

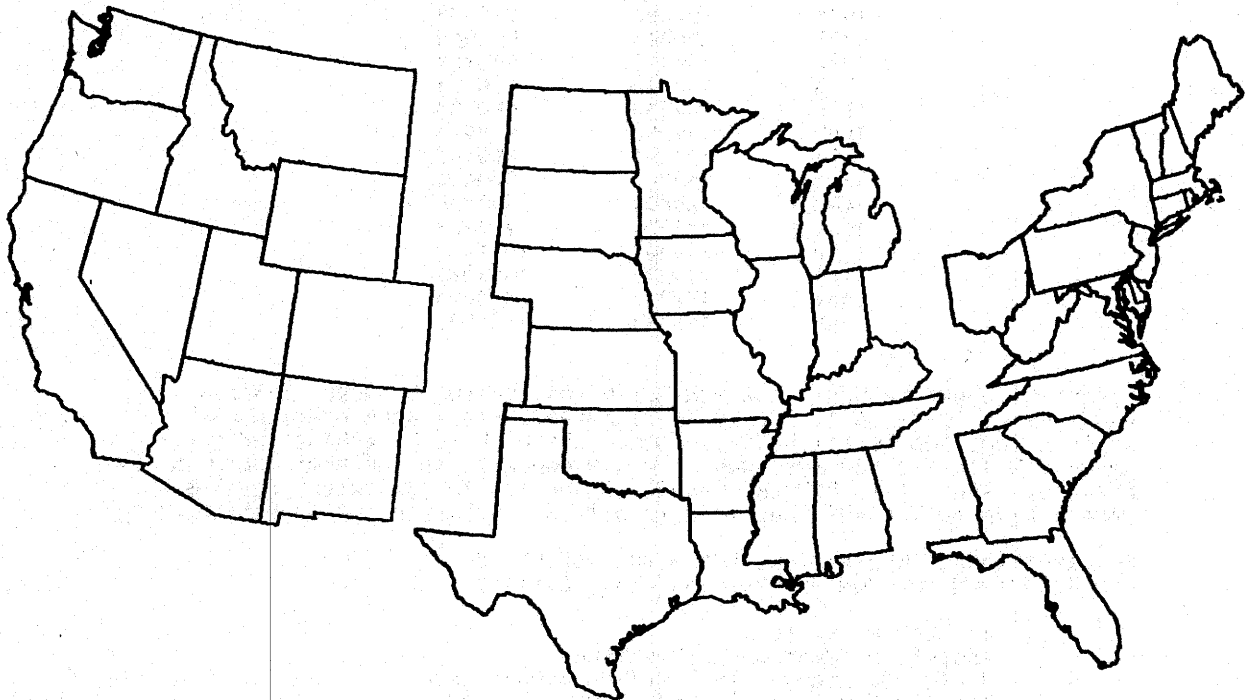


U.S. Department
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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

JULY 1988

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 3.7 PERCENT
FOR JULY 1988 AS COMPARED TO JULY 1987.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - JULY 1988.

38.2 BILLION

78.1 BILLION

65.9 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+4.4

+3.4

+3.7

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 1986 TABLE VM-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1988.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - JULY 1988

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING JULY 1988 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 3.7 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO JULY 1987, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 183271 MILLION VEHICLE-MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 76534 MILLION VEHICLE-MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 106738 MILLION VEHICLE-MILES ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS.

TRAVEL FOR THE CURRENT MONTH AS WELL AS 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	JULY	YEAR TO DATE
1970	106392	642193
1971	112466	678088
1972	118594	729705
1973	121685	757204
1974	120890	733716
1975	124493	762388
1976	130891	810583
1977	136199	840738
1978	148209	886151
1979	134853	883388
1980	136250	873875
1981	141253	893180
1982	152200	909890
1983	156823	943999
1984	161702	984797
1985	166881	1017858
1986	171114	1051927
1987	176785	1093698
1988	183271	1133830

"TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS" IS A MONTHLY REPORT 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 - MOVING 12-MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

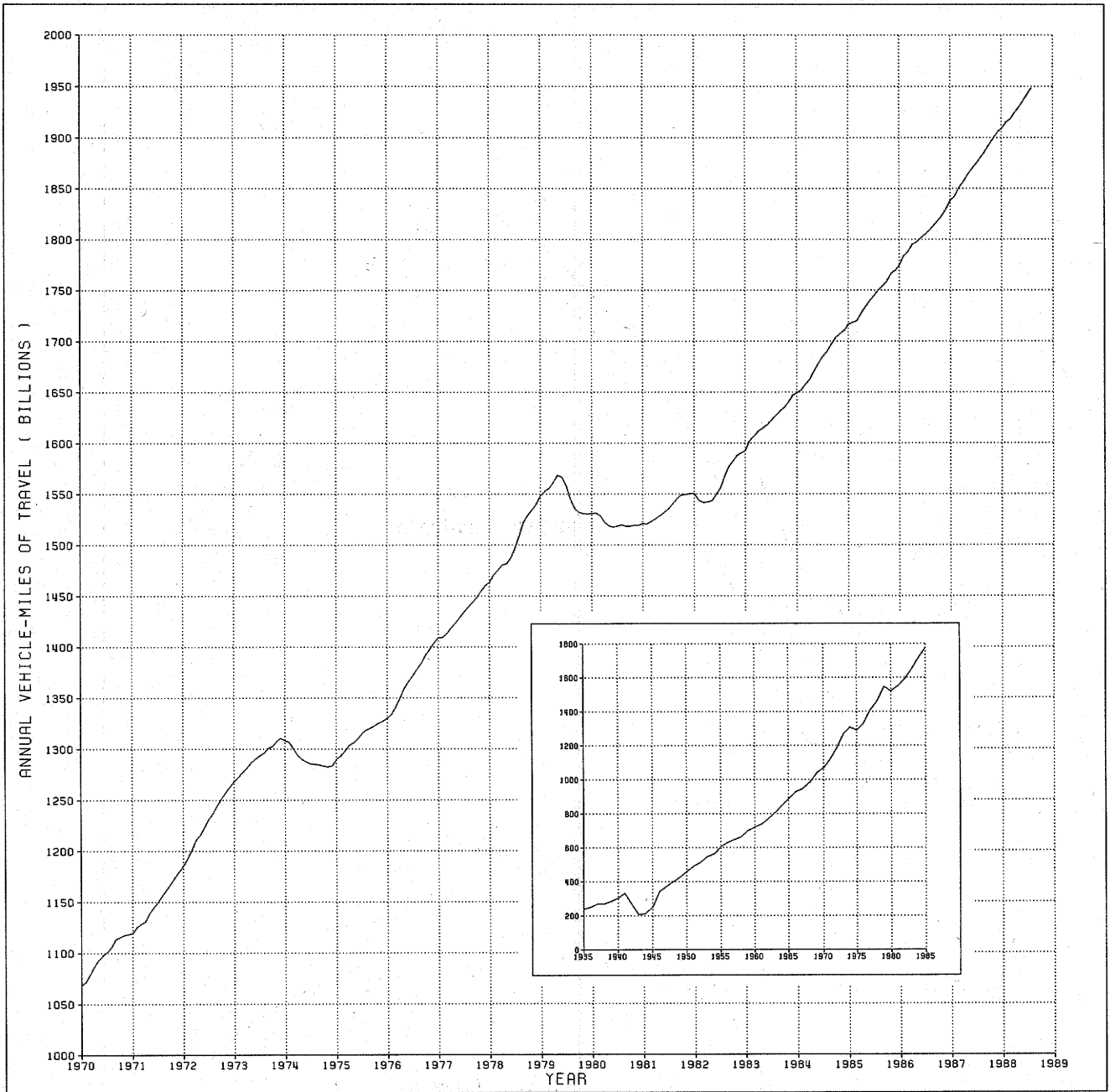


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U S HIGHWAYS BY MONTH

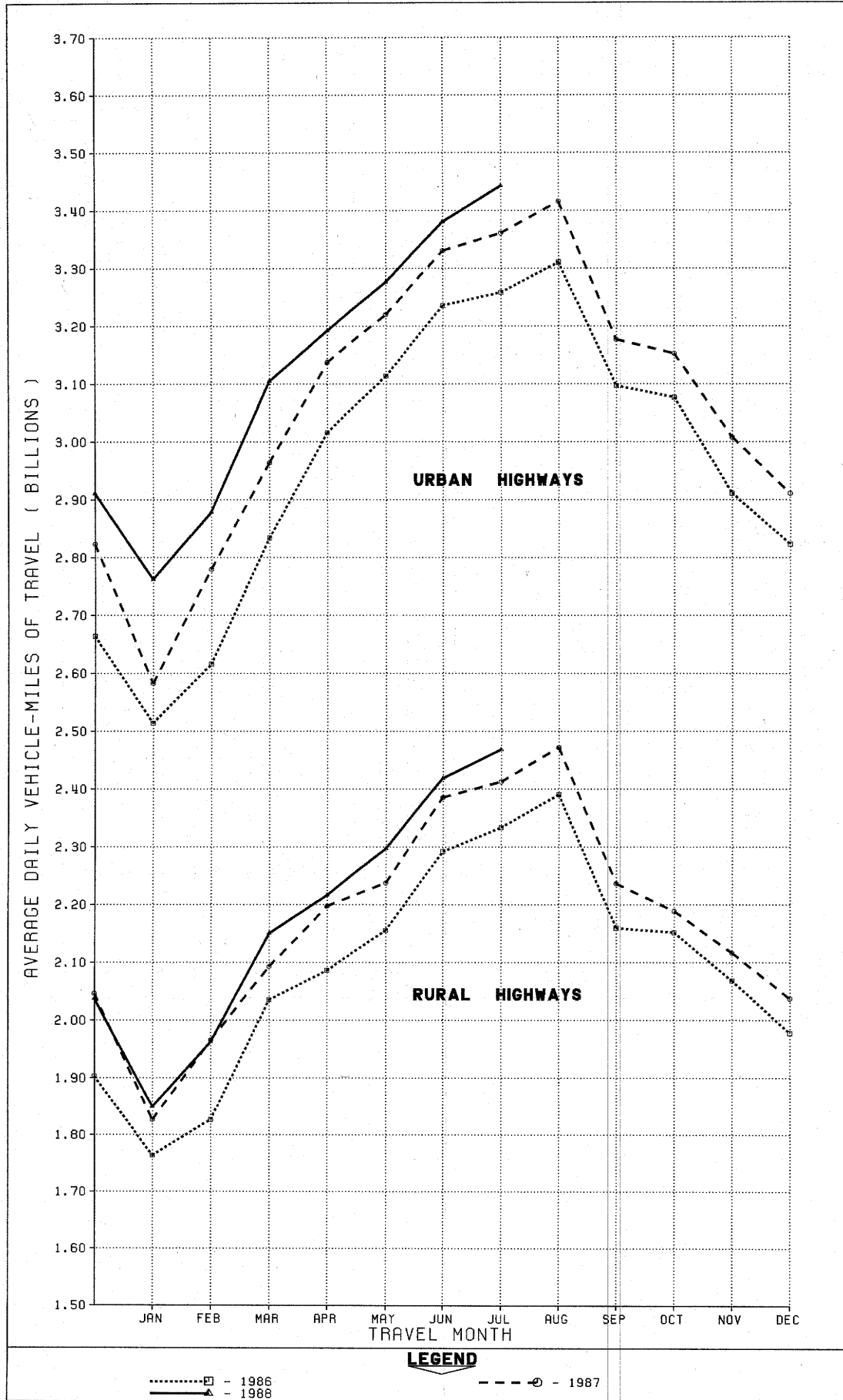


TABLE 1.

ESTIMATED INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES *

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1987 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	31.3	30.6	37.5	37.9	40.9	42.8	46.1	46.7	40.6	40.8	38.4	37.7
OTHER RURAL	23.4	22.6	25.9	26.1	27.0	26.8	27.1	27.8	26.5	27.1	25.1	25.5
URBAN	82.2	78.8	93.4	93.1	98.3	98.2	103.6	105.2	95.3	97.7	90.2	90.2
ALL SYSTEMS	136.9	132.1	156.8	157.1	166.2	167.7	176.8	179.7	162.4	165.6	153.8	153.4
1988 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS***												
RURAL ARTERIAL	33.0	31.8	39.9	39.7	43.2	44.8	48.5					
OTHER RURAL	24.3	23.1	26.8	26.8	28.0	27.8	28.1					
URBAN	85.6	80.6	96.3	95.8	101.6	101.4	106.7					
ALL SYSTEMS	143.0	135.6	162.9	162.3	172.8	174.0	183.3					
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1988 VS. 1987												
RURAL ARTERIAL	5.7	3.9	6.3	4.8	5.5	4.7	5.1					
OTHER RURAL	3.7	2.3	3.6	2.6	4.0	3.7	3.5					
URBAN	4.2	2.2	3.0	2.8	3.3	3.3	3.1					
ALL SYSTEMS	4.4	2.6	3.9	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.7					

TABLE 2.

ESTIMATED CUMULATIVE MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES *

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1987 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	31.3	61.9	99.4	137.3	178.3	221.0	267.2	313.9	354.5	395.3	433.6	471.3
OTHER RURAL	23.4	46.0	71.9	98.0	125.0	151.8	178.9	206.7	233.2	260.3	285.4	310.9
URBAN	82.2	161.1	254.5	347.6	446.0	544.1	647.7	752.9	848.2	945.9	1036.2	1126.4
ALL SYSTEMS	136.9	269.0	425.8	583.0	749.2	916.9	1093.7	1273.4	1435.9	1601.4	1755.2	1908.6
1988 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS***												
RURAL ARTERIAL	33.0	64.9	104.8	144.5	187.7	232.5	281.0					
OTHER RURAL	24.3	47.4	74.2	101.0	129.0	156.8	184.9					
URBAN	85.6	166.2	262.5	358.3	459.8	561.3	668.0					
ALL SYSTEMS	143.0	278.5	441.5	603.8	776.6	950.6	1133.8					
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1988 VS. 1987												
RURAL ARTERIAL	5.7	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2					
OTHER RURAL	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.3					
URBAN	4.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1					
ALL SYSTEMS	4.4	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7					

* SYSTEM ENTRIES MAY NOT ADD TO GIVE "ALL SYSTEMS" TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

** THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1987 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

*** TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1988 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.

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TABLE 3.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR JULY			REVISED DATA FOR JUNE		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1988	1987		1988	1987	
CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:						
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	48,477	46,127	5.1	44,774	42,763	4.7
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	28,057	27,106	3.5	27,792	26,804	3.7
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	76,534	73,232	4.5	72,566	69,567	4.3
CITY STREETS.....	106,738	103,553	3.1	101,436	98,158	3.3
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	183,271	176,785	3.7	174,002	167,725	3.7
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	16,220	15,460	4.9	14,490	13,876	4.4
CENTRAL REGION.....	23,475	22,309	5.2	21,962	20,915	5.0
WESTERN REGION.....	8,550	8,130	5.2	8,119	7,771	4.5
TOTAL.....	48,245	45,899	5.1	44,571	42,562	4.7

TABLE 4.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	JULY (PRELIMINARY)		JUNE (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	JULY (PRELIMINARY)		JUNE (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.....	9	2.9	11	3.2	ALABAMA.....	48	6.1	47	6.4
MAINE.....	-	-	17	7.0	KENTUCKY.....	29	6.1	27	6.3
MASSACHUSETTS.....	8	0.1	7	3.4	MISSISSIPPI.....	7	13.4	10	11.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	-	-	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	11	1.6
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	28	6.7	26	6.6	IOWA.....	58	7.8	55	6.0
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	-	-	52	4.9
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	10	3.9	MINNESOTA.....	37	4.8	39	5.1
NEW YORK.....	11	5.7	12	6.3	MISSOURI.....	41	4.1	44	4.1
PENNSYLVANIA.....	33	0.9	31	2.5	NEBRASKA.....	26	5.0	26	5.4
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	27	0.4	27	-1.0
DELAWARE.....	19	0.7	19	1.8	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	26	5.0	25	4.9
MARYLAND.....	-	-	28	3.8	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	-	-	-	ARKANSAS.....	15	2.7	14	3.1
WEST VIRGINIA.....	12	1.2	13	3.2	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	30	2.8	31	3.4
FLORIDA.....	22	10.2	23	2.3	TEXAS.....	80	2.4	81	4.7
GEORGIA.....	15	7.0	15	7.6	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	18	8.1	22	4.3	ARIZONA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	-	-	-	-	COLORADO.....	-	-	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	55	5.8	55	3.9
ILLINOIS.....	-	-	-	-	MONTANA.....	-	-	34	4.8
INDIANA.....	-	-	26	3.1	NEVADA.....	15	4.0	15	4.7
MICHIGAN.....	42	6.3	51	5.9	NEW MEXICO.....	44	5.6	44	4.5
OHIO.....	16	3.6	17	5.1	UTAH.....	-	-	-	-
WISCONSIN.....	48	5.6	49	6.0	WYOMING.....	37	5.0	37	5.7
ALASKA.....	20	-1.8	23	0.1	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	2	5.5	2	2.6	CALIFORNIA.....	-	4.8	-	4.0
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	39	6.6	42	5.6

NOTE: 1-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 AS DETERMINED FROM EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SAMPLING SURVEYS.

2-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE ARE SHOWN AS DASHES, INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE AN ESTIMATE.



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