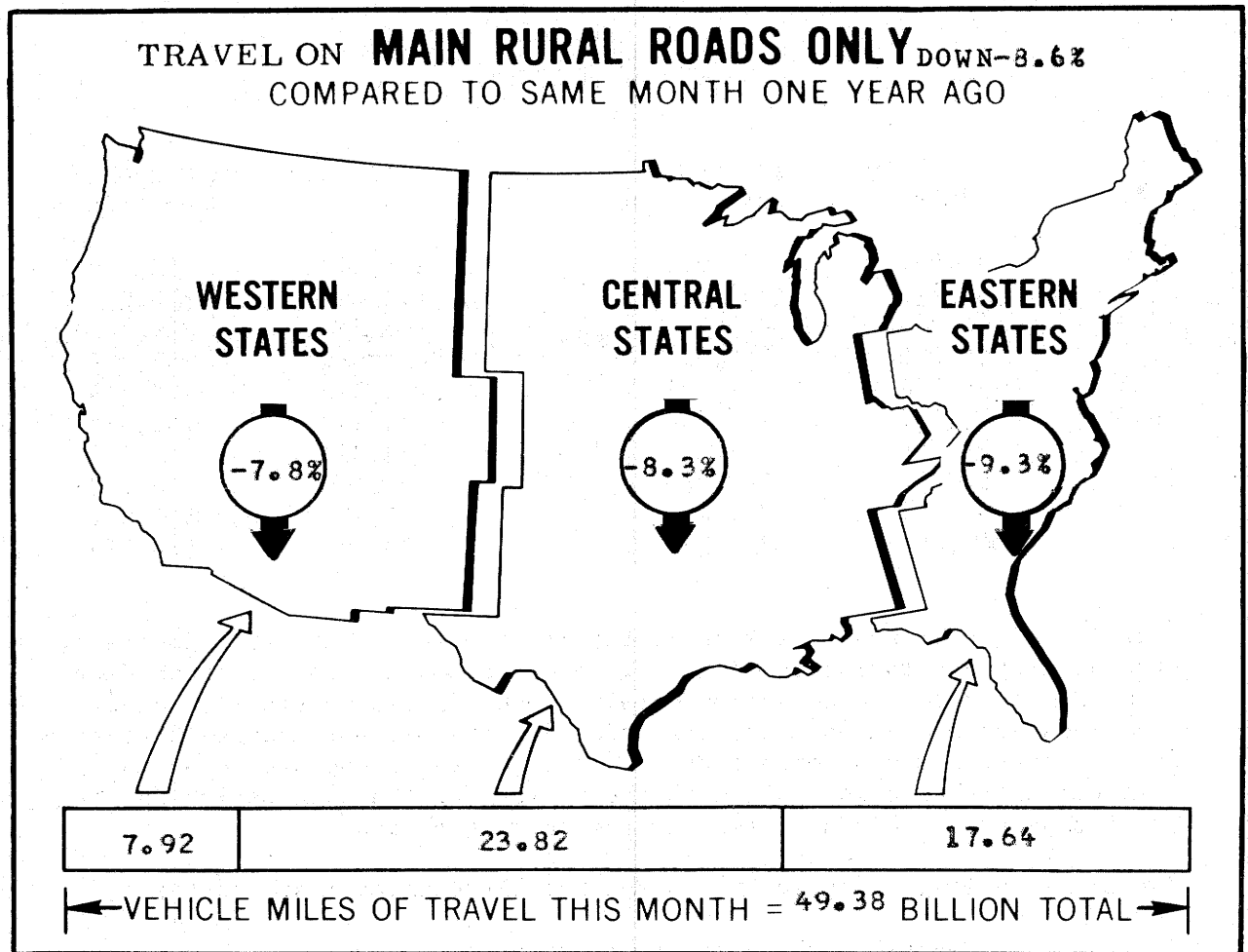


TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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JULY 1979 1/

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** DOWN-6.4%
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 1976 VM-2 DATA AS A BASE.

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Based on preliminary reports from the State highway agencies, travel during July 1979 on all roads and streets in the nation increased by -6.4 percent as compared to July 1978, resulting in estimated travel for the month at 132,096 million vehicle miles. This total includes 49,694 million vehicle miles on main rural roads, 13,905 million vehicle miles on other rural roads, and 68,496 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	
	July	Year to Date	July	Year to Date
1970	42,602	234,523	106,392	642,193
1971	44,719	247,384	112,466	678,088
1972	45,955	255,971	118,594	729,705
1973	46,293	266,993	121,685	757,204
1974	44,934	251,934	120,890	733,716
1975	46,759	265,846	124,493	762,388
1976	49,788	287,199	130,891	810,583
1977	52,353	298,955	136,199	840,738
1978	54,332	311,206	141,167	865,620
1979	49,694	307,981	132,096	860,975

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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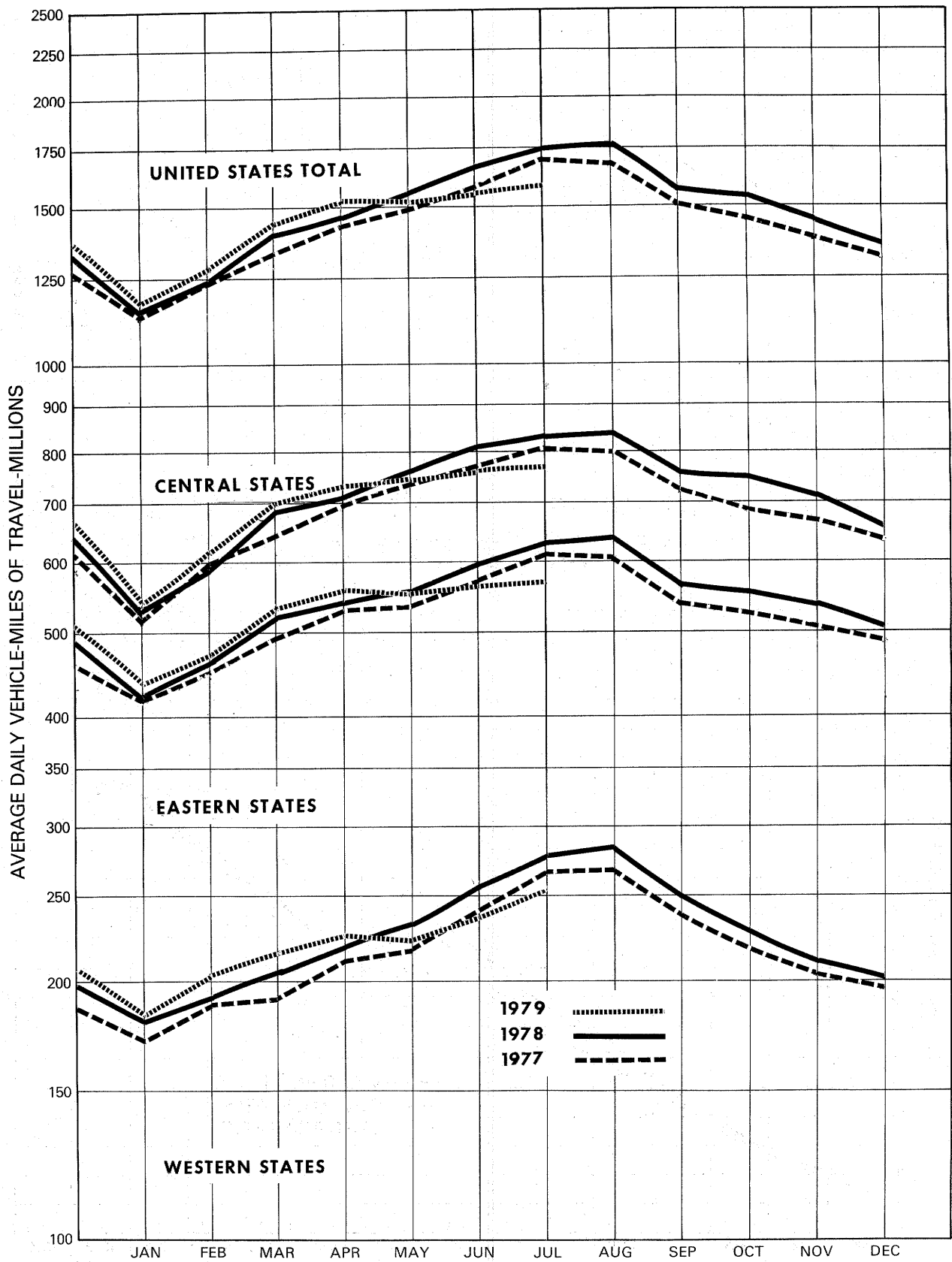


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

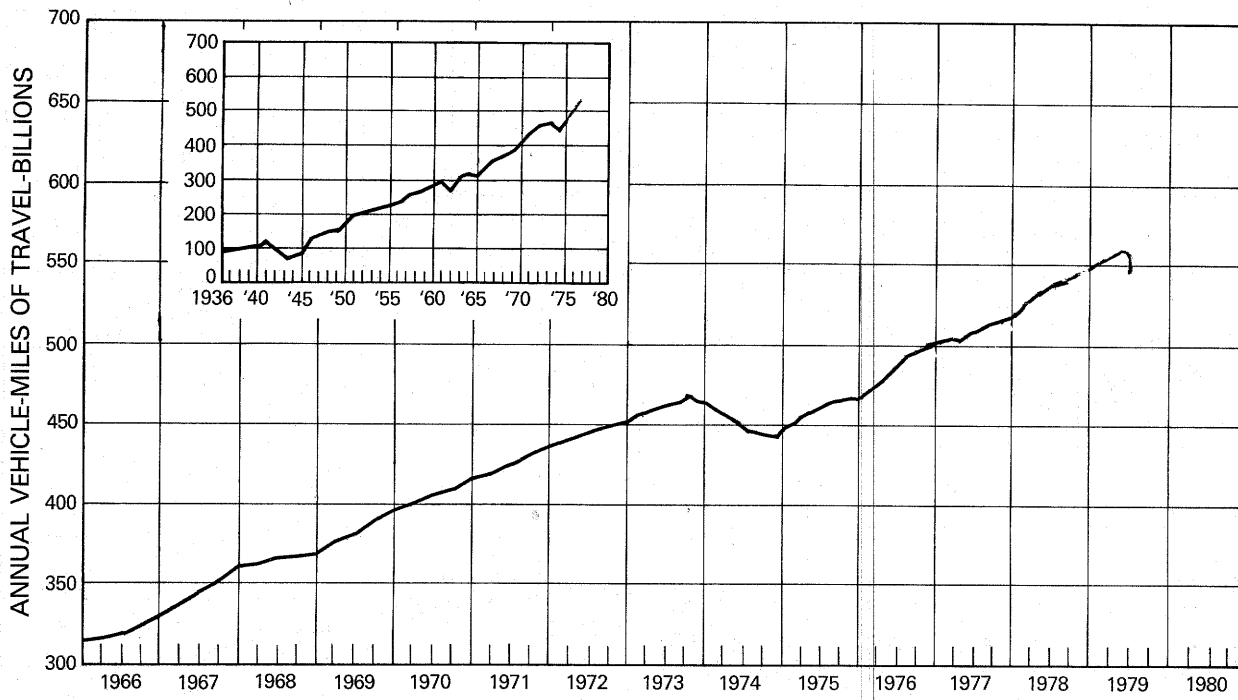


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

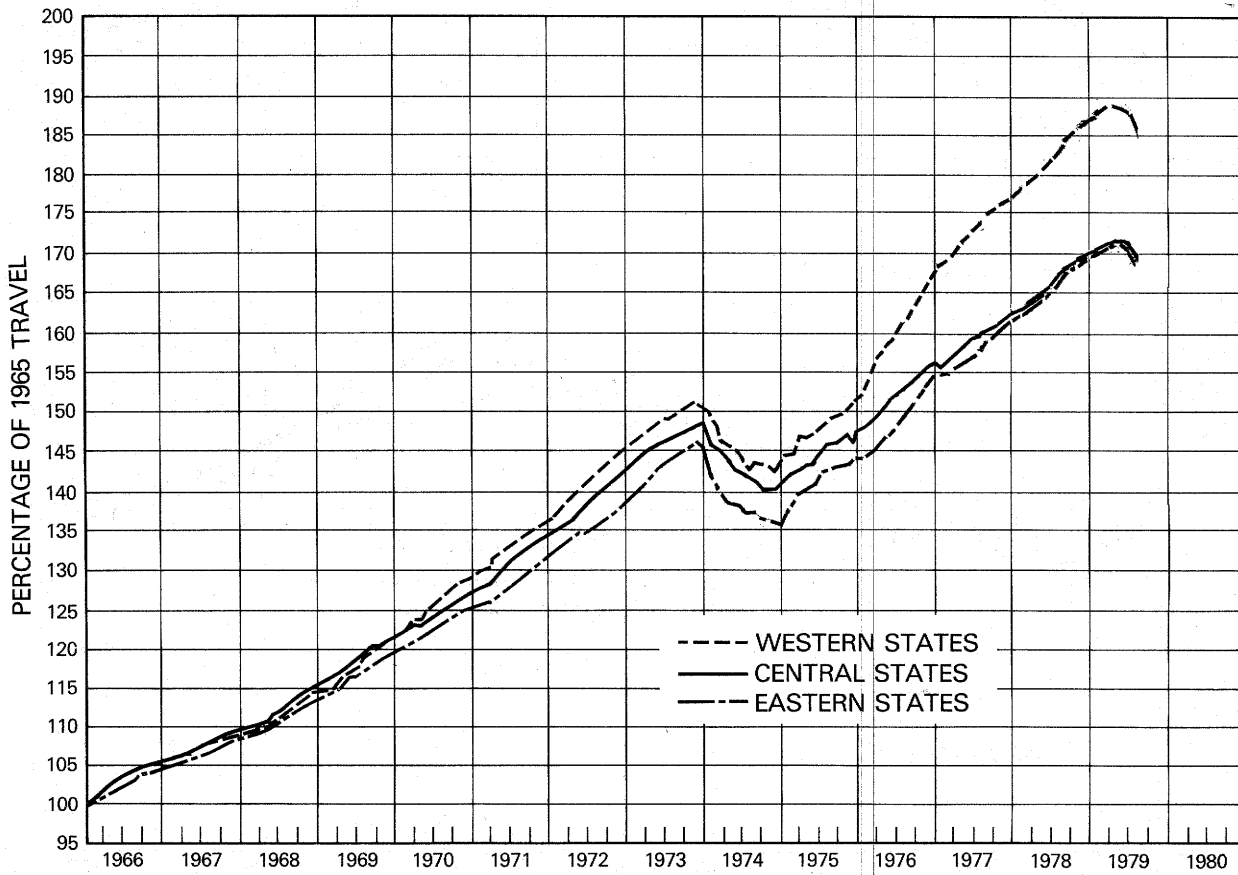


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

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

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR JULY			REVISED DATA FOR JUNE		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1979	1978		1979	1978	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	49,694	54,332	-8.5	47,233	50,285	-6.1
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	13,905	14,426	-3.6	13,182	13,554	-2.7
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	63,599	68,759	-7.5	60,415	63,838	-5.4
CITY STREETS.....	68,496	72,408	-5.4	68,469	71,600	-4.4
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	132,096	141,167	-6.4	128,884	135,438	-4.8
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	17,645	19,445	-9.3	16,952	17,935	-5.5
CENTRAL REGION.....	23,812	25,972	-8.3	22,900	24,431	-6.3
WESTERN REGION.....	7,921	8,591	-7.8	7,130	7,657	-6.9
TOTAL.....	49,378	54,008	-8.6	46,982	50,023	-6.1

TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL 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.....	-	-	8	-11.7	ALABAMA.....	51	-8.7	53	-7.7
MAINE.....	20	-13.5	22	-5.5	KENTUCKY.....	36	-9.2	37	-6.5
MASSACHUSETTS.....	8	-14.1	7	-11.1	MISSISSIPPI.....	36	-9.3	39	-5.1
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	58	-9.9	58	-4.7	TENNESSEE.....	29	-7.0	32	-6.9
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	40	-10.0	40	-3.5	IOWA.....	33	-9.9	32	-7.7
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	67	-9.0	66	-8.1
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	MINNESOTA.....	-	-	37	-7.4
NEW YORK.....	-	-	28	-9.8	MISSOURI.....	74	-10.0	72	-7.0
PENNSYLVANIA.....	53	-13.8	53	-7.2	NEBRASKA.....	17	-10.6	19	-7.8
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	-	-
DELAWARE.....	12	-7.4	13	-8.4	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	33	-10.4
MARYLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	-4.1	-	-2.0	ARKANSAS.....	25	-5.9	24	-4.2
WEST VIRGINIA.....	-	-	28	-3.8	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	44	-2.0
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	-	-	-	-
FLORIDA.....	22	-7.8	21	-5.8	TEXAS.....	118	-7.9	117	-5.0
GEORGIA.....	-	-	25	-3.1	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	45	-7.5	46	-3.2	ARIZONA.....	18	-12.2	9	-9.3
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	11	-9.0	9	-3.5	COLORADO.....	43	-8.6	42	-6.4
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	-	-	61	-6.2
ILLINOIS.....	19	-9.7	27	-6.5	MONTANA.....	22	-12.5	26	-7.1
INDIANA.....	23	-7.5	22	-5.7	NEVADA.....	26	-9.3	28	-7.7
MICHIGAN.....	62	-6.8	33	-9.4	NEW MEXICO.....	30	-9.5	30	-7.2
OHIO.....	20	-7.6	17	-5.0	UTAH.....	40	-9.8	28	-4.1
WISCONSIN.....	46	-6.9	45	-7.4	WYOMING.....	-	-	-	-
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	0.2	3	-2.7	CALIFORNIA.....	15	-3.2	15	-6.6
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	5	-14.1	26	-7.3

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 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
1978 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	34.6	35.0	44.2	44.3	48.5	50.3	54.3	55.0	47.4	48.0	44.0	42.8
LOCAL RURAL	9.5	9.4	11.2	12.3	13.6	13.6	14.4	14.4	13.2	13.4	12.0	11.1
URBAN	59.4	57.9	68.9	68.5	71.8	71.6	72.4	73.3	69.3	72.0	66.9	67.7
ALL SYSTEMS	103.5	102.3	124.4	125.0	133.9	135.4	141.2	142.7	129.9	133.4	122.8	121.6

1979 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**

MAIN RURAL	36.3	36.1	45.1	45.8	47.7	47.2	49.7					
LOCAL RURAL	9.6	9.6	11.6	12.5	13.5	13.2	13.9					
URBAN	61.9	60.0	71.2	69.1	70.0	68.5	68.5					
ALL SYSTEMS	107.8	105.7	127.9	127.4	131.1	128.9	132.1					

PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1979 VS. 1978

MAIN RURAL	4.8	3.3	2.1	3.4	-1.6	-6.1	-8.5					
LOCAL RURAL	1.7	2.0	3.1	2.2	-1.1	-2.7	-3.5					
URBAN	4.3	3.6	3.4	0.8	-2.5	-4.4	-5.4					
ALL SYSTEMS	4.2	3.3	2.9	1.9	-2.0	-4.8	-6.4					

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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
1978 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	34.6	69.6	113.8	158.1	206.6	256.9	311.2	366.2	413.5	451.6	505.6	548.4
LOCAL RURAL	9.5	18.9	30.1	42.4	56.0	69.5	84.0	98.4	111.6	125.0	137.0	148.1
URBAN	59.4	117.3	186.2	254.7	326.5	398.1	470.5	543.8	613.1	685.1	752.0	819.6
ALL SYSTEMS	103.5	205.8	330.1	455.1	589.0	724.5	865.6	1008.3	1138.2	1271.7	1394.5	1516.1
1979 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	36.3	72.4	117.5	163.3	211.1	258.3	308.0					
LOCAL RURAL	9.6	19.2	30.8	43.3	56.8	70.0	83.9					
URBAN	61.9	121.9	193.1	262.2	332.1	400.6	469.1					
ALL SYSTEMS	107.8	213.5	341.5	468.9	600.0	728.9	861.0					
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1979 VS. 1978												
MAIN RURAL	4.8	4.0	3.3	3.3	2.2	0.5	-1.0					
LOCAL RURAL	1.7	1.8	2.3	2.3	1.5	0.6	-0.1					
URBAN	4.3	3.9	3.7	2.9	1.7	0.6	-0.3					
ALL SYSTEMS	4.2	3.8	3.4	3.0	1.9	0.6	-0.5					

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