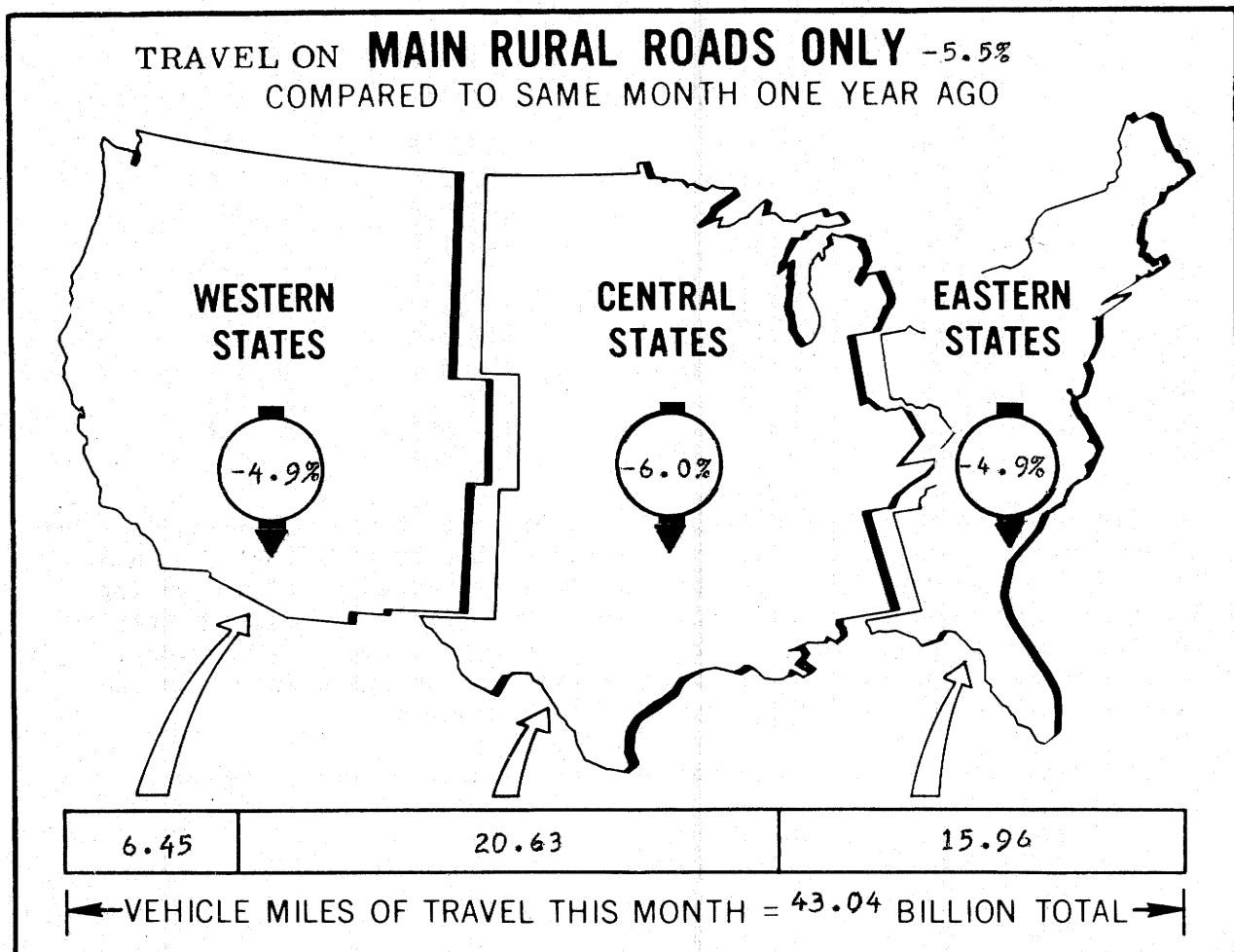


TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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APRIL 1980 ^{1/}

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** -4.4%
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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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - APRIL 1980

Based on preliminary reports from the State highway agencies, travel during April 1980 on all roads and streets in the nation decreased by -4.4 percent as compared to April 1979, resulting in estimated travel for the month at 121,802 million vehicle miles. This total includes 43,306 million vehicle miles on main rural roads, 12,061 million vehicle miles on other rural roads, and 66,435 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

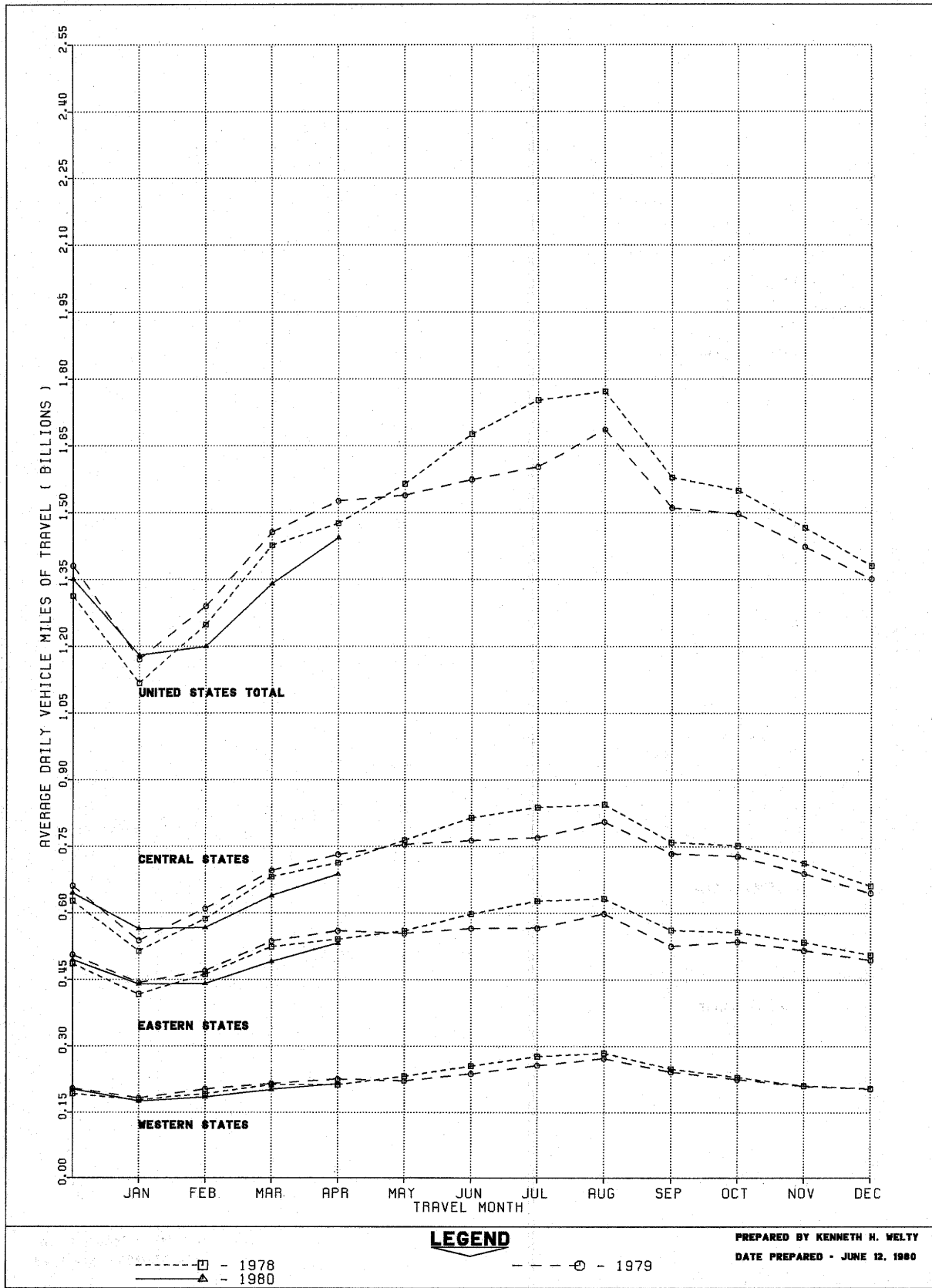
	Main Rural Roads		All Roads and Streets	
	April	Year to Date	April	Year to Date
1970	31,788	117,197	89,956	337,794
1971	35,370	124,506	98,106	356,534
1972	35,661	129,155	103,238	386,901
1973	37,771	136,866	108,120	404,841
1974	35,528	127,217	104,579	386,771
1975	36,175	135,259	107,133	402,848
1976	41,260	148,181	117,014	432,286
1977	43,112	152,873	121,513	446,334
1978	44,274	158,092	125,029	455,138
1979	45,797	163,340	127,403	468,862
1980	43,306	156,436	121,802	453,577

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 4000 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-A - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY MONTH



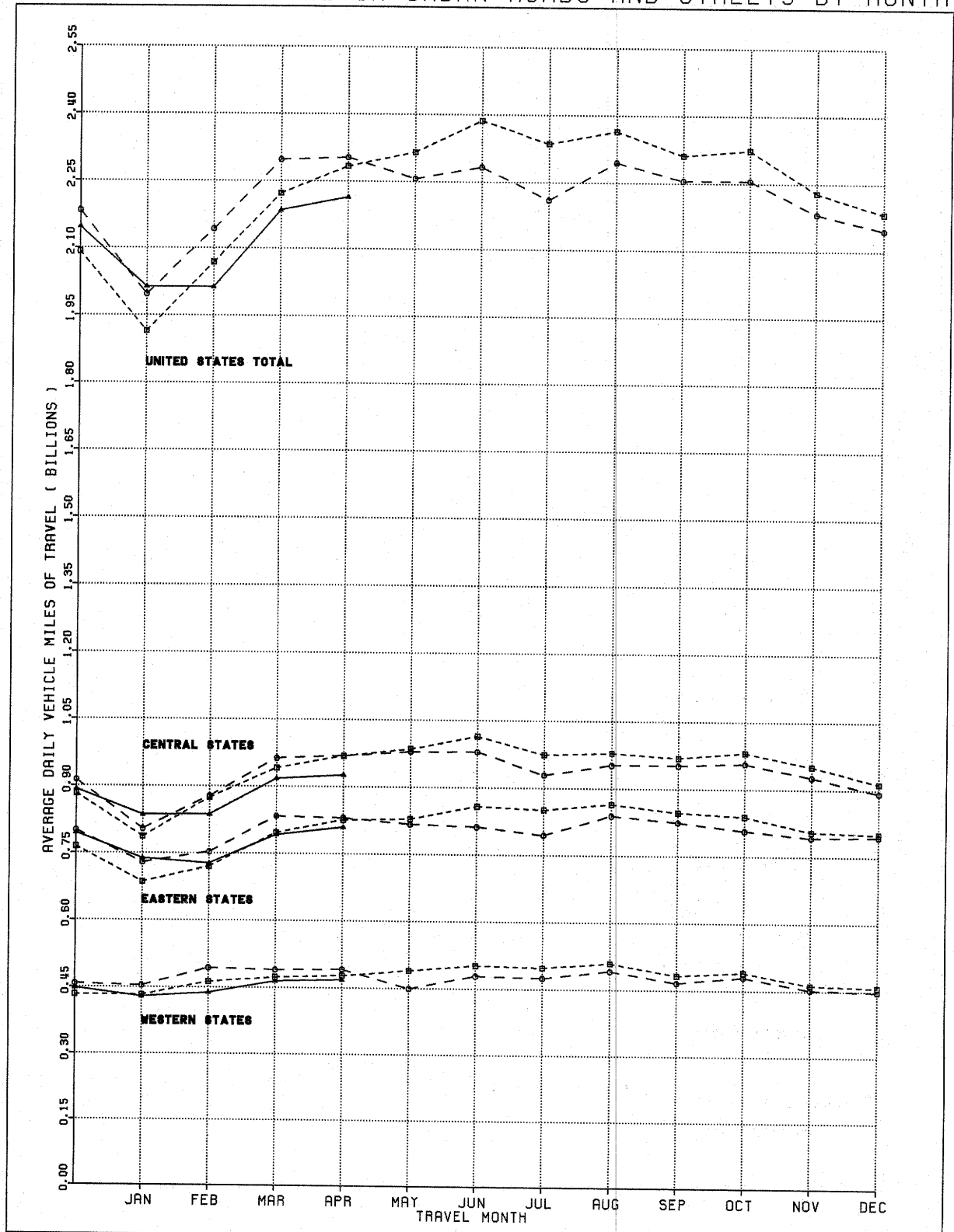
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FIGURE 1-B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS BY MONTH



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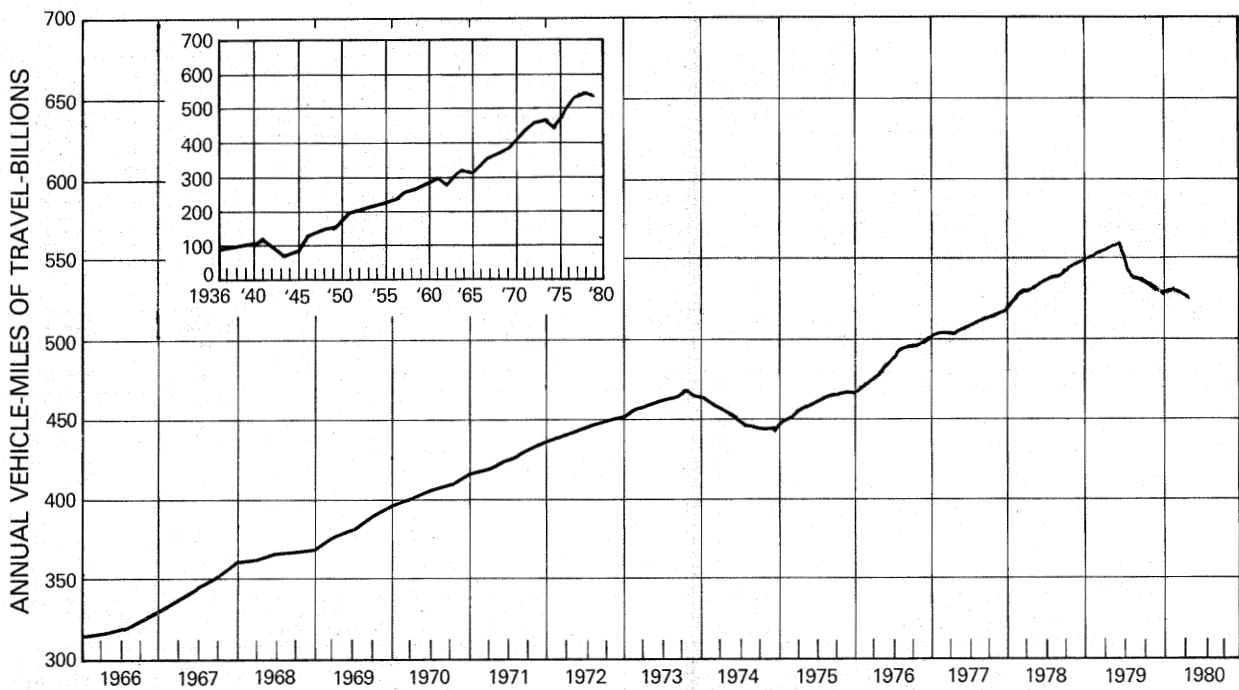


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

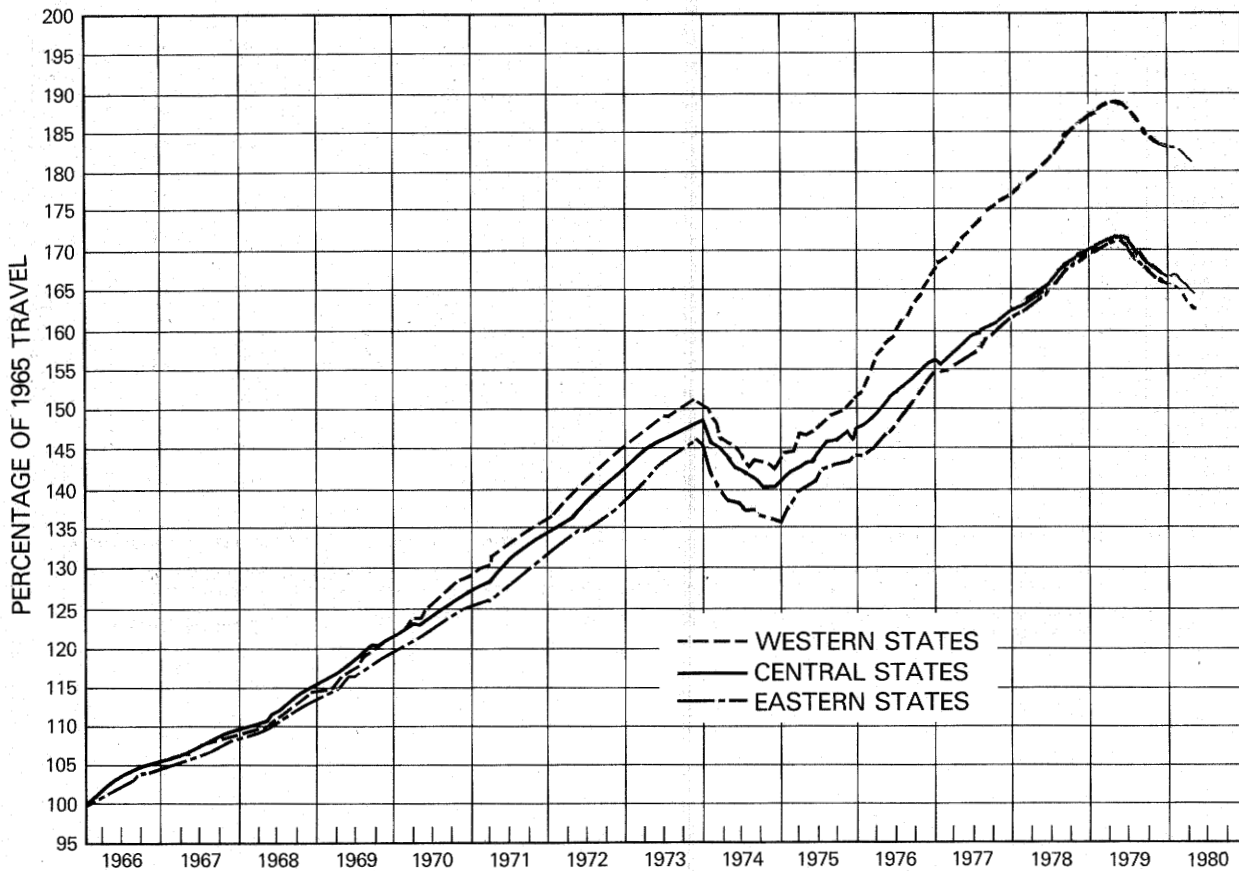


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

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

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR APRIL			REVISED DATA FOR MARCH		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1980	1979		1980	1979	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	43,306	45,797	-5.4	41,541	45,146	-8.0
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	12,061	12,533	-3.8	11,022	11,580	-4.8
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	55,367	58,330	-5.1	52,563	56,726	-7.3
CITY STREETS.....	66,435	69,073	-3.8	67,721	71,215	-4.9
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	121,802	127,403	-4.4	120,284	127,941	-6.0
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	15,964	16,794	-4.9	15,225	16,635	-8.5
CENTRAL REGION.....	20,633	21,956	-6.0	19,804	21,568	-8.2
WESTERN REGION.....	6,447	6,777	-4.9	6,264	6,684	-6.3
TOTAL.....	43,044	45,527	-5.5	41,293	44,887	-8.0

TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	APRIL (PRELIMINARY)		MARCH (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	APRIL (PRELIMINARY)		MARCH (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.....	-	-	7	-7.6	ALABAMA.....	54	-6.1	54	-9.0
MAINE.....	20	-4.4	22	-9.5	KENTUCKY.....	-	-	38	-12.8
MASSACHUSETTS.....	7	-3.5	8	-5.5	MISSISSIPPI.....	37	-4.8	40	-8.2
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	64	-7.3	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	28	-10.3
RHODE ISLAND.....	8	-1.4	6	-10.0	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	37	-2.4	39	-7.6	IOWA.....	36	-10.0	36	-8.7
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	71	-5.7	70	-8.7
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	MINNESOTA.....	35	-6.3	36	-5.8
NEW YORK.....	25	-5.6	27	-10.8	MISSOURI.....	72	-6.9	73	-10.2
PENNSYLVANIA.....	54	-2.6	55	-9.0	NEBRASKA.....	19	-7.2	20	-8.7
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	29	-0.2	28	-4.3
DELAWARE.....	14	-6.6	14	-10.6	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	34	-6.8	34	-5.9
MARYLAND.....	31	-1.2	33	-8.3	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	-4.1	-	-3.0	ARKANSAS.....	18	-10.0	21	-11.0
WEST VIRGINIA.....	25	-5.6	20	-8.4	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	43	-5.8
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	-	-	-	-
FLORIDA.....	36	-3.0	41	-6.3	TEXAS.....	118	-1.6	119	-4.2
GEORGIA.....	25	-7.2	25	-9.0	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	46	-7.7	46	-9.8	ARIZONA.....	18	-8.5	18	-6.8
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	10	-8.1	7	-11.6	COLORADO.....	42	-4.4	42	-3.8
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	-	-	64	-7.5
ILLINOIS.....	-	-	33	-7.3	MONTANA.....	17	-6.6	9	-10.3
INDIANA.....	20	-6.8	20	-9.5	NEVADA.....	28	-2.3	28	-2.6
MICHIGAN.....	66	-8.3	66	-11.6	NEW MEXICO.....	30	-7.1	30	-5.6
OHIO.....	22	-6.2	20	-9.3	UTAH.....	35	-2.7	37	-1.0
WISCONSIN.....	52	-6.9	52	-5.0	WYOMING.....	33	-4.9	32	-7.9
ALASKA.....	37	-3.7	39	-0.7	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	-2.0	3	-5.8	CALIFORNIA.....	-	-4.6	-	-6.1
					OREGON.....	-	-	14	-10.2
					WASHINGTON.....	6	-3.2	26	-6.6

NOTE: 1-RURAL MILEAGE OF EACH MAJOR TOLL 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
1979 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	36.3	36.1	45.1	45.8	47.7	47.2	49.7	52.3	45.3	46.4	42.7	41.9
LOCAL RURAL	9.6	9.6	11.6	12.5	13.5	13.2	14.0	14.1	12.9	13.1	11.7	10.9
URBAN	61.9	60.0	71.2	69.1	70.0	68.5	68.5	71.1	67.7	69.9	65.5	66.5
ALL SYSTEMS	107.8	105.7	127.9	127.4	131.1	128.9	132.2	137.5	125.9	129.4	119.8	119.4
1980 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	36.8	34.8	41.5	43.3								
LOCAL RURAL	9.8	9.3	11.0	12.1								
URBAN	62.4	58.4	67.7	66.4								
ALL SYSTEMS	109.0	102.5	120.3	121.8								
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1980 VS. 1979												
MAIN RURAL	1.4	-3.7	-8.0	-5.4								
LOCAL RURAL	1.5	-2.6	-4.8	-3.8								
URBAN	0.8	-2.7	-4.9	-3.8								
ALL SYSTEMS	1.1	-3.0	-6.0	-4.4								

* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1979 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

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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
1979 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	36.3	72.4	117.5	163.3	211.1	258.3	308.0	360.3	405.6	452.0	494.7	536.6
LOCAL RURAL	9.6	19.2	30.8	43.3	56.8	70.0	84.0	98.1	110.9	124.0	135.6	146.6
URBAN	61.9	121.9	193.1	262.2	332.1	400.6	469.2	540.3	608.0	677.9	743.4	809.9
ALL SYSTEMS	107.8	213.5	341.5	468.9	600.0	728.9	861.1	998.6	1124.5	1253.9	1373.7	1493.1
1980 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	36.8	71.6	113.1	156.4								
LOCAL RURAL	9.8	19.1	30.1	42.2								
URBAN	62.4	120.8	188.5	254.9								
ALL SYSTEMS	109.0	211.5	331.8	453.6								
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1980 VS. 1979												
MAIN RURAL	1.4	-1.1	-3.8	-4.2								
LOCAL RURAL	1.5	-0.5	-2.2	-2.6								
URBAN	0.8	-0.9	-2.4	-2.8								
ALL SYSTEMS	1.1	-0.9	-2.8	-3.3								

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