



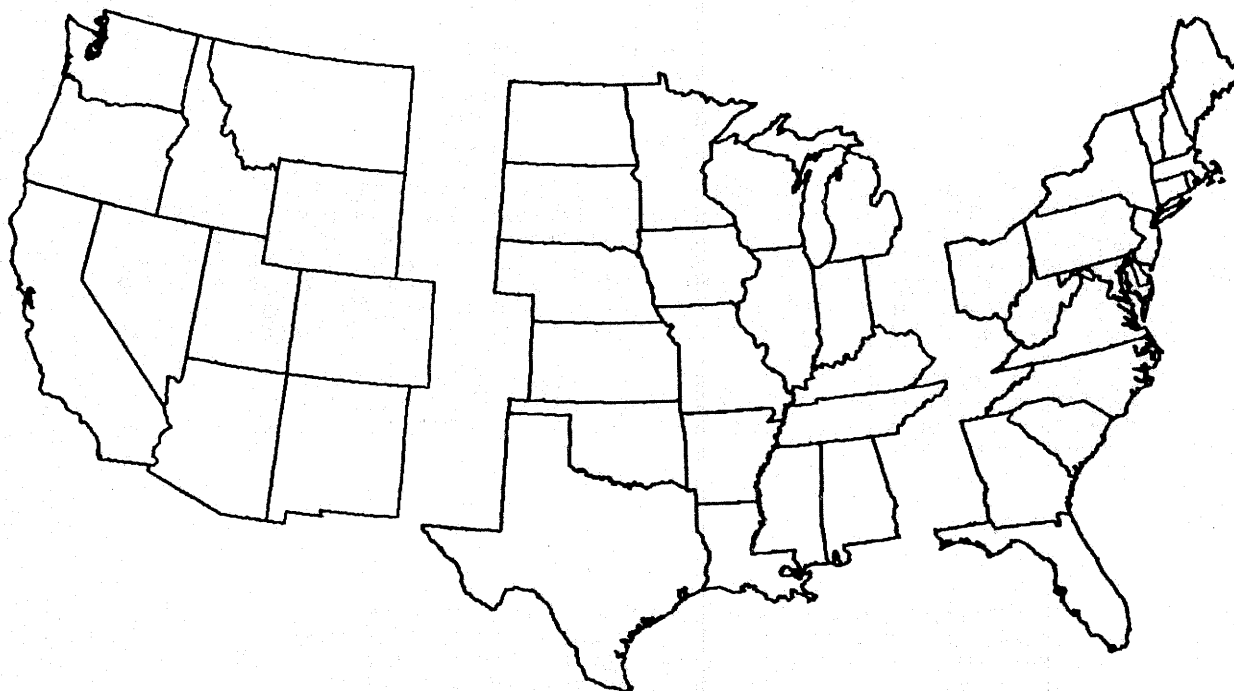
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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

AUGUST 1985

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 2.9 PERCENT
FOR AUGUST 1985 AS COMPARED TO AUGUST 1984.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - AUGUST 1985.

35.2 BILLION

72.8 BILLION

61.0 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+3.2

+1.6

+4.2

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 HAVE BEEN COMPUTED WITH 1983 VM-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF OCTOBER 22, 1985.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - AUGUST 1985

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING AUGUST 1985 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 2.9 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO AUGUST 1984, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 169980 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 72456 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 97523 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.

YEAR	TRAVEL IN MILLIONS ALL ROADS AND STREETS	
	AUGUST	YEAR TO DATE
1970	106969	749162
1971	112642	790730
1972	119913	849618
1973	124426	881630
1974	124070	857786
1975	126103	888491
1976	131913	942496
1977	136337	977075
1978	149461	1035612
1979	139942	1023330
1980	138666	1012541
1981	143464	1036644
1982	153300	1063190
1983	157649	1101648
1984	165269	1149506
1985	169980	1185336

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS IS A MONTHLY REPORT PREPARED BY THE TRAVEL MONITORING 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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SPECIAL NOTE

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN REDUCED TO SIX PAGES INCLUDING THE COVERS IN ORDER TO CUT COSTS. IF ANY PERTINENT DATA YOU NEED HAS BEEN REMOVED, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MR. KENNETH WELTY AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS FOR ASSISTANCE.

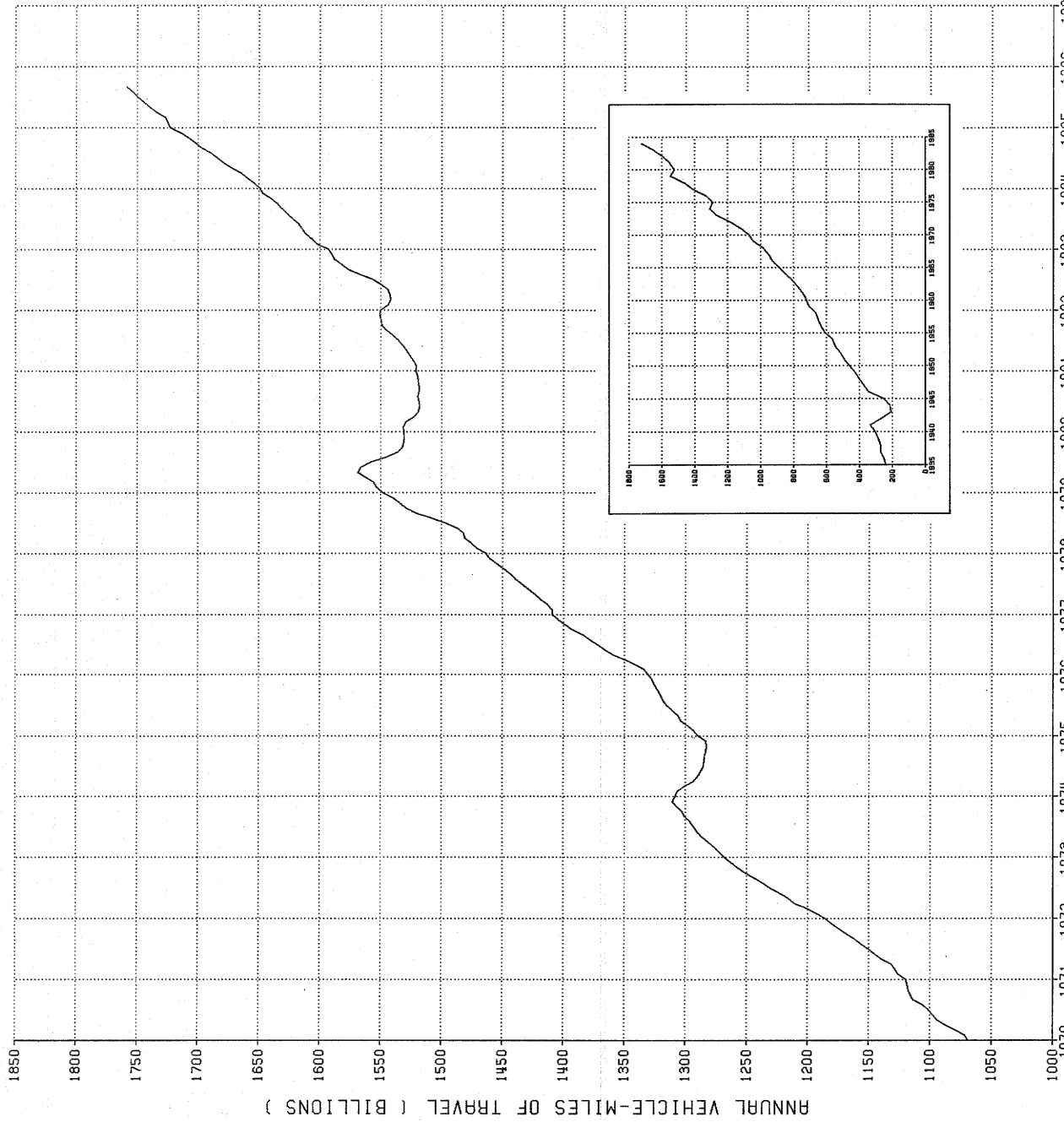
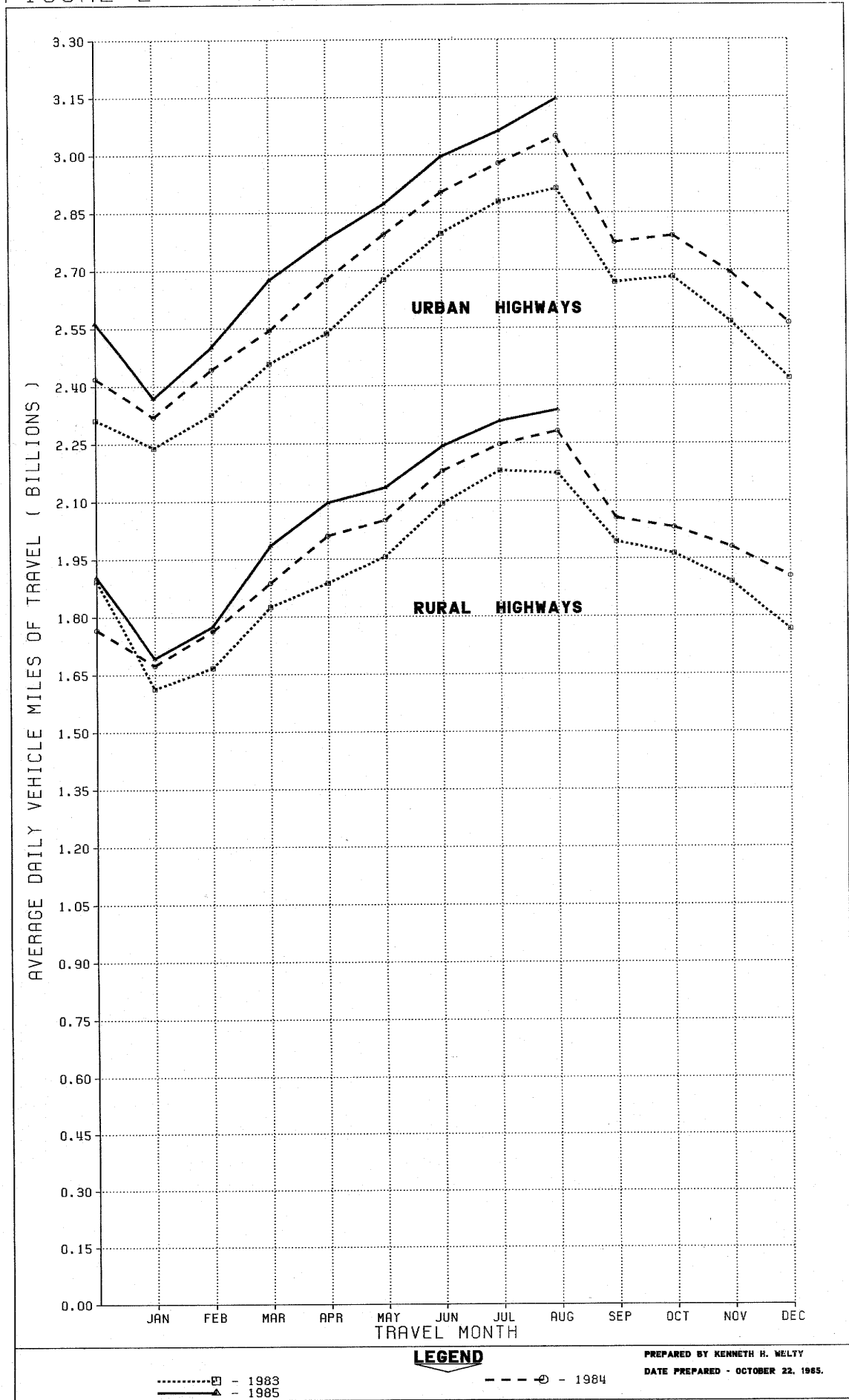


FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12 MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS
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 PREPARED BY KENNETH H. BELTY

FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U S HIGHWAYS BY MONTH



LEGEND

..... - 1983
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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
1984 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.8	28.3	34.4	35.8	38.3	40.3	43.8	44.2	37.3	37.7	35.7	34.7
OTHER RURAL	22.1	21.0	24.1	24.5	25.3	25.1	25.9	26.5	24.4	25.3	23.7	24.3
URBAN	71.9	68.4	78.9	80.3	86.6	87.1	92.3	94.5	83.2	86.5	80.8	79.5
ALL SYSTEMS	123.8	117.8	137.4	140.6	150.2	152.5	162.0	165.3	144.9	149.5	140.2	138.5
1985 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	30.4	28.8	36.5	37.5	40.0	41.7	45.2	45.6				
OTHER RURAL	22.1	20.9	25.0	25.4	26.2	25.6	26.4	26.9				
URBAN	73.4	70.0	82.9	83.5	89.0	89.9	94.9	97.5				
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	119.7	144.5	146.4	155.2	157.1	166.5	170.0				
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.8	6.1	4.6	4.6	3.4	3.3	3.0				
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.8	3.8	3.8	3.3	2.1	1.7	1.5				
URBAN	2.1	2.4	5.2	3.9	2.8	3.2	2.8	3.2				
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.7	5.2	4.1	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.9				

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
1984 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.8	58.1	92.5	128.4	166.6	206.9	250.7	294.9	332.2	369.9	405.6	440.4
OTHER RURAL	22.1	43.1	67.2	91.7	117.1	142.1	168.0	194.6	219.0	244.3	267.9	292.2
URBAN	71.9	140.3	219.2	299.5	386.1	473.2	565.5	660.0	743.2	829.7	910.5	990.0
ALL SYSTEMS	123.8	241.6	379.0	519.6	669.8	822.2	984.2	1149.5	1294.4	1443.9	1584.1	1722.6
1985 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	30.4	59.3	95.8	133.3	173.3	215.0	260.2	305.7				
OTHER RURAL	22.1	42.9	67.9	93.4	119.5	145.1	171.5	198.4				
URBAN	73.4	143.5	226.4	309.9	398.9	488.8	583.7	681.2				
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	245.7	390.1	536.5	691.8	848.9	1015.4	1185.3				
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.9	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.7				
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.5	1.1	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0				
URBAN	2.1	2.2	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2				
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.7	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1				

* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1984 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

** TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1984 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.

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

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

	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR AUGUST			REVISED DATA FOR JULY		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1985	1984		1985	1984	
CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:						
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	45,554	44,228	3.0	45,181	43,752	3.3
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	26,903	26,512	1.5	26,363	25,922	1.7
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	72,456	70,740	2.4	71,544	69,674	2.7
CITY STREETS.....	97,523	94,529	3.2	94,909	92,323	2.8
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	169,980	165,269	2.9	166,453	161,997	2.8
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	15,130	14,472	4.5	14,882	14,204	4.8
CENTRAL REGION.....	22,066	21,507	2.6	21,900	21,404	2.3
WESTERN REGION.....	8,119	8,020	1.2	8,153	7,907	3.1
TOTAL.....	45,315	43,999	3.0	44,935	43,515	3.3

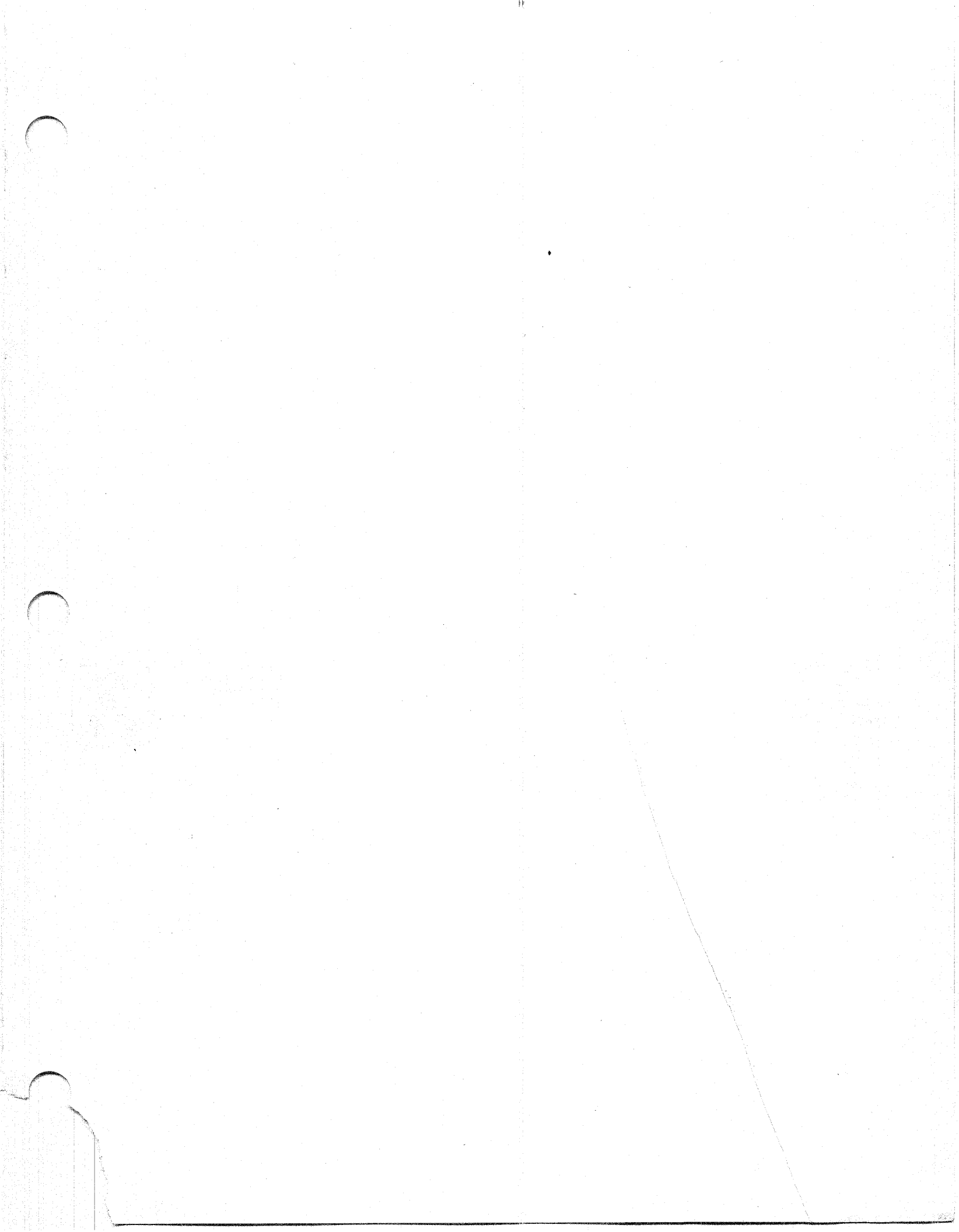
TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	AUGUST (PRELIMINARY)		JULY (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	AUGUST (PRELIMINARY)		JULY (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	5.7	9	7.3	ALABAMA.....	44	4.7	44	4.3
MAINE.....	20	3.7	20	7.8	KENTUCKY.....	-	-	27	4.5
MASSACHUSETTS.....	-	-	-	-	MISSISSIPPI.....	26	3.0	29	1.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	49	6.4	TENNESSEE.....	14	7.0	14	6.3
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	27	5.6	27	6.5	IOWA.....	-	-	57	2.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	58	1.6	60	- 0.2
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	MINNESOTA.....	23	0.8	27	- 0.3
NEW YORK.....	17	5.1	17	3.9	MISSOURI.....	14	3.2	21	2.3
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	-	-	NEBRASKA.....	21	1.8	22	1.2
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	-	-
DELAWARE.....	-	-	-	-	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	25	1.8	27	0.3
MARYLAND.....	28	4.3	28	4.0	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	7.0	-	6.2	ARKANSAS.....	15	0.0	15	- 0.1
WEST VIRGINIA.....	13	2.8	11	4.9	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	33	- 1.1	34	0.3
FLORIDA.....	45	4.9	42	5.6	TEXAS.....	-	-	-	-
GEORGIA.....	-	-	31	4.6	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	21	3.4	22	3.8	ARIZONA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	10	2.4	11	4.1	COLORADO.....	-	-	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	46	- 3.0	46	1.7
ILLINOIS.....	33	3.6	33	2.3	MONTANA.....	33	- 0.9	33	-
INDIANA.....	-	-	-	-	NEVADA.....	14	3.7	14	3.5
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	-	-
OHIO.....	16	3.9	12	3.1	UTAH.....	-	-	40	4.6
WISCONSIN.....	35	3.5	39	5.3	WYOMING.....	37	- 1.0	36	- 1.4
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	4.7	2	3.5	CALIFORNIA.....	-	-	-	-
					OREGON.....	-	-	63	2.9
					WASHINGTON.....	21	2.2	22	3.5

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 AS DETERMINED FROM EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SAMPLING SURVEYS

3-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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