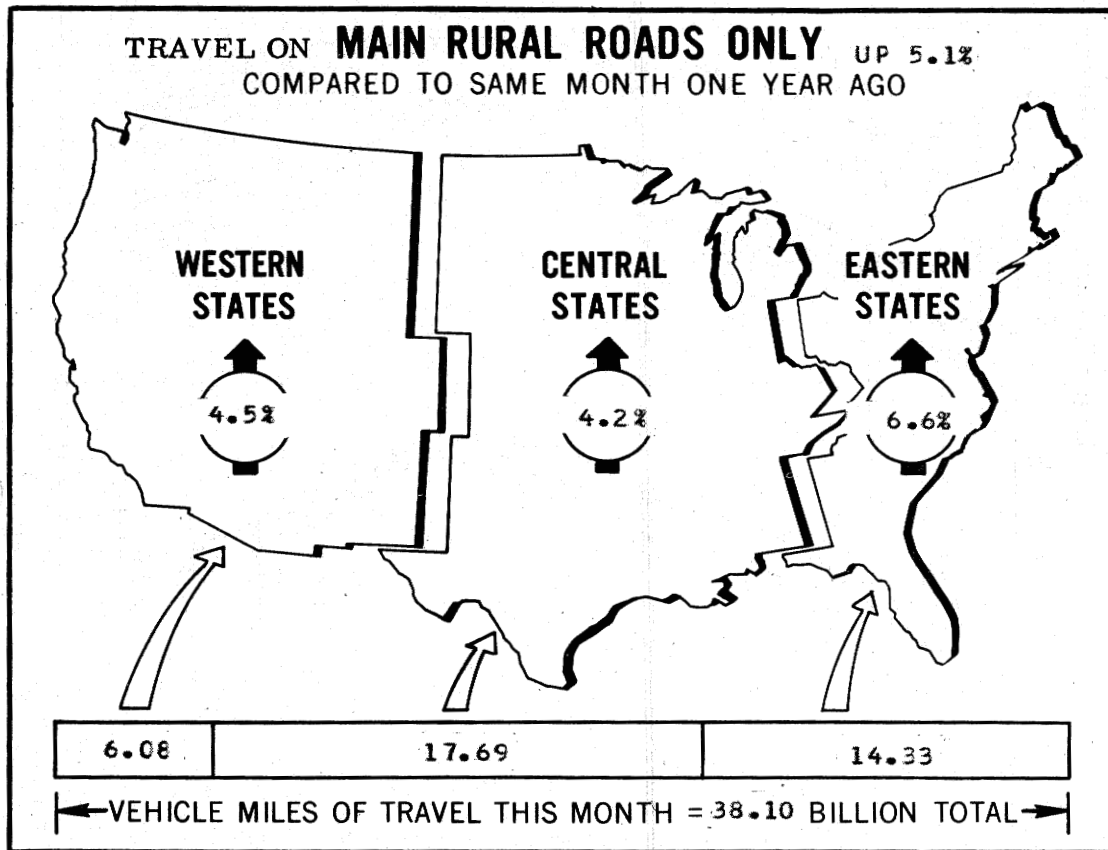


TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

DECEMBER 1972 \downarrow

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** UP 3.6%
COMPARED TO SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO



\downarrow ALL DATA FOR THIS MONTH ARE PRELIMINARY, REVISED VALUES FOR PREVIOUS MONTH
ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 AND 2

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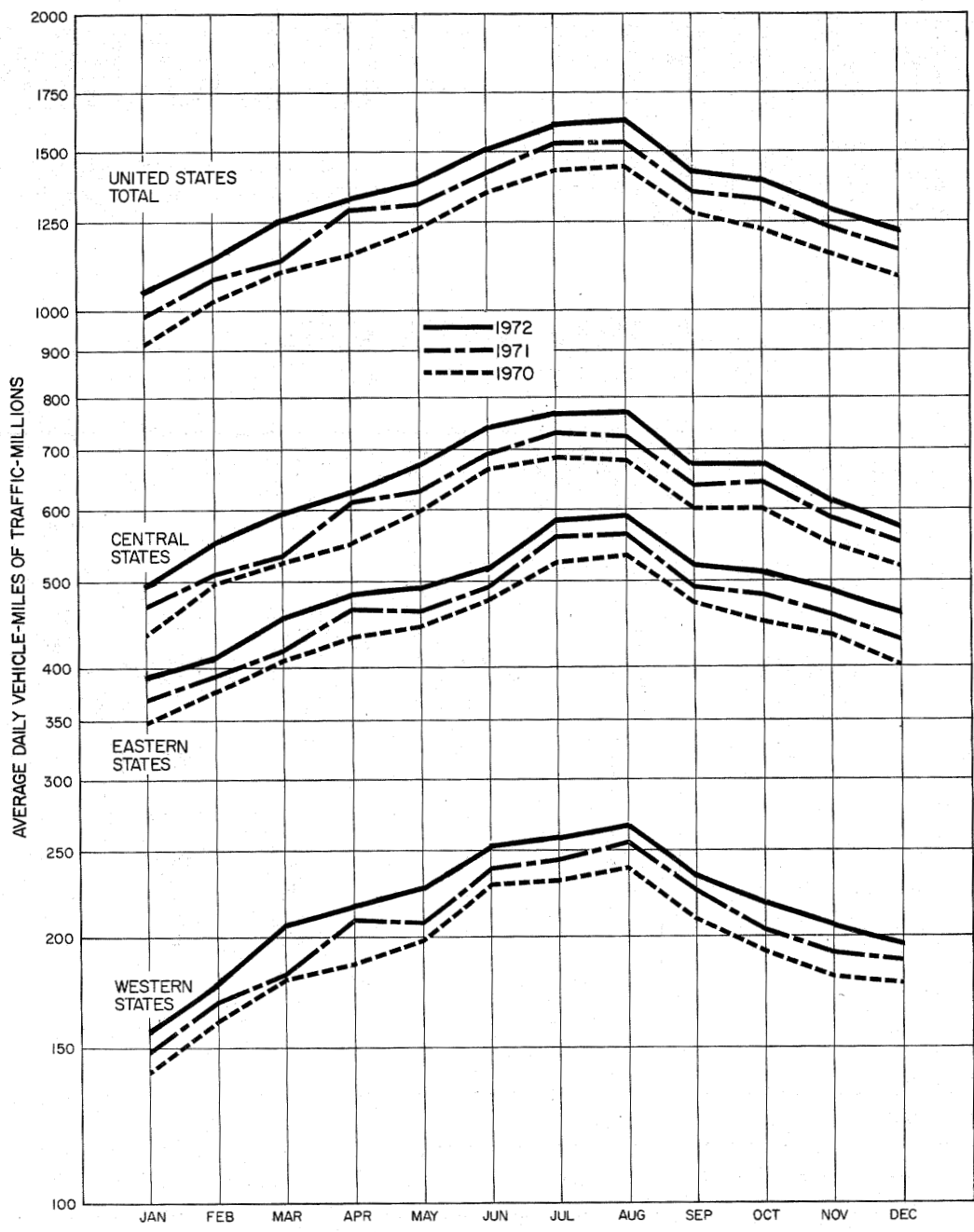


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

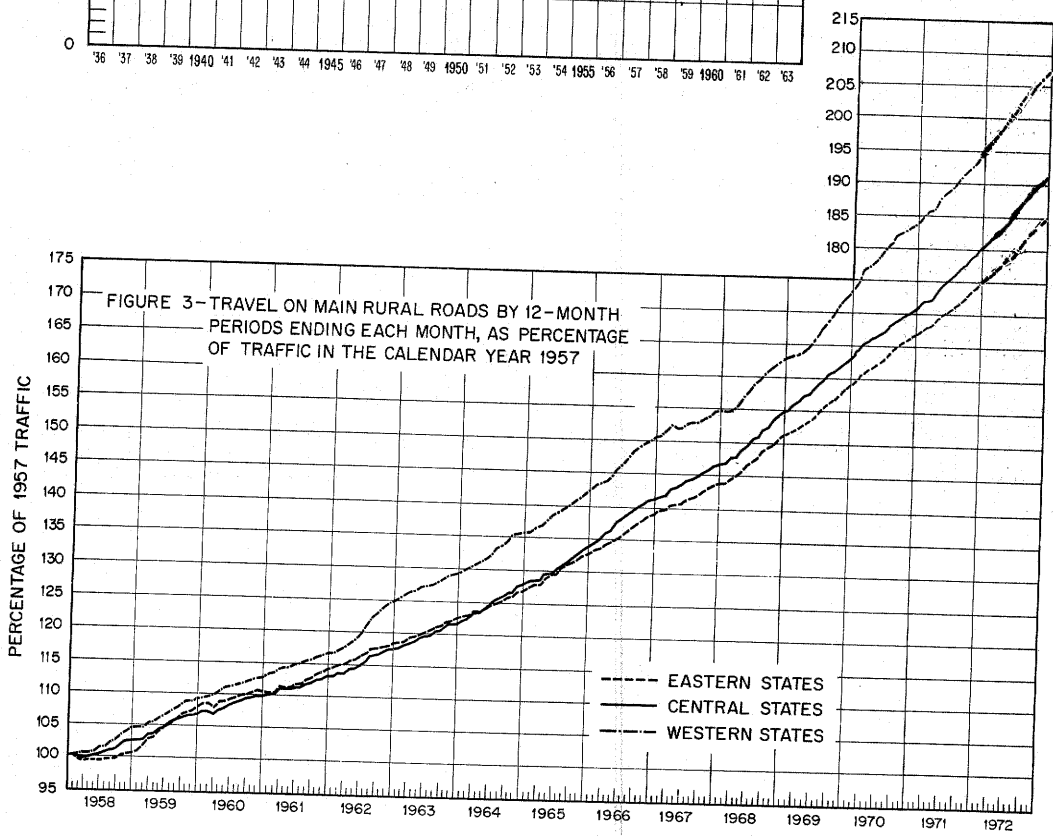
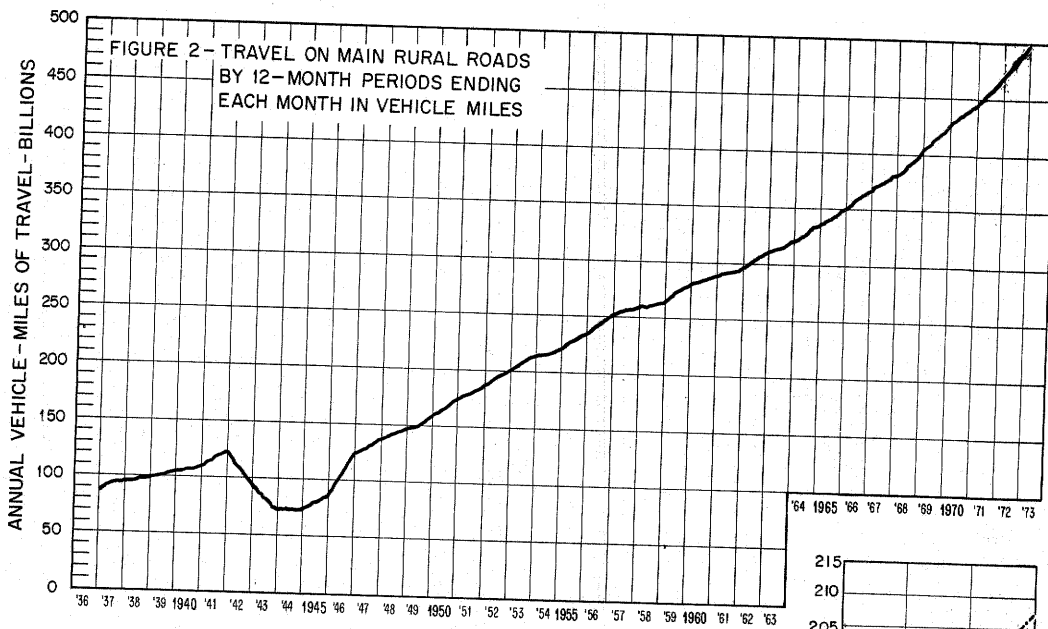


TABLE 1.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR DECEMBER			REVISED DATA FOR NOVEMBER		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1972	1971		1972	1971	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	38,246	36,381	5.1	39,070	36,944	5.8
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	.....	.....	2.9	.....	.....	4.1
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	.....	.....	4.6	.....	.....	5.4
CITY STREETS.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.6
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	.....	.....	3.6	.....	.....	4.6
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	14,332	13,449	6.6	14,488	13,644	6.2
CENTRAL REGION.....	17,682	16,966	4.2	18,304	17,445	4.9
WESTERN REGION.....	6,082	5,821	4.5	6,140	5,724	7.3
TOTAL.....	38,056	36,236	5.1	38,932	36,817	5.7

TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	DECEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		NOVEMBER (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	DECEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		NOVEMBER (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
CONNECTICUT.....	16	4.4	16	6.2	ALABAMA.....	50	8.7	52	7.6
MAINE.....	14	0.7	22	5.3	KENTUCKY.....	36	1.3	35	3.4
MASSACHUSETTS.....	45	6.0	48	9.3	MISSISSIPPI.....	43	5.1	41	4.9
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	4	5.5	7	4.2	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	21	4.8
RHODE ISLAND.....	4	3.4	44	6.4	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	44	3.4	44	6.4	IOWA.....	31	2.1	30	2.9
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	75	0.6	77	1.3
NEW JERSEY.....	18	3.6	18	3.8	MINNESOTA.....	-	-	34	7.1
NEW YORK.....	36	4.5	37	7.2	MISSOURI.....	11	6.2	84	2.6
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	15	2.5	NEBRASKA.....	20	2.8	20	1.6
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	38	2.9	41	5.0
DELAWARE.....	9	5.4	13	5.5	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	33	4.6	31	4.2
MARYLAND.....	26	11.3	33	9.1	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	4.5	-	4.8	ARKANSAS.....	34	5.1	36	5.2
WEST VIRGINIA.....	27	6.0	28	5.0	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	37	2.0
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	-	-	43	1.2
FLORIDA.....	-	-	-	-	TEXAS.....	113	7.4	111	4.9
GEORGIA.....	31	9.5	34	10.6	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	41	6.4	44	7.6	ARIZONA.....	20	6.5	21	8.8
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	4	10.2	4	7.1	COLORADO.....	42	4.9	42	2.2
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDaho.....	54	10.2	55	11.3
ILLINOIS.....	17	7.4	20	8.3	MONTANA.....	23	8.1	27	8.3
INDIANA.....	23	2.2	26	5.6	NEVADA.....	30	6.4	31	7.7
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	30	9.2	31	5.8
OHIO.....	22	5.3	22	5.6	UTAH.....	41	10.6	40	11.7
WISCONSIN.....	29	4.7	35	6.7	WYOMING.....	32	0.7	32	4.1
ALASKA.....	16	5.4	15	9.0	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	-	-	-	-	CALIFORNIA.....	-	-	13	7.1
					OREGON.....	75	1.1	82	8.5
					WASHINGTON.....	18	0.6	21	8.3

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 DASH AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IS SHOWN, THE STATES PREPARED TRAFFIC ESTIMATES, GENERALLY BASED ON EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SAMPLING SURVEYS.
 3-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE FOR A STATE ARE DASHES, THE STATE REPORT HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT TIME OF PRINTING, OR NO COMPARABLE DATA WERE AVAILABLE.