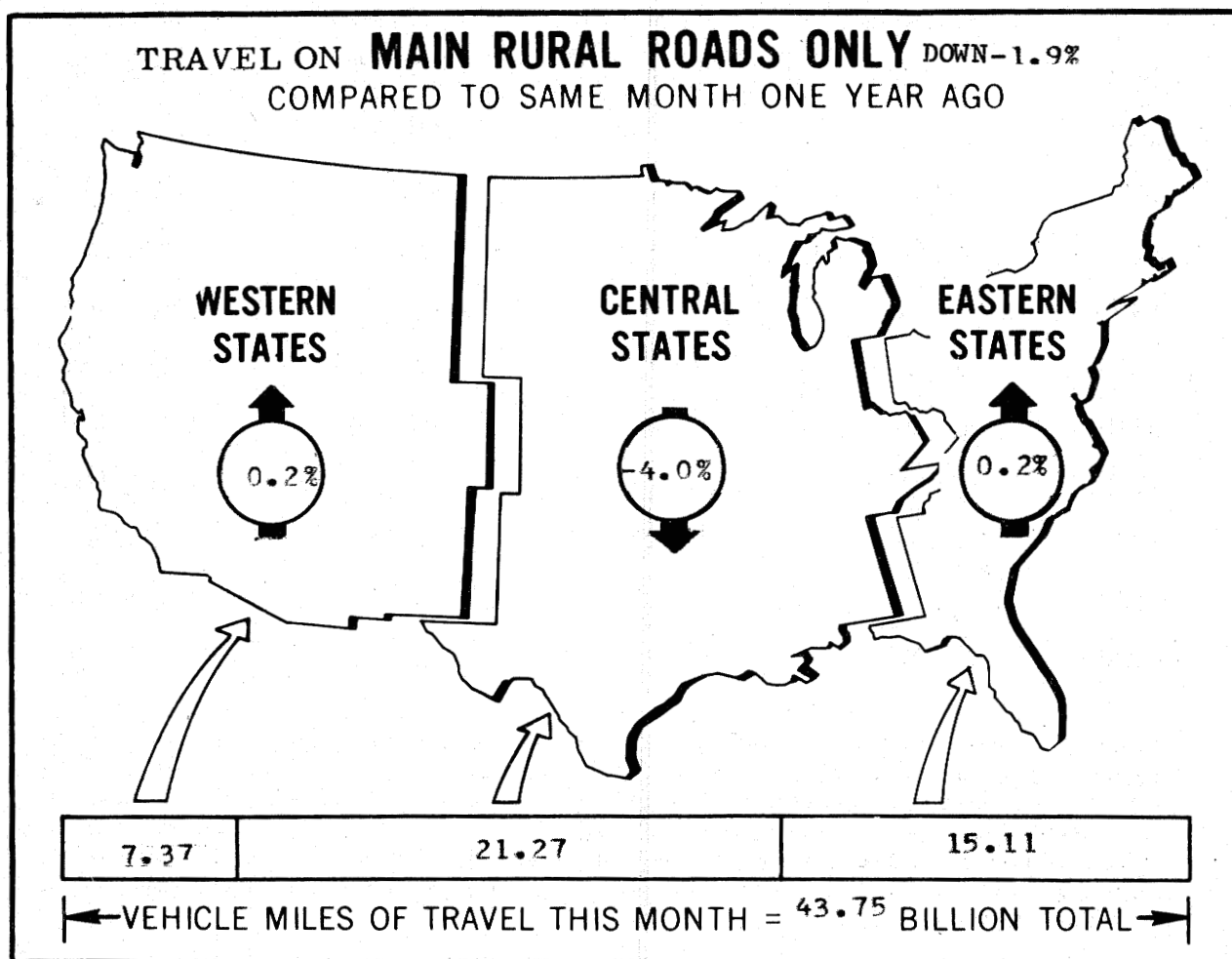


TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 1980 \swarrow

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** DOWN -1.9%
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 1978 VM-2 DATA AS A BASE.

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Based on preliminary reports from the State highway agencies, travel during September 1980 on all roads and streets in the Nation decreased by 1.9 percent as compared to September 1979, resulting in estimated travel for the month at 124,996 million vehicle miles. This total includes 44,007 million vehicle miles on main rural roads, 12,128 million vehicle miles on other rural roads, and 68,861 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	
	SEPTEMBER	YEAR TO DATE	SEPTEMBER	YEAR TO DATE
1970	35,839	313,166	95,254	844,416
1971	37,626	329,547	101,290	892,020
1972	39,163	341,113	108,072	957,690
1973	39,592	353,663	110,332	991,962
1974	37,920	336,019	109,125	966,911
1975	39,012	351,987	111,399	999,890
1976	42,828	379,919	119,431	1,061,927
1977	44,972	395,974	124,203	1,101,278
1978	46,808	409,988	131,385	1,166,997
1979	44,836	401,965	127,450	1,153,658
1980	44,007	393,767	124,996	1,135,959

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-A - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY MONTH

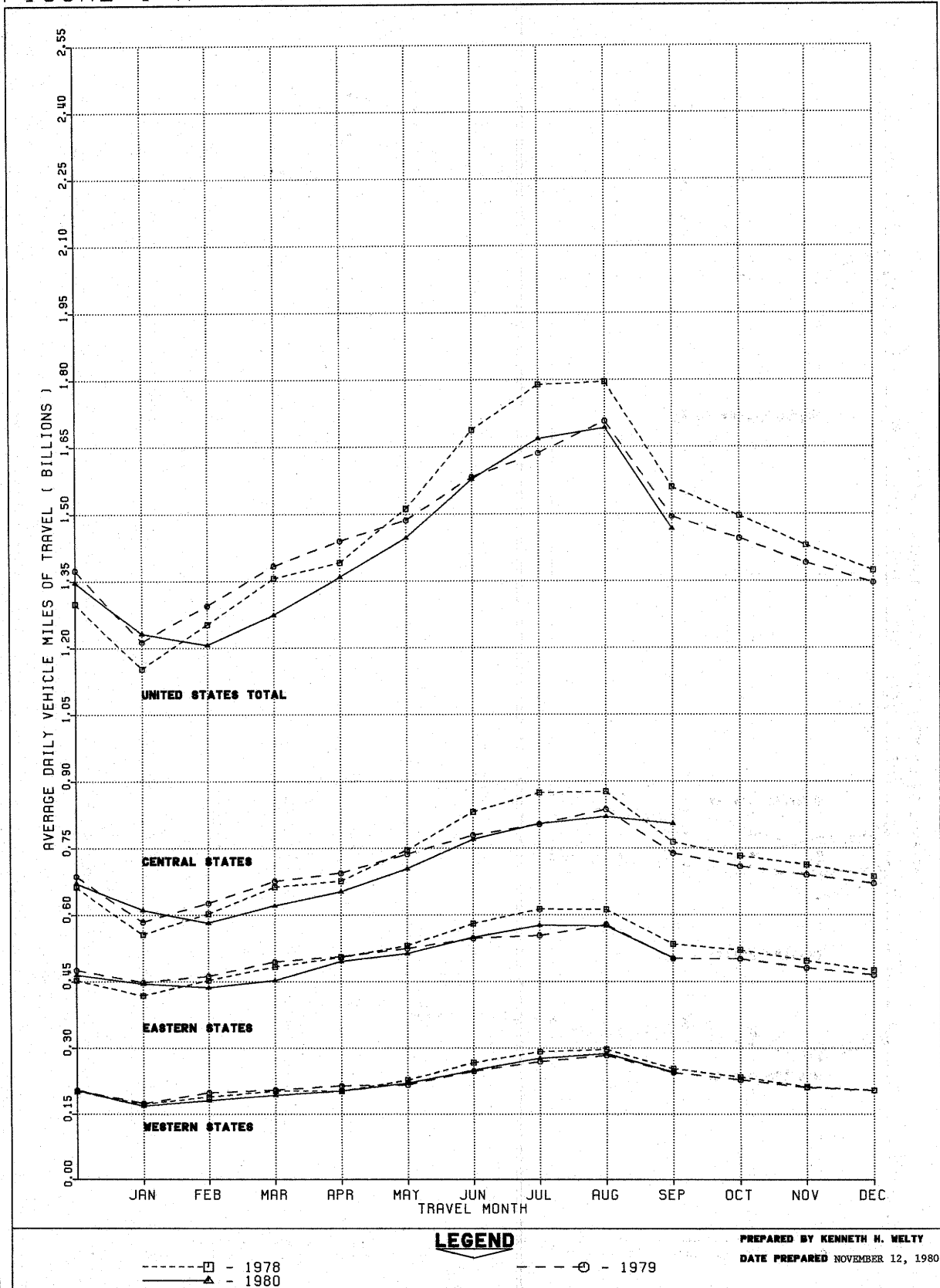
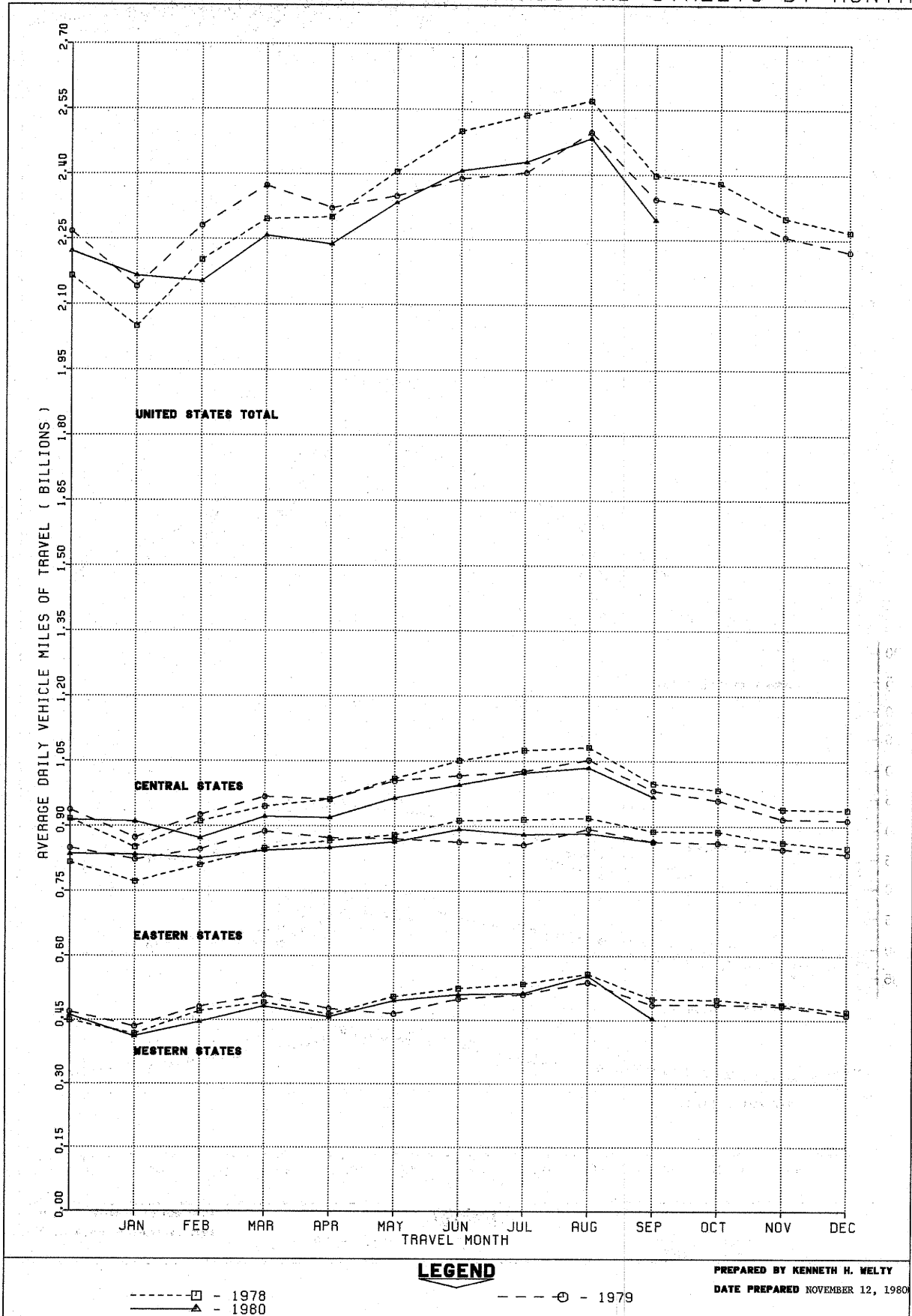


FIGURE 1-B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS BY MONTH



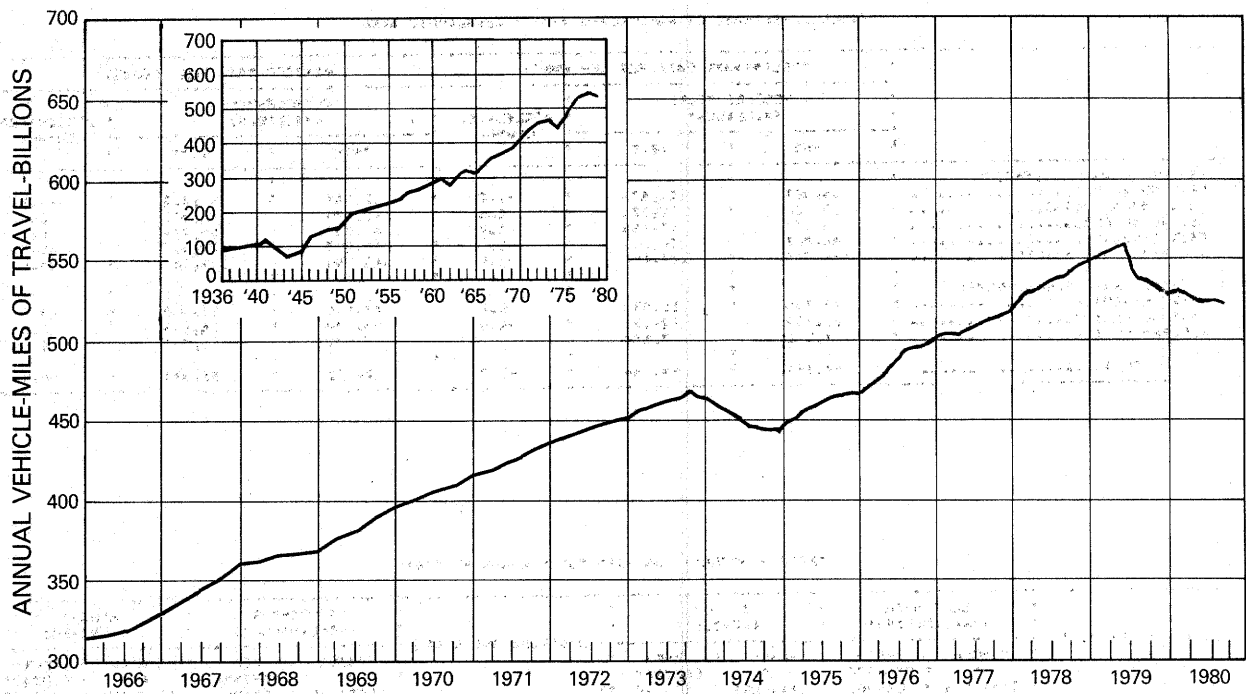


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

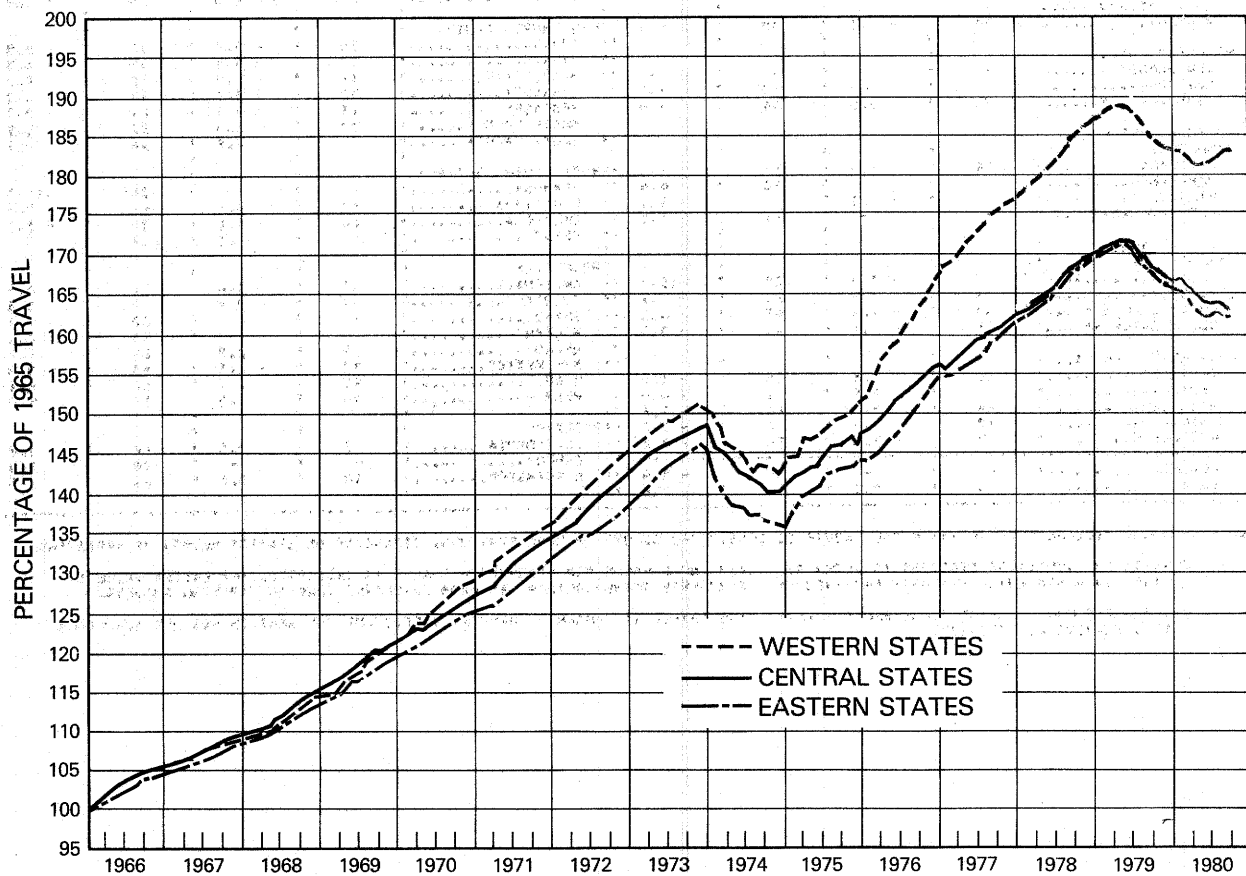


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

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

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR SEPTEMBER			REVISED DATA FOR AUGUST		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1980	1979		1980	1979	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	44,007	44,836	-1.8	52,463	52,917	-0.9
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	12,128	12,329	-1.6	13,784	13,827	-0.3
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	56,135	57,166	-1.8	66,247	66,744	-0.7
CITY STREETS.....	68,861	70,284	-2.0	76,997	77,417	-0.5
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	124,996	127,450	-1.9	143,244	144,161	-0.6
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	15,106	15,070	0.2	17,834	17,908	-0.4
CENTRAL REGION.....	21,277	22,161	-4.0	25,439	25,947	-2.0
WESTERN REGION.....	7,371	7,353	0.2	8,909	8,787	1.4
TOTAL.....	43,754	44,584	-1.9	52,182	52,642	-0.9

TABLE 2.--CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	SEPTEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		AUGUST (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	SEPTEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		AUGUST (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.....	2	6.2	3	4.3	ALABAMA.....	47	-2.9	54	-2.0
MAINE.....	23	4.3	22	8.3	KENTUCKY.....	34	-3.2	35	-2.1
MASSACHUSETTS.....	6	6.7	4	8.2	MISSISSIPPI.....	37	-4.3	37	-1.7
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	57	4.8	TENNESSEE.....	28	-4.0	28	-2.8
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-					
VERMONT.....	36	0.7	38	6.3	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					IOWA.....	36	-5.8	37	-3.0
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	KANSAS.....	67	-3.0	69	-1.3
NEW YORK.....	-	-	30	1.2	MINNESOTA.....	34	-5.2	32	-2.2
PENNSYLVANIA.....	53	0.5	53	1.9	MISSOURI.....	72	-4.3	73	-3.2
					NEBRASKA.....	17	-5.2	19	-0.7
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	32	-1.0	32	1.1
DELAWARE.....	14	1.5	14	2.8	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	34	-4.8	34	0.5
MARYLAND.....	-	-	30	4.4	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	-1.1	-	-1.1	ARKANSAS.....	-	-	20	-11.3
WEST VIRGINIA.....	-	-	23	-3.5	LOUISIANA.....	42	-1.1	44	-0.7
					OKLAHOMA.....	26	-6.6	33	-3.4
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					TEXAS.....	119	0.6	117	2.1
FLORIDA.....	4	-0.8	20	-15.4	MOUNTAIN:				
GEORGIA.....	23	-0.6	23	-2.1	ARIZONA.....	19	-3.6	19	0.5
NORTH CAROLINA.....	42	-2.5	45	-0.8	COLORADO.....	41	-0.9	43	1.3
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	11	-2.1	11	-0.5	IDAHO.....	-	-	62	-0.7
					MONTANA.....	-	-	25	-2.0
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					NEVADA.....	28	2.5	28	5.7
ILLINOIS.....	36	-7.5	15	-1.7	NEW MEXICO.....	30	-1.5	30	-0.9
INDIANA.....	20	-6.9	21	-4.4	UTAH.....	37	1.7	38	6.3
MICHIGAN.....	64	-8.2	61	-4.8	WYOMING.....	24	1.8	32	5.0
OHIO.....	17	-4.4	16	-2.0	PACIFIC:				
WISCONSIN.....	49	-3.6	50	-0.2	CALIFORNIA.....	5	1.0	16	0.8
					OREGON.....	-	-	78	3.0
ALASKA.....	-	-	29	-3.9	WASHINGTON.....	10	0.6	23	1.5
HAWAII.....	3	0.1	3	7.6					

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	37.6	36.3	42.9	43.2	46.1	47.5	50.7	52.9	44.8	44.8	41.7	41.8
LOCAL RURAL	10.8	10.6	12.2	12.2	12.9	13.0	13.7	13.8	12.3	12.5	11.5	11.6
URBAN	66.4	63.9	73.6	69.6	72.8	71.7	74.5	77.4	70.3	71.9	67.7	68.9
ALL SYSTEMS	114.7	110.7	128.6	125.1	131.8	132.1	139.0	144.2	127.5	129.2	120.9	122.3
1980 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	38.2	35.0	39.5	40.8	44.8	47.3	51.7	52.5	44.0			
LOCAL RURAL	10.9	10.3	11.6	11.8	12.6	12.8	13.8	13.8	12.1			
URBAN	67.2	62.4	70.0	67.2	72.4	72.3	75.3	77.0	68.9			
ALL SYSTEMS	116.3	107.7	121.1	119.7	129.8	132.4	140.8	143.2	125.0			
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1980 VS. 1979												
MAIN RURAL	1.5	-3.5	-7.9	-5.6	-2.7	-0.3	2.0	-0.9	-1.8			
LOCAL RURAL	1.7	-2.5	-4.7	-4.0	-2.0	-1.2	0.4	-0.3	-1.6			
URBAN	1.2	-2.2	-4.9	-3.6	-0.7	0.8	1.0	-0.5	-2.0			
ALL SYSTEMS	1.3	-2.7	-5.9	-4.3	-1.5	0.2	1.3	-0.6	-1.9			

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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	37.6	73.9	116.8	160.0	206.0	253.5	304.2	357.1	402.0	446.8	488.5	530.2
LOCAL RURAL	10.8	21.3	33.5	45.7	58.6	71.5	85.3	99.1	111.4	123.9	135.4	147.0
URBAN	66.4	130.3	203.8	273.5	346.3	418.0	492.6	570.0	640.3	712.2	779.9	848.7
ALL SYSTEMS	114.7	225.4	354.1	479.2	610.9	743.1	882.0	1026.2	1153.7	1282.8	1403.7	1525.9
1980 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	38.2	73.2	112.7	153.4	198.3	245.6	297.3	349.8	393.8			
LOCAL RURAL	10.9	21.2	32.8	44.6	57.2	70.0	83.8	97.6	109.7			
URBAN	67.2	129.6	199.6	266.8	339.1	411.4	486.6	563.6	632.5			
ALL SYSTEMS	116.3	224.0	345.1	464.8	594.6	727.0	867.7	1011.0	1136.0			
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1980 VS. 1979												
MAIN RURAL	1.5	-0.9	-3.5	-4.1	-3.8	-3.1	-2.3	-2.1	-2.0			
LOCAL RURAL	1.7	-0.4	-1.9	-2.5	-2.4	-2.2	-1.8	-1.6	-1.6			
URBAN	1.2	-0.5	-2.1	-2.5	-2.1	-1.6	-1.2	-1.1	-1.2			
ALL SYSTEMS	1.3	-0.6	-2.5	-3.0	-2.7	-2.2	-1.6	-1.5	-1.5			

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