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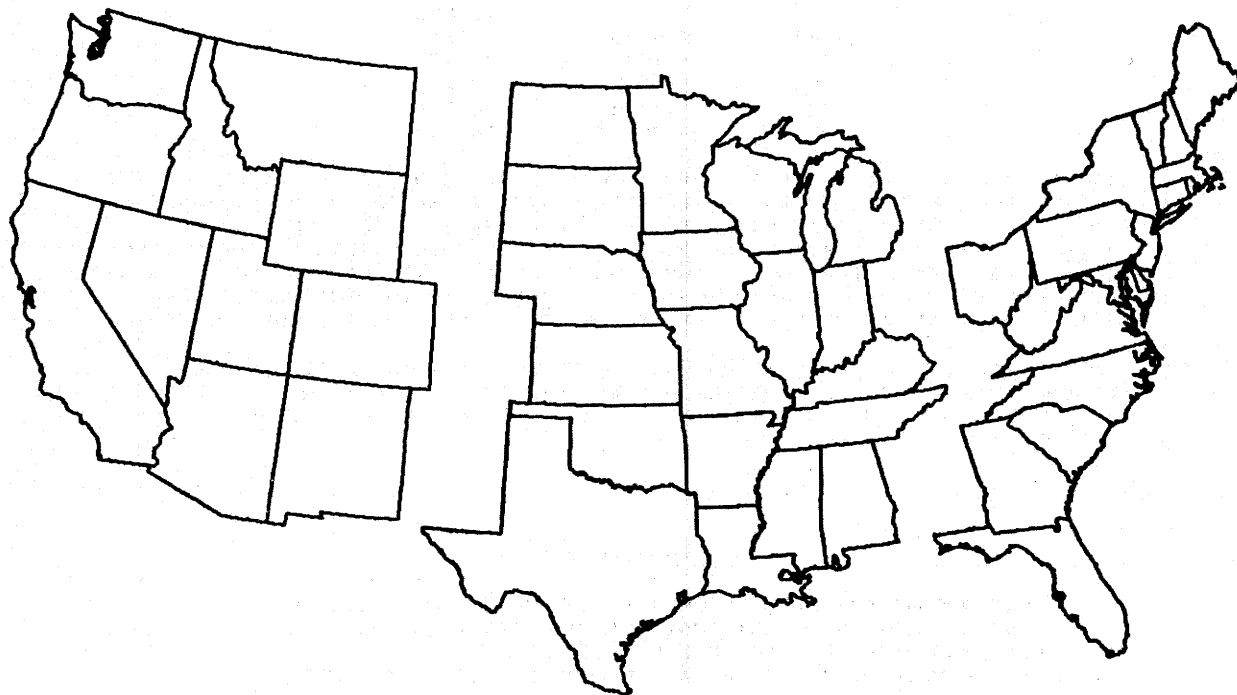
Federal Highway  
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HIGHWAY STATISTICS DIVISION

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

## FEBRUARY 1985

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 1.9 PERCENT  
FOR FEBRUARY 1985 AS COMPARED TO FEBRUARY 1984.**



**WESTERN**

**CENTRAL**

**EASTERN**

**ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - FEBRUARY 1985.**

**25.5 BILLION**

**50.9 BILLION**

**42.9 BILLION**

**PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR**

**+3.5**

**+0.3**

**+3.0**

**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 APRIL 17, 1985.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - FEBRUARY 1985

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING FEBRUARY 1985 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 1.9 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO FEBRUARY 1984, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 120037 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 49813 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 70225 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	FEBRUARY	YEAR TO DATE
1970	77442	157615
1971	80118	165454
1972	88272	180737
1973	92567	189231
1974	86426	181456
1975	91303	189645
1976	98528	200988
1977	102416	204861
1978	107018	216856
1979	109650	224004
1980	107338	223800
1981	109765	225814
1982	107512	217269
1983	111828	231264
1984	117775	241579
1985	120037	245942

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.

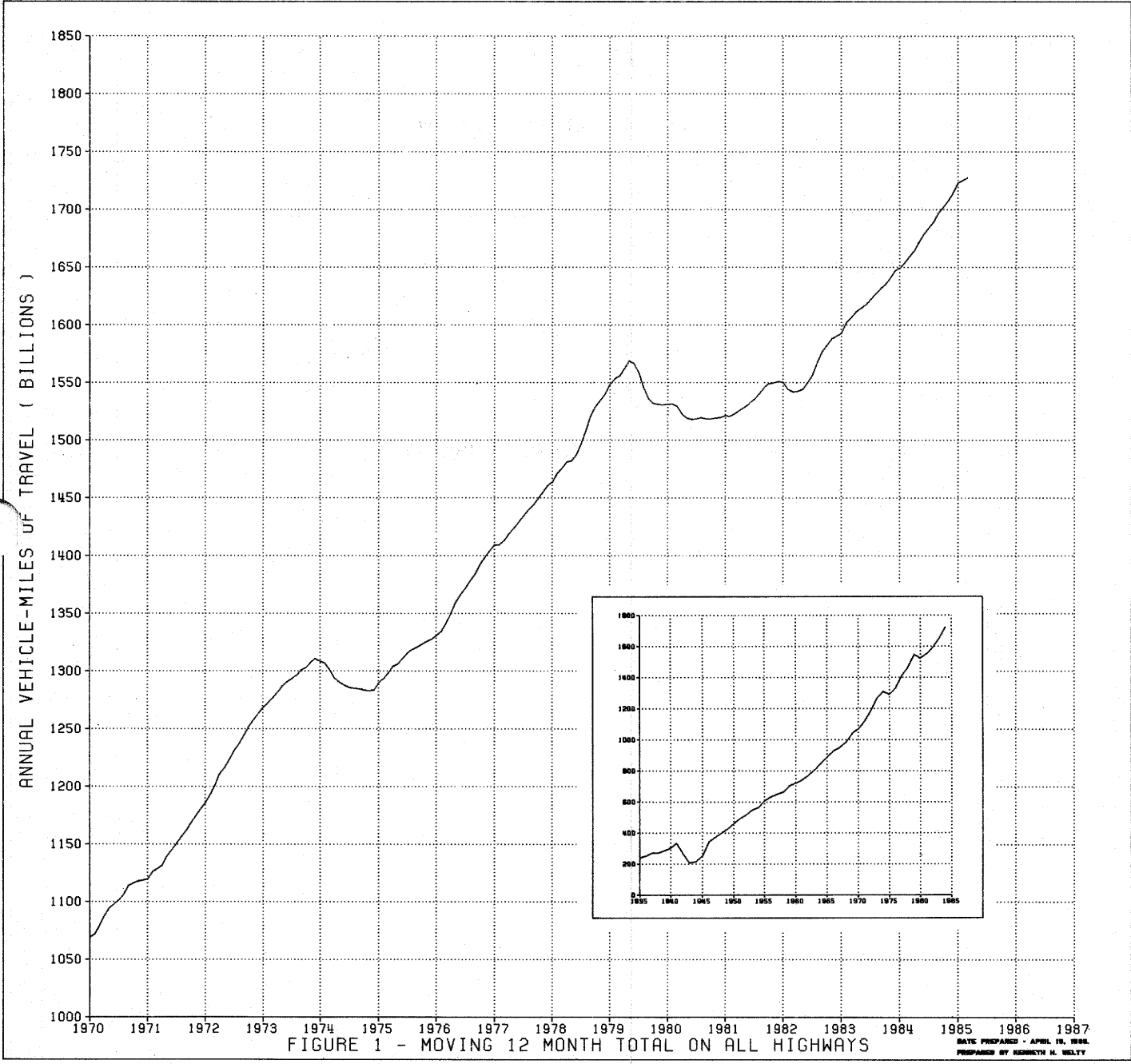
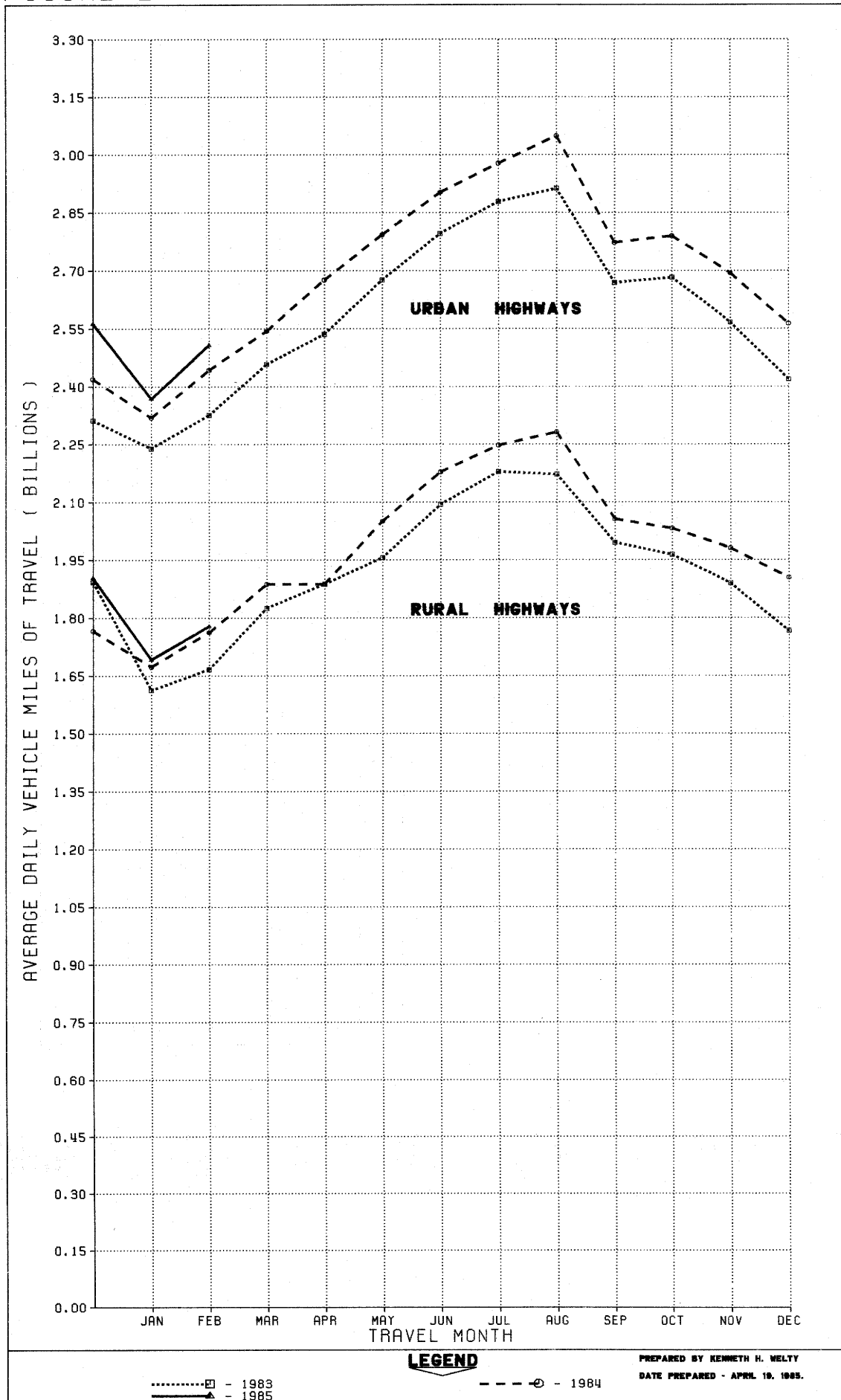


FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12 MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

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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										
OTHER RURAL	22.1	21.0										
URBAN	73.4	70.2										
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	120.0										
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.8										
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.3										
URBAN	2.1	2.7										
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.9										

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										
OTHER RURAL	22.1	43.0										
URBAN	73.4	143.7										
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	245.9										
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.9										
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.3										
URBAN	2.1	2.4										
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.8										

\* 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.  
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