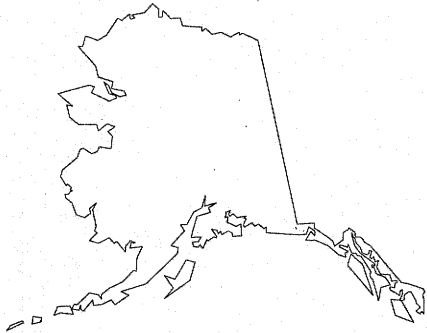




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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS February 1997



Travel on all roads and streets is up by 2.2 percent for February 1997 as compared to February 1996.



Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region - February 1997 - (in Billions)

West	North Central	South Gulf	Northeast	South Atlantic
38.9	42.0	34.4	27.6	36.2
Change in Traffic as compared to the same month last year.				
+1.7%	+1.6%	+2.6%	+3.4%	+2.2%

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 1995 Table VM-2 as a base

Compiled with data on hand as of May 5, 1997.

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Traffic Volume Trends - February 1997

Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during February 1997 on all roads and streets in the nation increased by 2.2 percent as compared to February 1996 resulting in estimated travel for the month at 179.1 billion vehicle-miles. This total includes 66.5 billion vehicle-miles on rural roads and 112.5 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	175,269	359,180
1997	179,129	368,380

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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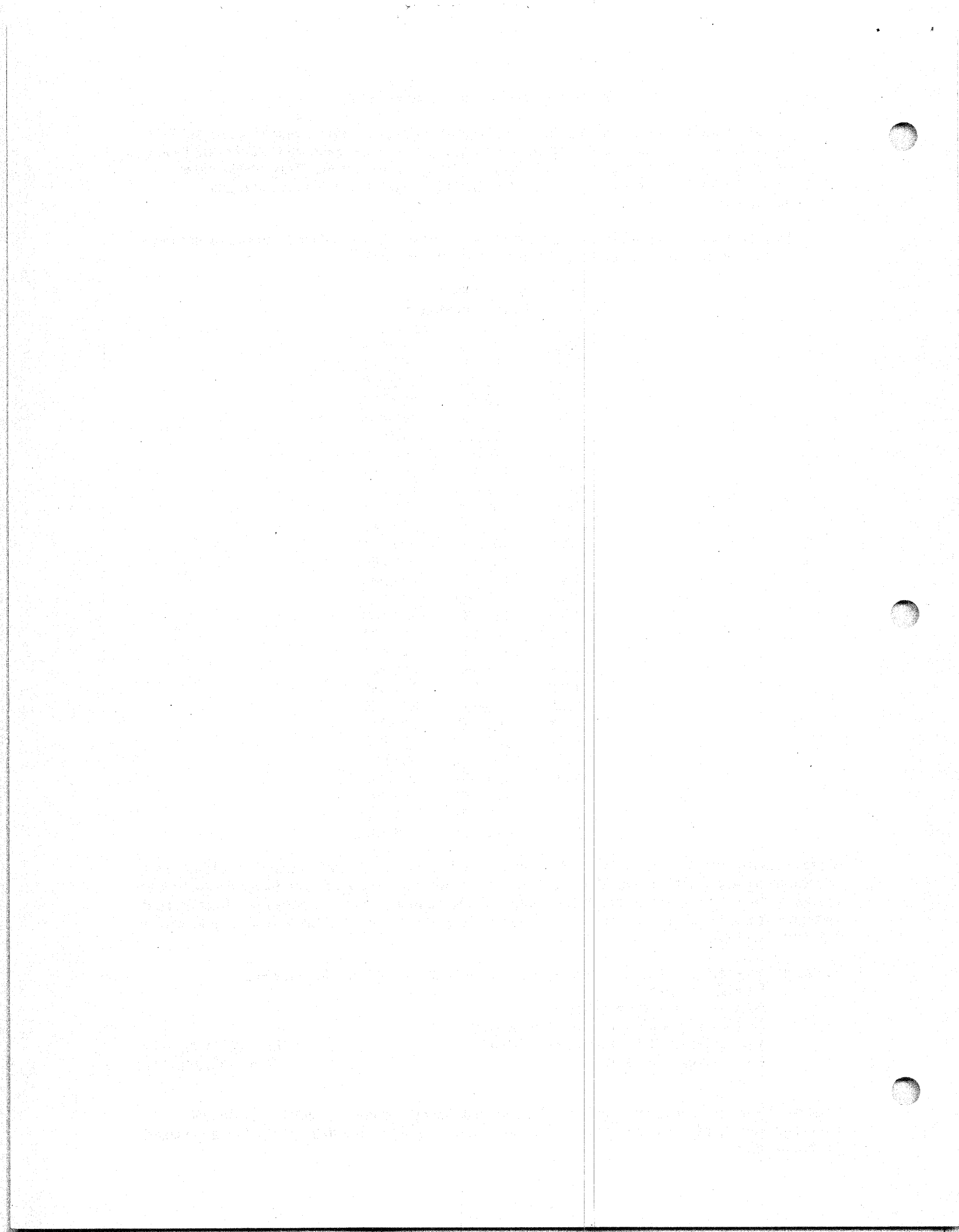


Table 1 - Estimated Individual Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1996 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	15.4	15.1	18.6	18.8	20.2	20.8	22.6	22.9	19.2	19.6	18.3	18.6
Rural Other Arterial	26.8	25.6	30.0	30.7	34.3	33.3	35.8	36.0	31.8	32.6	29.5	29.1
Other Rural	24.8	23.9	27.9	28.6	31.2	30.7	32.2	32.4	29.2	30.4	27.8	27.4
Urban Interstate	26.4	25.4	29.4	28.9	31.0	30.0	30.7	31.3	29.0	30.2	28.2	28.4
Urban Other Arterial	64.6	60.6	69.0	69.2	72.6	70.1	73.2	73.9	68.7	71.7	67.0	67.8
Other Urban	26.0	24.7	28.4	28.3	30.3	29.1	30.0	30.2	27.7	29.0	27.3	27.3
All Systems	183.9	175.3	203.3	204.5	219.7	214.1	224.5	226.7	205.6	213.5	198.0	198.6
1997 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	16.1	15.7										
Rural Other Arterial	27.6	26.5										
Other Rural	25.4	24.3										
Urban Interstate	27.2	25.9										
Urban Other Arterial	66.3	61.8										
Other Urban	26.6	24.8										
All Systems	189.3	179.1										
Percent Change In Individual Monthly Travel 1997 vs. 1996												
Rural Interstate	4.5	4.3										
Rural Other Arterial	3.1	3.5										
Other Rural	2.6	1.7										
Urban Interstate	3.0	2.1										
Urban Other Arterial	2.6	2.0										
Other Urban	2.5	0.7										
All Systems	2.9	2.2										

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
1996 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	15.4	30.5	49.2	68.0	88.1	108.9	131.5	154.4	173.6	193.2	211.4	230.0
Rural Other Arterial	26.8	52.4	82.4	113.1	147.4	180.7	216.5	252.5	284.3	316.9	346.4	375.5
Other Rural	24.8	48.6	76.5	105.2	136.4	167.1	199.3	231.8	261.0	291.4	319.3	346.6
Urban Interstate	26.4	51.8	81.2	110.1	141.2	171.2	201.9	233.2	262.2	292.4	320.7	349.1
Urban Other Arterial	64.6	125.2	194.2	263.3	335.9	406.1	479.3	553.2	621.9	693.6	760.5	828.3
Other Urban	26.0	50.6	79.1	107.4	137.6	166.8	196.8	227.0	254.7	283.7	310.9	338.2
All Systems	183.9	359.2	562.5	767.1	986.8	1200.9	1425.4	1652.1	1857.7	2071.2	2269.2	2467.8
1997 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	16.1	31.9										
Rural Other Arterial	27.6	54.1										
Other Rural	25.4	49.7										
Urban Interstate	27.2	53.1										
Urban Other Arterial	66.3	128.1										
Other Urban	26.6	51.4										
All Systems	189.3	368.4										
Percent Change In Cumulative Monthly Travel 1997 vs. 1996												
Rural Interstate	4.5	4.4										
Rural Other Arterial	3.1	3.3										
Other Rural	2.6	2.2										
Urban Interstate	3.0	2.6										
Urban Other Arterial	2.6	2.3										
Other Urban	2.5	1.6										
All Systems	2.9	2.6										

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

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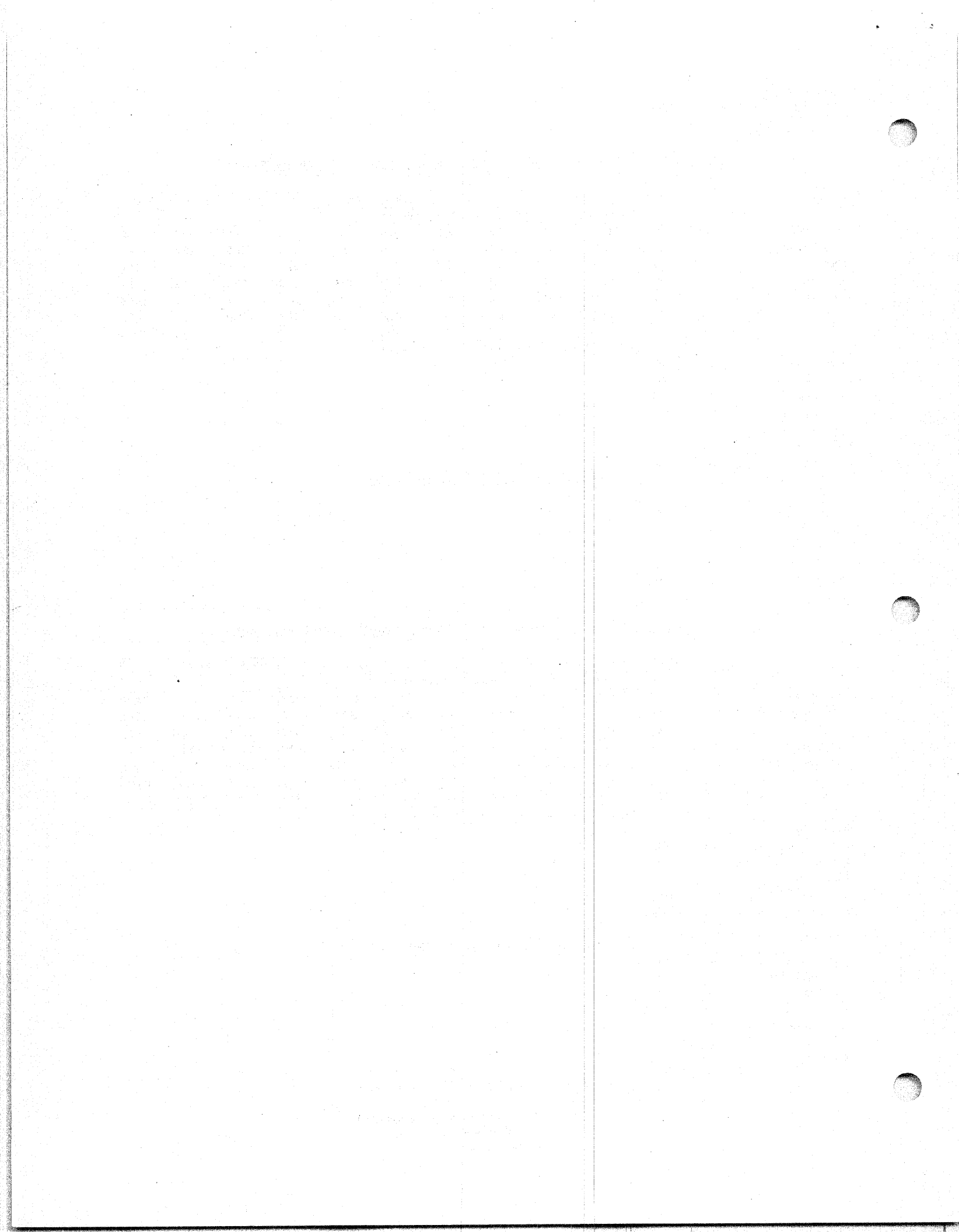


Table 3 - Changes On Rural Arterial Roads By Region and State

Region and State	February				January			
	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change
		1997 (Preliminary)	1996			1997 (Revised)	1996	
Northeast								
Connecticut	22	291	267	9.0	22	306	272	12.7
Maine	36	354	338	4.8	36	361	346	4.2
Massachusetts	8	360	340	6.1	14	366	338	8.3
New Hampshire	60	285	272	4.5	58	287	274	4.5
New Jersey	2	532	504	5.6	4	583	510	14.4
New York	35	1,108	1,075	3.0	42	1,110	1,078	3.0
Pennsylvania	-	1,783	1,720	3.7	54	1,718	1,606	7.0
Rhode Island	7	49	46	7.2	10	50	44	14.3
Vermont	34	198	191	3.4	34	201	194	3.7
		4,959	4,753	4.3		4,982	4,661	6.9
South Atlantic								
Delaware	-	119	113	5.6	-	126	114	10.5
Dist Of Columbia	-	0	0	0.0	-	0	0	0.0
Florida	187	2,116	2,019	4.8	184	2,175	2,079	4.6
Georgia	37	1,703	1,671	1.9	35	1,775	1,692	4.9
Maryland	-	604	582	3.8	-	678	633	7.2
North Carolina	-	1,490	1,428	4.3	-	1,532	1,437	6.6
South Carolina	18	1,324	1,220	8.5	16	1,350	1,217	11.0
Virginia	-	1,415	1,363	3.8	-	1,365	1,300	5.1
West Virginia	-	565	545	3.7	-	553	521	6.1
		9,336	8,940	4.4		9,554	8,993	6.2
North Central								
Illinois	27	1,310	1,290	1.5	32	1,296	1,324	-2.1
Indiana	-	1,203	1,162	3.5	-	1,174	1,154	1.8
Iowa	129	756	747	1.1	129	760	744	2.1
Kansas	16	603	609	-1.1	64	646	621	4.0
Michigan	145	1,320	1,257	5.1	145	1,294	1,301	-0.6
Minnesota	-	954	926	3.0	-	941	928	1.4
Missouri	67	1,165	1,136	2.6	71	1,126	1,166	-3.5
Nebraska	30	475	464	2.4	30	496	462	7.6
North Dakota	28	200	193	3.4	32	162	183	-11.6
Ohio	51	1,434	1,382	3.7	53	1,441	1,365	5.6
South Dakota	52	294	284	3.8	49	274	287	-4.5
Wisconsin	122	1,250	1,206	3.7	126	1,265	1,214	4.2
		10,964	10,658	2.9		10,876	10,749	1.2
South Gulf								
Alabama	-	1,081	1,030	4.9	-	1,168	1,115	4.7
Arkansas	-	792	748	5.9	-	794	780	1.7
Kentucky	-	848	823	3.1	40	908	865	5.0
Louisiana	-	801	725	10.5	-	794	761	4.3
Mississippi	67	888	800	11.1	64	907	872	4.0
Oklahoma	-	690	689	0.1	-	767	737	4.1
Tennessee	-	1,173	1,119	4.9	18	1,215	1,152	5.4
Texas	-	2,963	2,854	3.8	-	3,184	3,077	3.5
		9,236	8,788	5.1		9,736	9,360	4.0
West								
Alaska	43	74	68	8.8	44	74	73	1.2
Arizona	-	815	814	0.1	-	750	758	-1.1
California	18	2,704	2,680	0.9	14	3,552	3,583	-0.8
Colorado	-	700	693	1.1	43	730	698	4.6
Hawaii	-	112	109	2.4	-	81	81	0.2
Idaho	135	299	279	7.0	137	363	343	6.0
Montana	41	314	310	1.4	41	306	308	-0.4
Nevada	-	245	239	2.6	-	246	245	0.4
New Mexico	-	590	568	4.0	-	623	592	5.2
Oregon	124	656	605	8.4	109	627	596	5.2
Utah	-	347	331	5.0	-	348	330	5.4
Washington	51	679	652	4.1	51	670	633	5.9
Wyoming	122	229	224	2.7	123	233	220	6.1
		7,766	7,572	2.6		8,605	8,459	1.7
TOTALS		42,261	40,711	3.8		43,753	42,222	3.6

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.

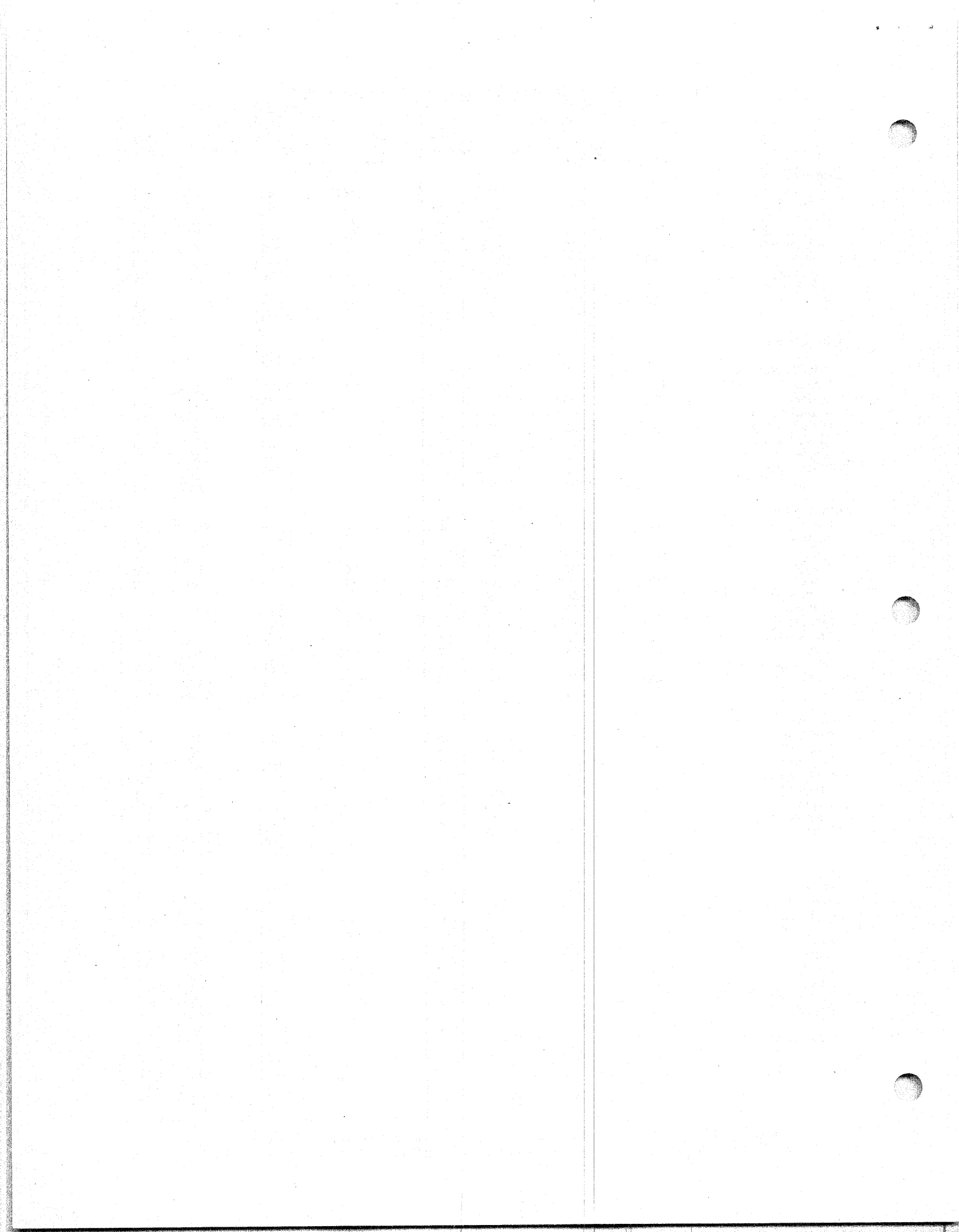
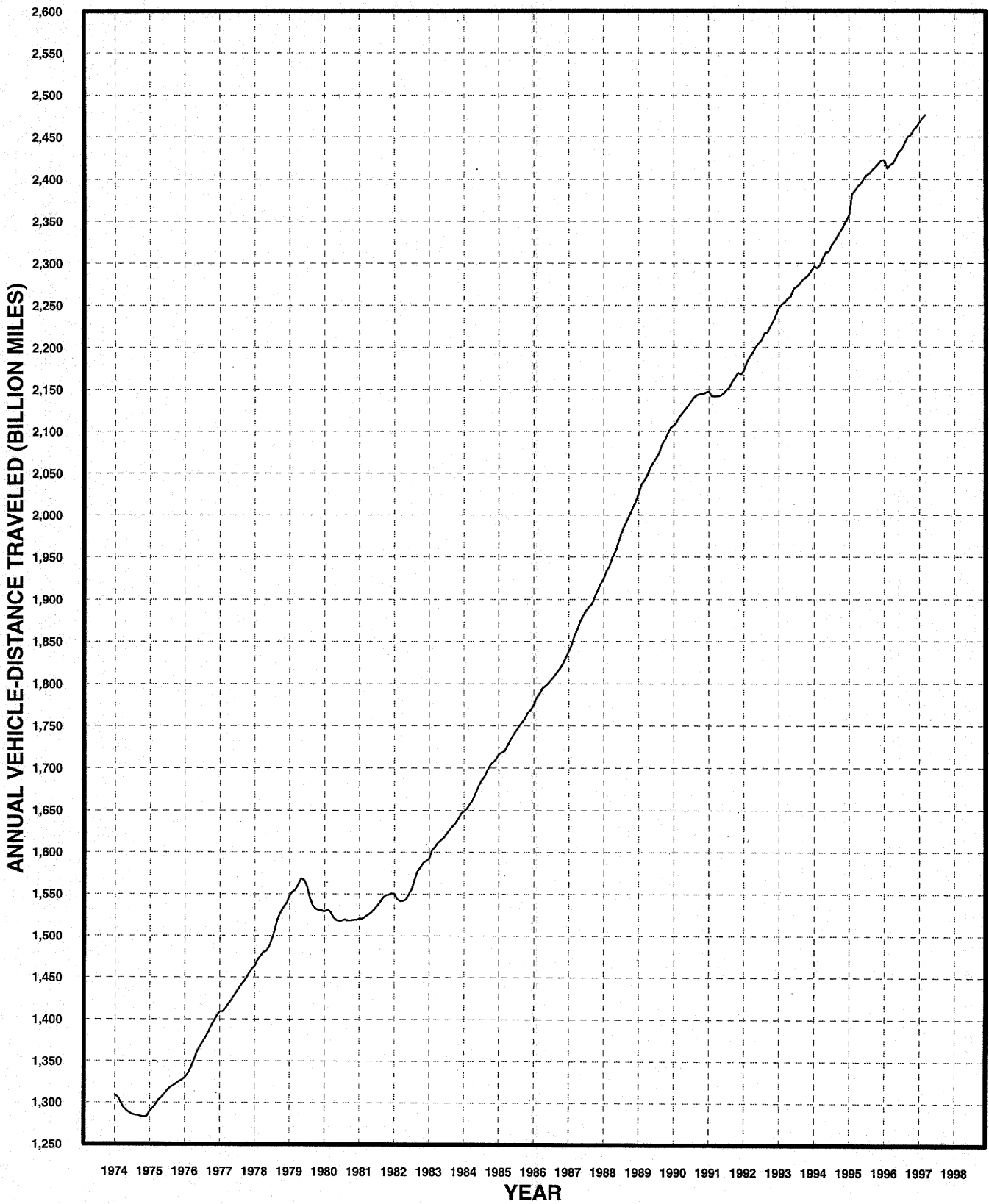


FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12-MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS



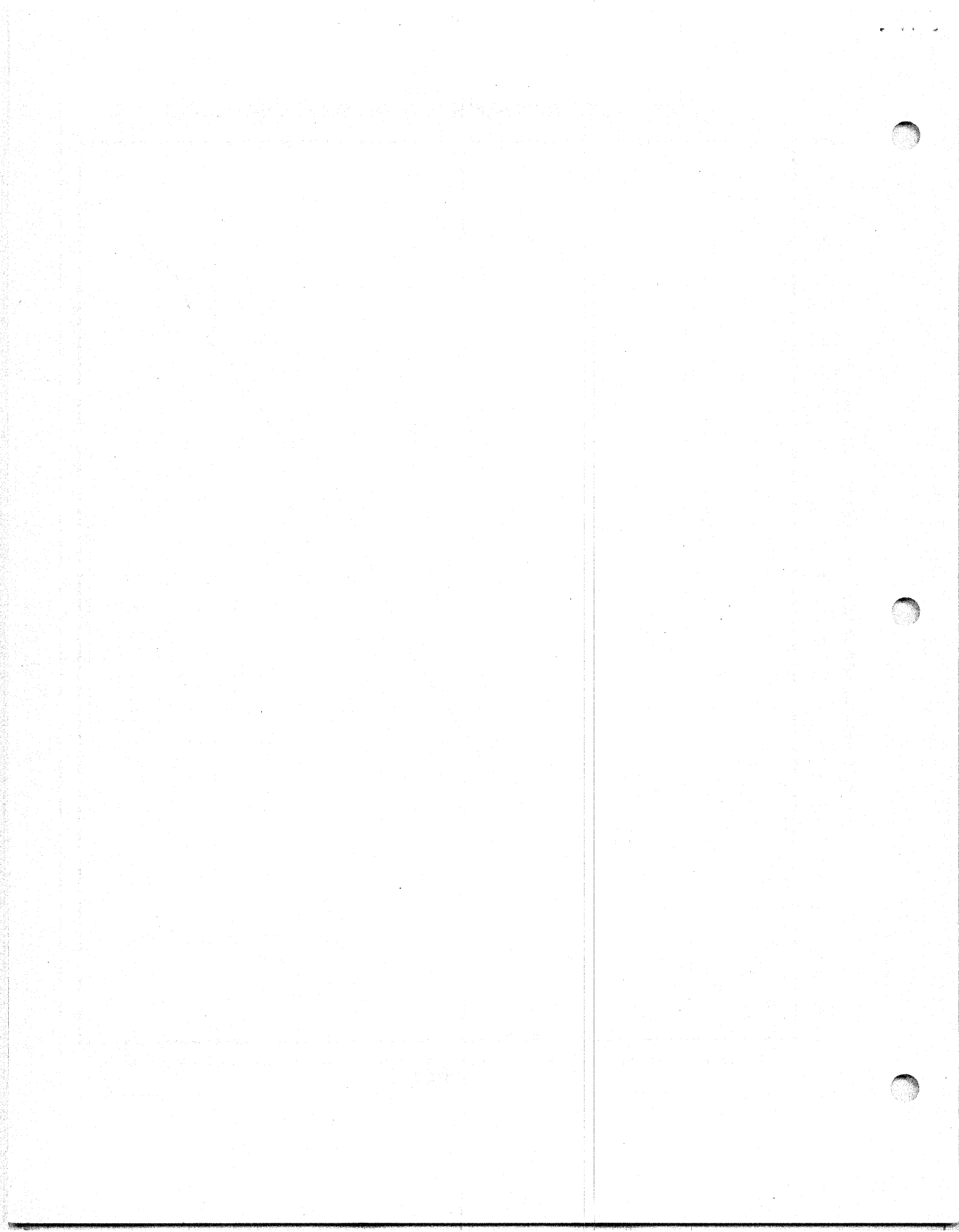
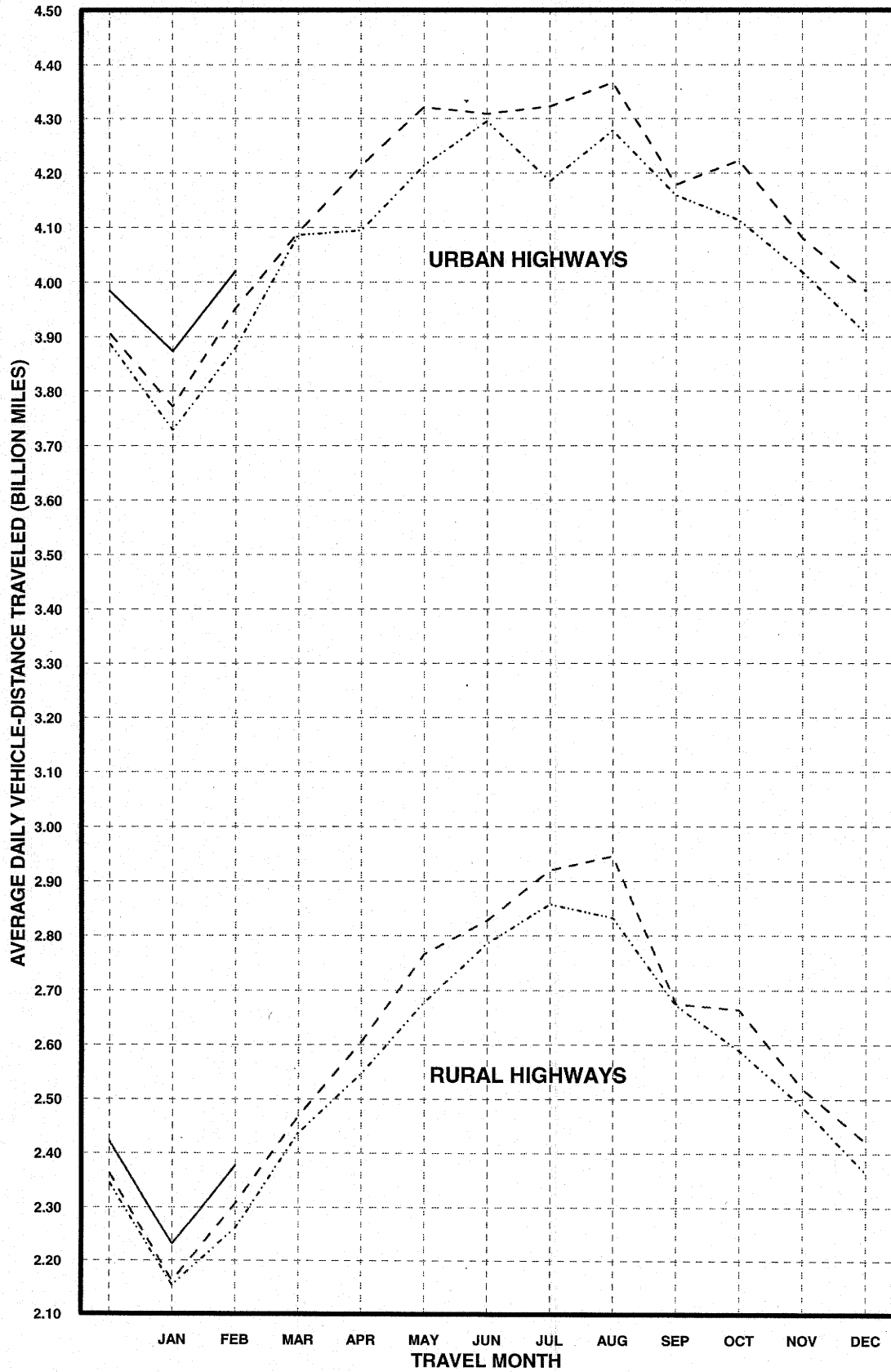


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U.S. HIGHWAYS BY MONTH



1995 1996 1997

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