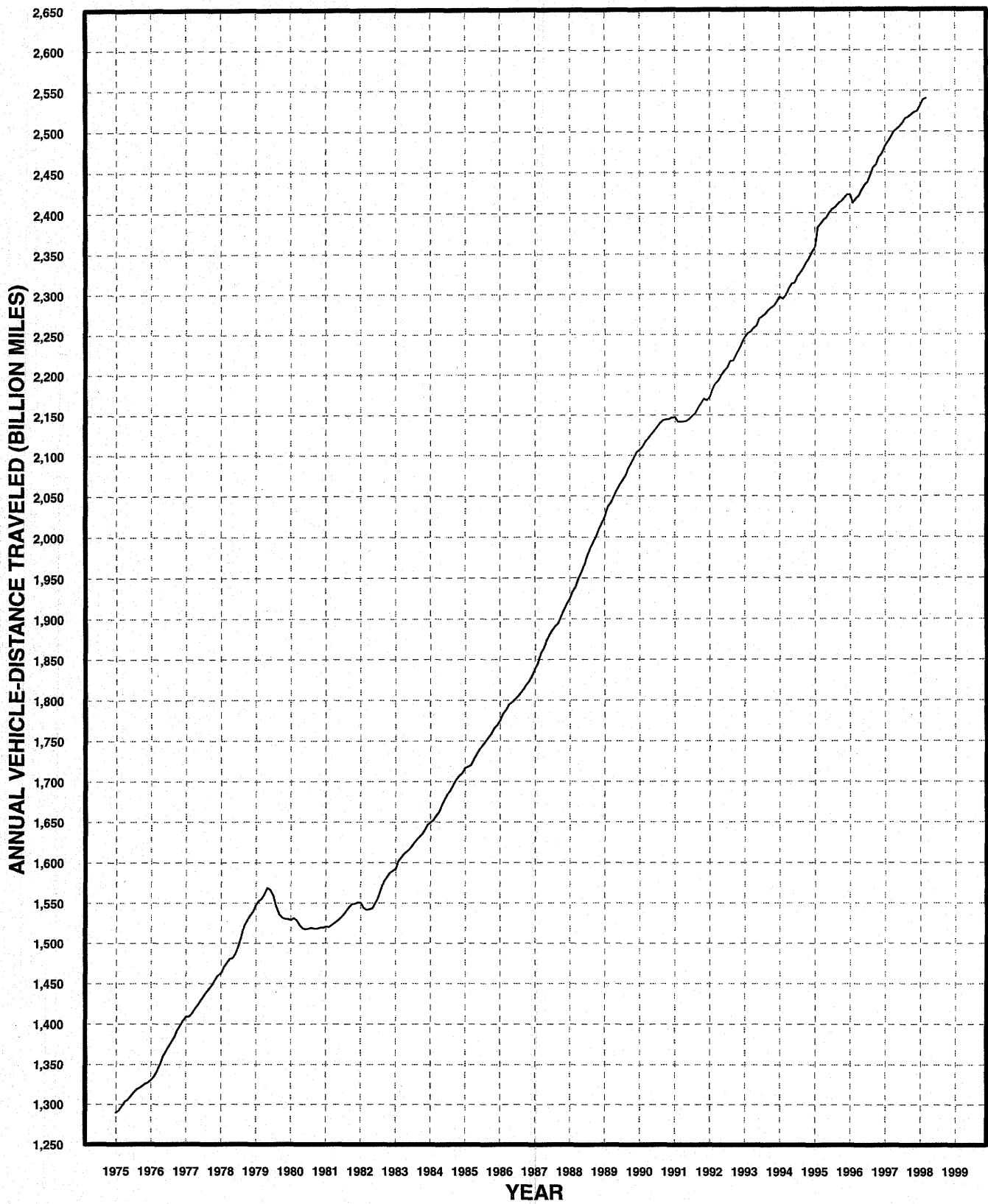


FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12-MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS



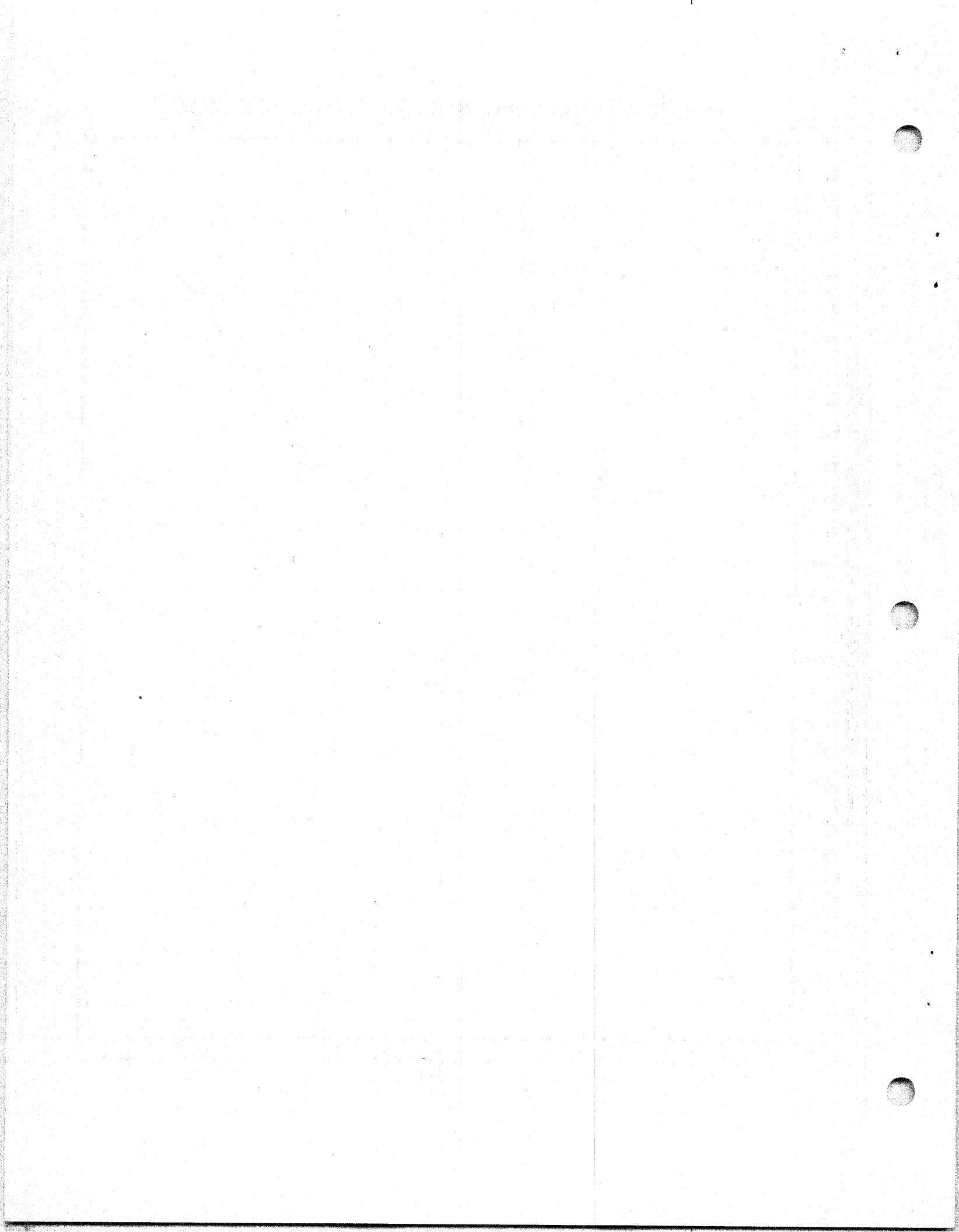
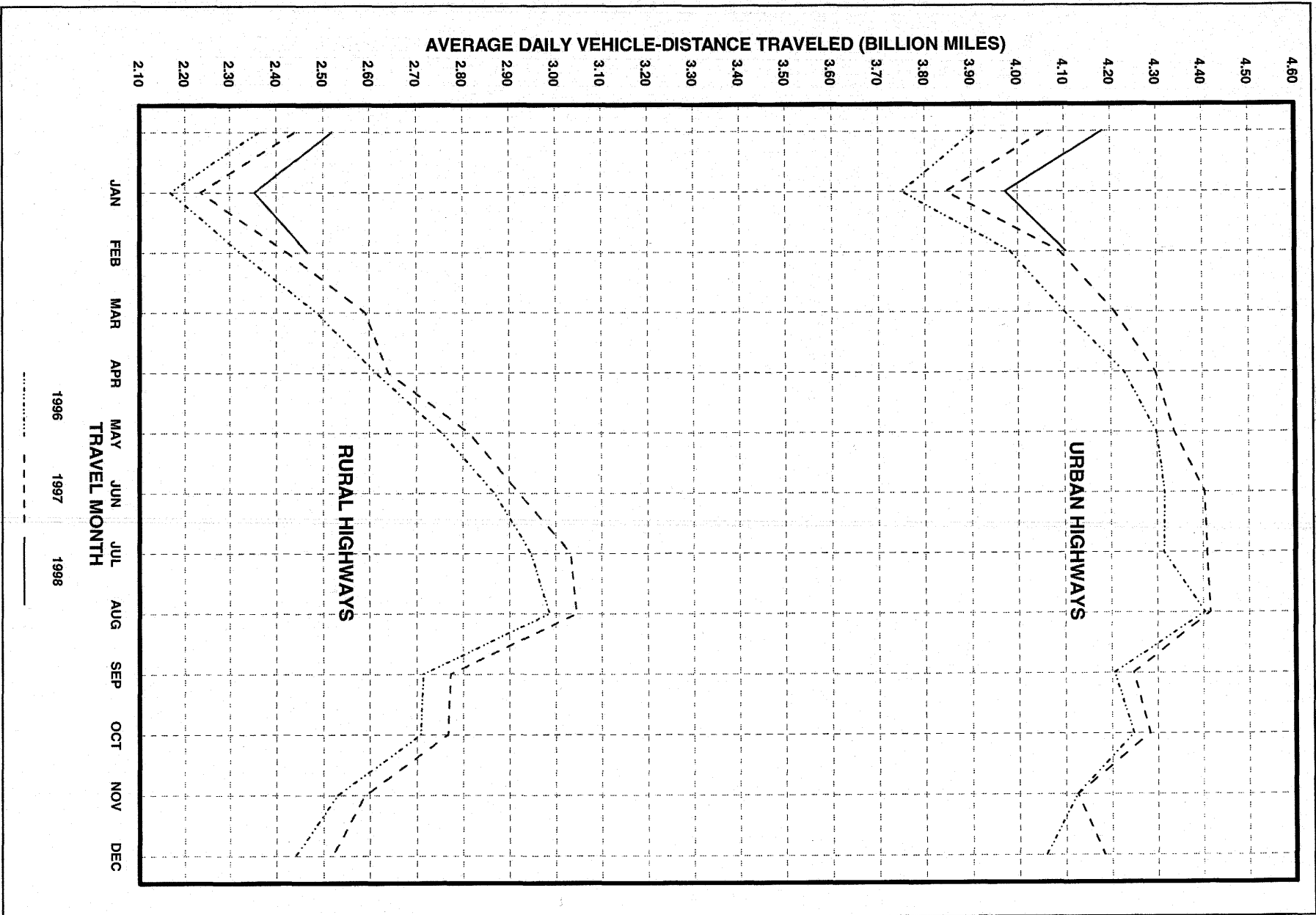
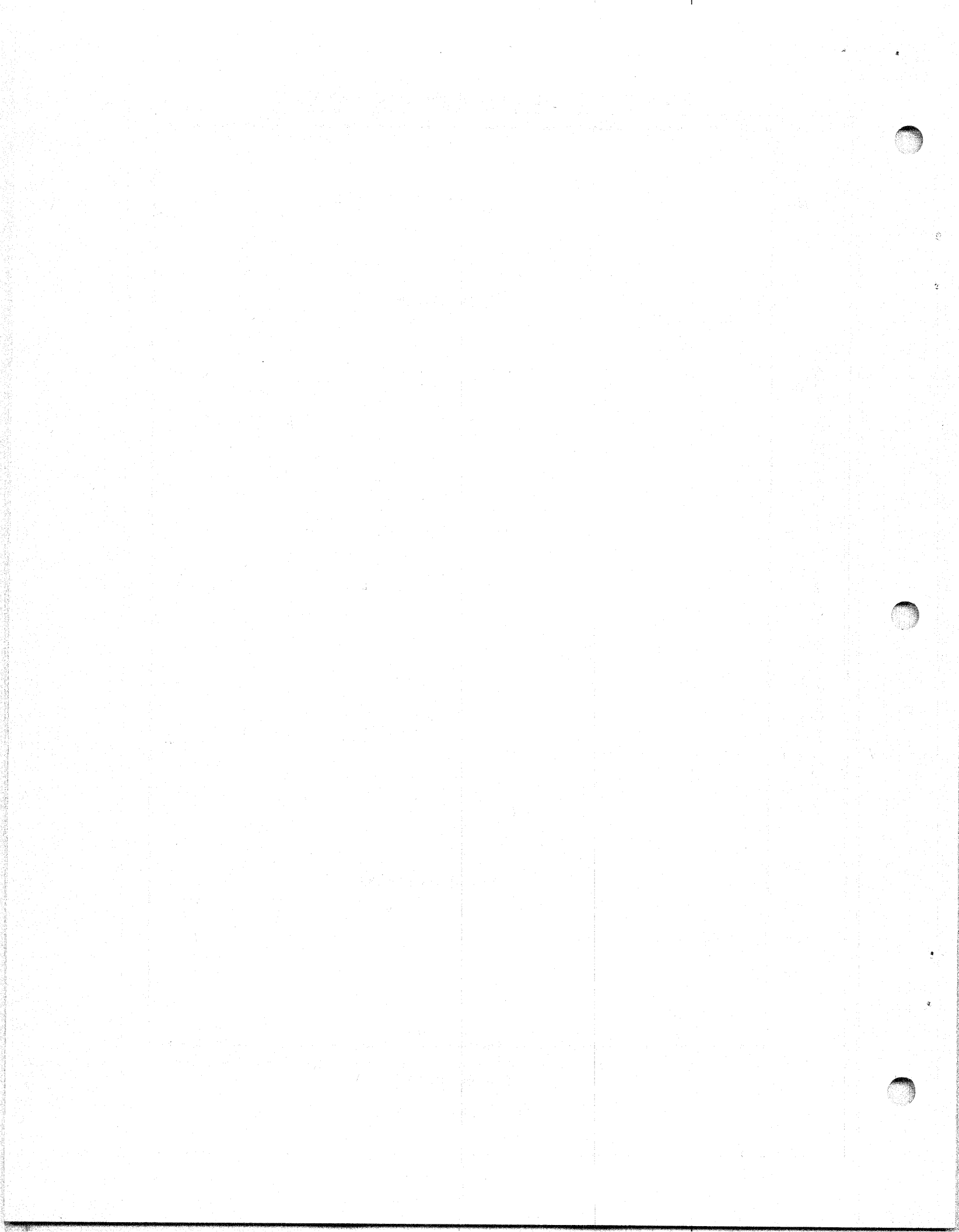


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U.S. HIGHWAYS BY MONTH



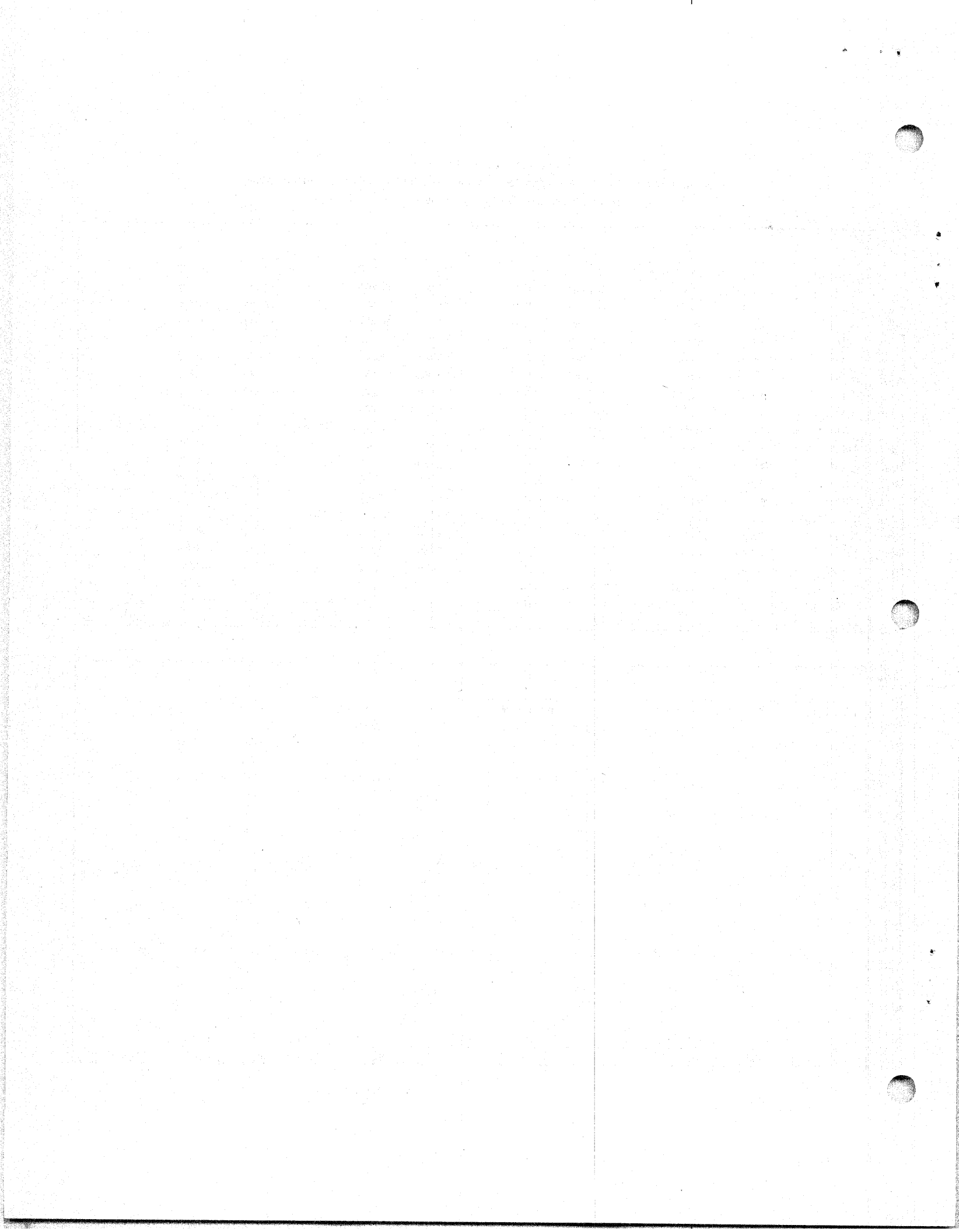


Traffic Volume Trends Rural*
Estimated Vehicle Miles (Millions) and Percent Change from Same Period Previous Year
(Includes Preliminary Data for February 1998)

Year - 1997														
Rural Interstate			Rural Other Arterial			Other Rural			Total Rural			All Systems		
		%			%			%			%			%
Jan	16,696	3.7	Jan	26,889	3.3	Jan	25,707	2.5	Jan	69,292	3.1	Jan	188,506	2.7
Feb	16,475	5.5	Feb	26,755	4.6	Feb	24,633	3.4	Feb	67,863	4.4	Feb	182,386	3.3
Mar	19,586	4.5	Mar	31,420	4.1	Mar	29,308	4.0	Mar	80,314	4.2	Mar	210,760	3.2
Q1	52,757	4.6	Q1	85,064	4.0	Q1	79,648	3.3	Q1	217,469	3.9	Q1	581,652	3.1
Apr	18,833	-0.2	Apr	31,189	1.3	Apr	29,200	1.5	Apr	79,222	1.0	Apr	208,128	1.4
May	20,767	2.2	May	34,635	2.5	May	31,849	1.8	May	87,251	2.2	May	221,722	1.4
Jun	21,240	1.7	Jun	34,718	2.2	Jun	31,663	1.6	Jun	87,621	1.8	Jun	219,746	1.9
Q2	60,840	1.3	Q2	100,542	2.0	Q2	92,712	1.6	Q2	254,094	1.7	Q2	649,596	1.6
1st Half	113,597	2.8	1st Half	185,606	2.9	1st Half	172,360	2.4	1st Half	471,563	2.7	1st Half	1,231,248	2.3
Jul	23,202	3.0	Jul	37,549	3.4	Jul	33,271	2.3	Jul	94,022	2.9	Jul	230,699	2.5
Aug	23,544	2.7	Aug	37,644	2.1	Aug	33,210	1.4	Aug	94,398	2.0	Aug	231,269	1.0
Sep	19,684	1.5	Sep	33,308	2.6	Sep	30,185	2.1	Sep	83,177	2.1	Sep	210,586	1.4
Q3	66,430	2.5	Q3	108,501	2.7	Q3	96,666	1.9	Q3	271,597	2.4	Q3	672,554	1.6
3 Qs	180,027	2.7	3 Qs	294,107	2.8	3 Qs	269,026	2.2	3 Qs	743,160	2.6	3 Qs	1,903,802	2.1
Oct	20,626	3.5	Oct	34,107	2.4	Oct	31,039	1.0	Oct	85,772	2.1	Oct	218,549	1.3
Nov	19,437	5.2	Nov	30,527	2.1	Nov	27,722	0.7	Nov	77,686	2.3	Nov	201,457	0.9
Dec	19,323	3.5	Dec	30,590	3.3	Dec	28,199	3.0	Dec	78,112	3.2	Dec	207,791	3.1
Q4	59,386	4.0	Q4	95,224	2.6	Q4	86,960	1.5	Q4	241,570	2.6	Q4	627,797	1.8
2nd Half	125,816	3.2	2nd Half	203,725	2.7	2nd Half	183,626	1.7	2nd Half	513,167	2.5	2nd Half	1,300,351	1.7
Year	239,413	3.0	Year	389,331	2.8	Year	355,986	2.1	Year	984,730	2.6	Year	2,531,599	2.0

Year - 1998														
Rural Interstate			Rural Other Arterial			Other Rural			Total Rural			All Systems		
		%			%			%			%			%
Jan	18,098	8.4	Jan	28,219	4.9	Jan	26,633	3.6	Jan	72,950	5.3	Jan	196,102	4.0
Feb	17,138	4.0	Feb	27,245	1.8	Feb	24,703	0.3	Feb	69,086	1.8	Feb	183,998	0.9
Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-
Q1	35,236	6.2	Q1	55,464	3.4	Q1	51,336	2.0	Q1	142,036	3.6	Q1	380,100	2.5
Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-
May	0	-	May	0	-	May	0	-	May	0	-	May	0	-
Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-
Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-
1st Half	35,236	6.2	1st Half	55,464	3.4	1st Half	51,336	2.0	1st Half	142,036	3.6	1st Half	380,100	2.5
Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-
Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-
Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-
Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-
3 Qs	35,236	6.2	3 Qs	55,464	3.4	3 Qs	51,336	2.0	3 Qs	142,036	3.6	3 Qs	380,100	2.5
Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-
Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-
Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-
Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-
2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-
Year	35,236	6.2	Year	55,464	3.4	Year	51,336	2.0	Year	142,036	3.6	Year	380,100	2.5

* Table 9B Rural



Traffic Volume Trends Urban*
Estimated Vehicle Miles (Millions) and Percent Change from Same Period Previous Year
(Includes Preliminary Data for February 1998)

Year - 1997														
Urban Interstate		%	Urban Other Arterial		%	Other Urban		%	Total Urban		%	All Systems		%
Jan	27,311	2.9	Jan	65,662	2.6	Jan	26,241	2.0	Jan	119,214	2.5	Jan	188,506	2.7
Feb	26,373	2.8	Feb	63,023	2.7	Feb	25,127	2.4	Feb	114,523	2.7	Feb	182,386	3.3
Mar	30,539	2.5	Mar	71,061	2.6	Mar	28,846	2.9	Mar	130,446	2.7	Mar	210,760	3.2
Q1	84,223	2.7	Q1	199,746	2.6	Q1	80,214	2.5	Q1	364,183	2.6	Q1	581,652	3.1
Apr	29,616	1.7	Apr	70,937	1.8	Apr	28,353	1.0	Apr	128,906	1.6	Apr	208,128	1.4
May	31,099	1.6	May	73,483	0.7	May	29,889	0.8	May	134,471	0.9	May	221,722	1.4
Jun	30,763	2.7	Jun	72,070	1.8	Jun	29,292	1.8	Jun	132,125	2.0	Jun	219,746	1.9
Q2	91,478	2.0	Q2	216,490	1.4	Q2	87,534	1.2	Q2	395,502	1.5	Q2	649,596	1.6
1st Half	175,701	4.9	1st Half	416,236	2.0	1st Half	167,748	1.8	1st Half	759,685	2.0	1st Half	1,231,248	2.3
Jul	31,934	2.6	Jul	74,067	1.6	Jul	30,676	3.3	Jul	136,677	2.2	Jul	230,699	2.5
Aug	32,164	0.6	Aug	74,015	-0.6	Aug	30,692	2.1	Aug	136,871	0.3	Aug	231,269	1.0
Sep	29,660	1.6	Sep	69,321	-0.0	Sep	28,428	2.8	Sep	127,409	1.0	Sep	210,586	1.4
Q3	93,758	1.6	Q3	217,403	0.3	Q3	89,796	2.7	Q3	400,957	1.1	Q3	672,554	1.6
3 Qs	269,459	2.1	3 Qs	633,639	1.4	3 Qs	257,544	2.1	3 Qs	1,160,642	1.7	3 Qs	1,903,802	2.1
Oct	31,133	2.7	Oct	72,142	-0.4	Oct	29,502	1.9	Oct	132,777	0.8	Oct	218,549	1.3
Nov	28,653	1.0	Nov	67,241	-0.4	Nov	27,877	0.1	Nov	123,771	0.0	Nov	201,457	0.9
Dec	30,194	3.0	Dec	71,181	3.3	Dec	28,304	2.7	Dec	129,679	3.1	Dec	207,791	3.1
Q4	89,980	2.3	Q4	210,564	0.8	Q4	85,683	1.6	Q4	386,227	1.3	Q4	627,797	1.8
2nd Half	183,738	1.9	2nd Half	427,967	0.6	2nd Half	175,479	2.2	2nd Half	787,184	1.2	2nd Half	1,300,351	1.7
Year	359,439	2.1	Year	844,203	1.3	Year	343,227	2.0	Year	1,546,869	1.6	Year	2,531,599	2.0

Year - 1998														
Urban Interstate		%	Urban Other Arterial		%	Other Urban		%	Total Urban		%	All Systems		%
Jan	28,154	3.1	Jan	67,655	3.0	Jan	27,343	4.2	Jan	123,152	3.3	Jan	196,102	4.0
Feb	26,547	0.7	Feb	62,946	-0.1	Feb	25,419	1.2	Feb	114,912	0.3	Feb	183,998	0.9
Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-	Mar	0	-
Q1	54,701	1.9	Q1	130,601	1.5	Q1	52,762	2.7	Q1	238,064	1.9	Q1	380,100	2.5
Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-	Apr	0	-
May	0	-	May	0	-	May	0	-	May	0	-	May	0	-
Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-
Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-	Q2	0	-
1st Half	54,701	1.9	1st Half	130,601	1.5	1st Half	52,762	2.7	1st Half	238,064	1.9	1st Half	380,100	2.5
Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-
Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-
Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-
Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-
3 Qs	54,701	1.9	3 Qs	130,601	1.5	3 Qs	52,762	2.7	3 Qs	238,064	1.9	3 Qs	380,100	2.5
Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-
Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-
Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-
Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-
2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-
Year	54,701	1.9	Year	130,601	1.5	Year	52,762	2.7	Year	238,064	1.9	Year	380,100	2.5

* Table 9B Urban

