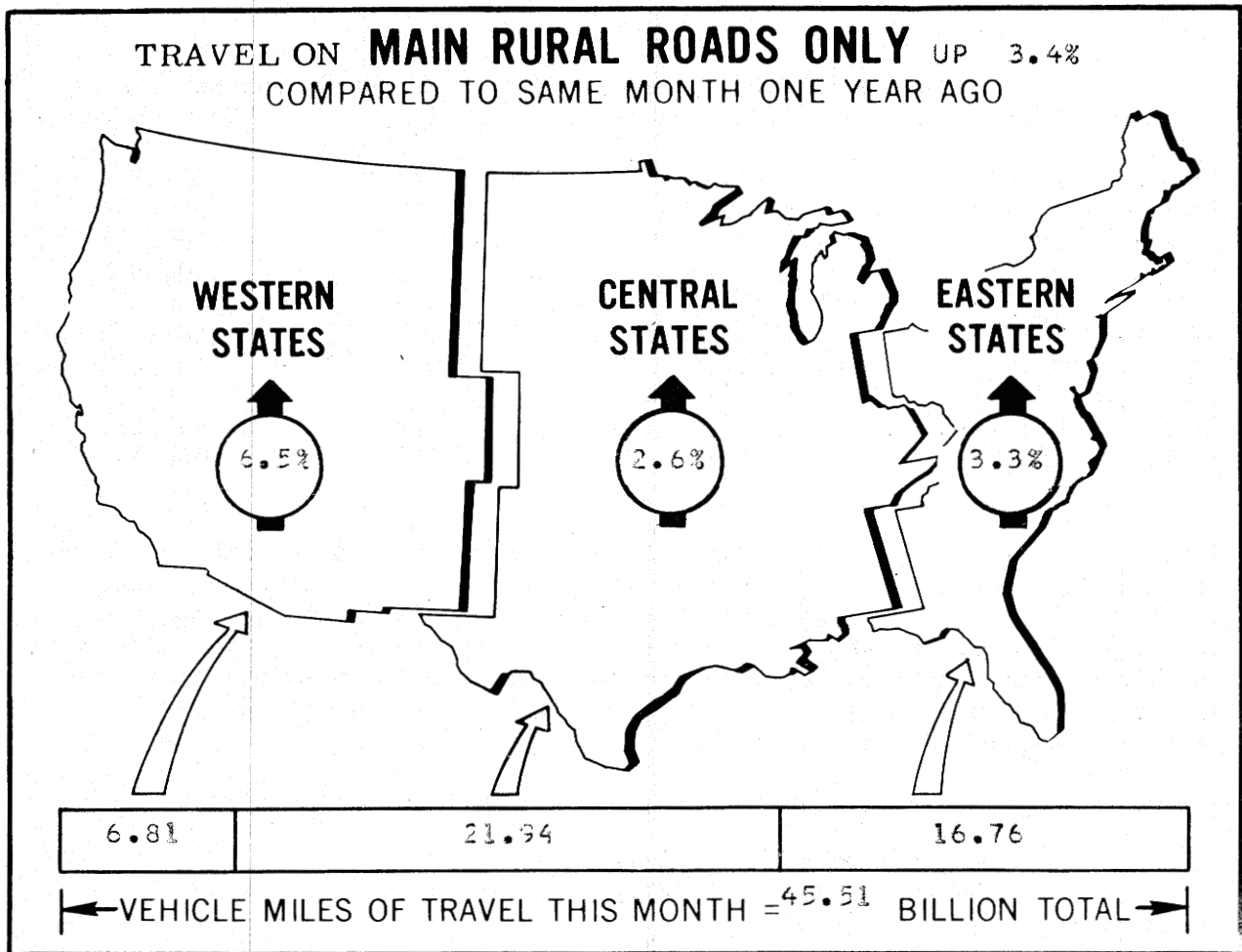


TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

APRIL 1979 ^{1/}

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** UP 1.9%
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 April 1979 on all roads and streets in the nation increased by 1.9 percent as compared to April 1978, resulting in estimated travel for the month at 127,433 million vehicle miles. This total includes 45,784 million vehicle miles on main rural roads, 12,527 million vehicle miles on other rural roads, and 69,123 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	
	April	Year to Date	April	Year to Date
1970	31,788	117,197	89,956	337,794
1971	35,370	124,506	98,106	356,534
1972	35,661	129,155	103,238	386,901
1973	37,771	136,866	108,120	404,841
1974	35,528	127,217	104,579	386,771
1975	36,175	135,259	107,133	402,848
1976	41,260	148,181	117,014	432,286
1977	43,112	152,873	121,513	446,334
1978	44,274	158,092	125,029	455,138
1979	45,784	163,327	127,433	468,892

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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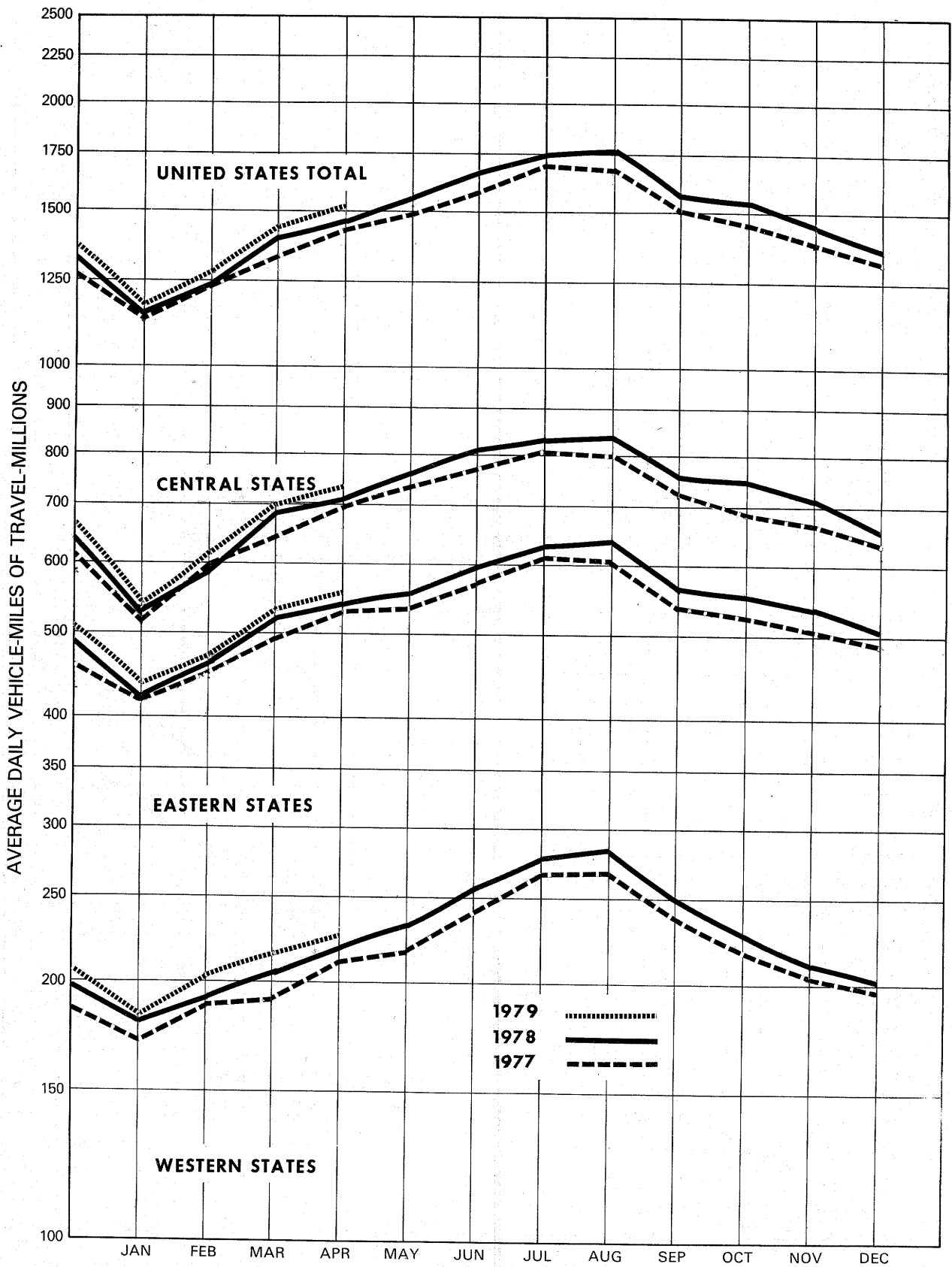


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

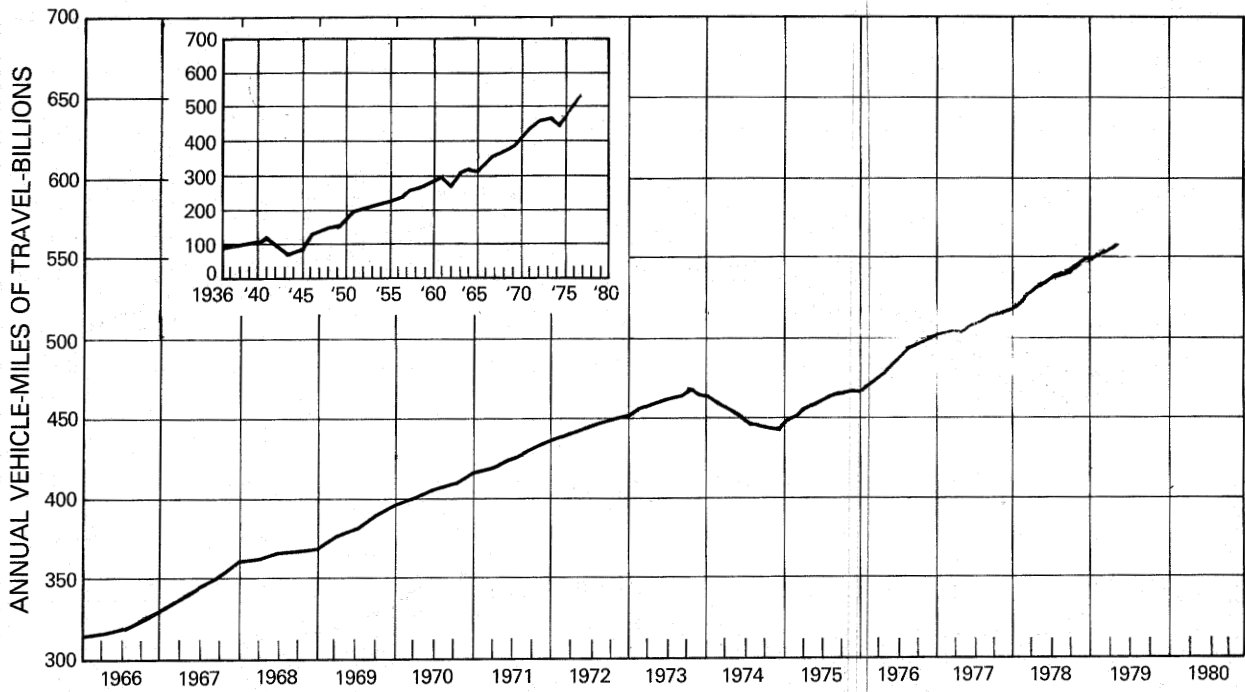


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

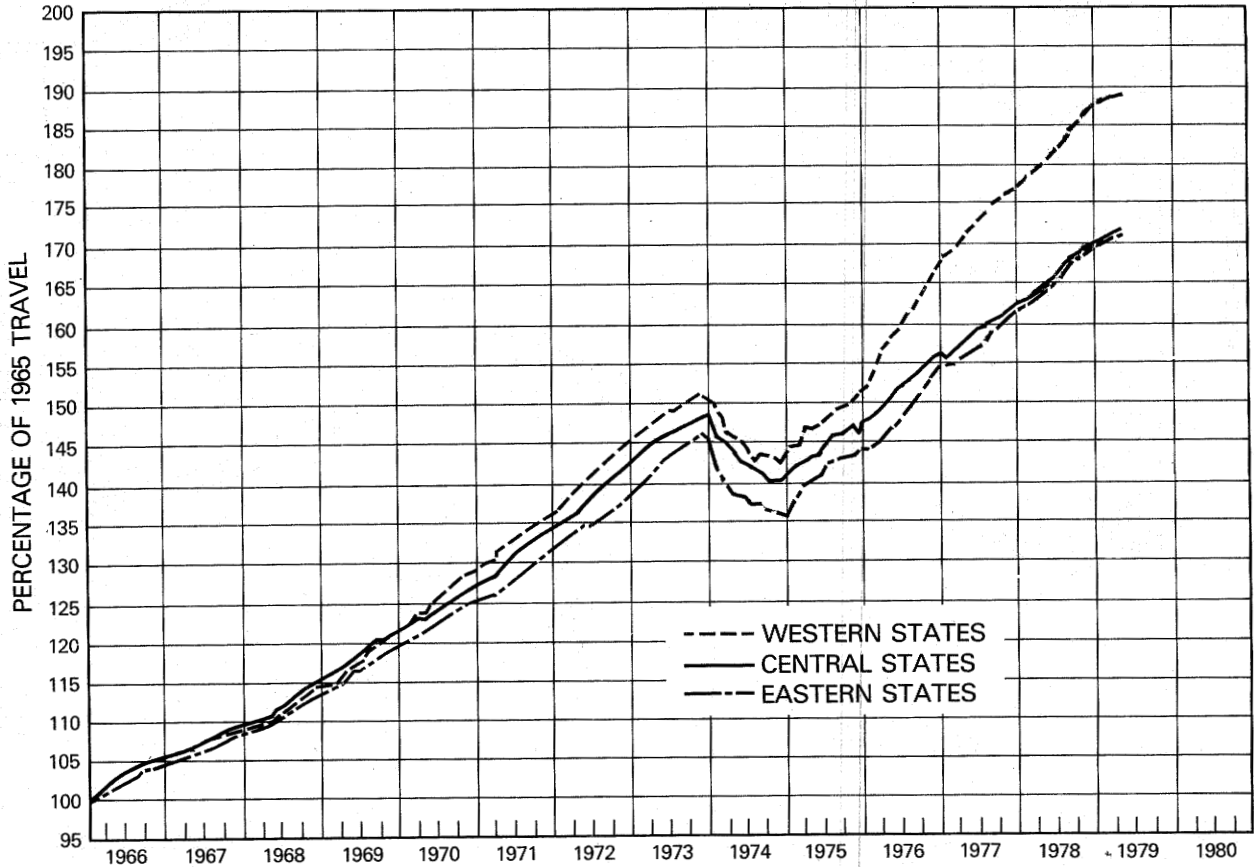


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

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

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR APRIL			REVISED DATA FOR MARCH		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1979	1978		1979	1978	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	45,784	44,274	3.4	45,146	44,231	2.1
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	12,527	12,260	2.2	11,580	11,232	3.1
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	58,311	56,534	3.1	56,726	55,463	2.3
CITY STREETS.....	69,123	68,455	0.9	71,215	68,897	3.4
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	127,433	125,029	1.9	127,941	124,359	2.9
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	16,760	16,221	3.3	16,635	16,241	2.4
CENTRAL REGION.....	21,947	21,395	2.6	21,568	21,133	2.1
WESTERN REGION.....	6,807	6,393	6.5	6,684	6,604	1.2
TOTAL.....	45,514	44,009	3.4	44,887	43,978	2.1

TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	APRIL (PRELIMINARY)		MARCH (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	APRIL (PRELIMINARY)		MARCH (REVISED)	
	NUMBER OF STATIONS	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	NUMBER OF STATIONS	PERCENTAGE CHANGE		NUMBER OF STATIONS	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	NUMBER OF STATIONS	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
NEW ENGLAND:					EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
CONNECTICUT.....	8	- 1.7	9	9.8	ALABAMA.....	53	2.7	53	1.6
MAINE.....	21	1.5	23	3.9	KENTUCKY.....	35	3.0	34	2.1
MASSACHUSETTS.....	-	-	7	- 0.7	MISSISSIPPI.....	41	4.1	39	4.8
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	5	2.6	63	3.2	TENNESSEE.....	33	3.6	32	6.2
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	39	3.6	38	1.8	IOWA.....	31	3.7	31	- 2.8
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	69	0.6	70	0.9
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	14	5.9	MINNESOTA.....	37	2.8	37	- 5.2
NEW YORK.....	-	-	23	- 0.2	MISSOURI.....	73	1.7	74	5.3
PENNSYLVANIA.....	52	- 0.2	53	3.7	NEBRASKA.....	22	0.8	22	- 0.6
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	26	3.6	27	6.9
DELAWARE.....	13	- 0.6	13	0.8	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	35	3.7	32	4.0
MARYLAND.....	30	- 0.5	35	4.5	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	4.3	-	4.5	ARKANSAS.....	27	2.3	28	1.7
WEST VIRGINIA.....	25	4.2	22	7.1	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	44	2.7
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	-	-	-	-
FLORIDA.....	29	5.5	39	1.3	TEXAS.....	116	4.4	118	1.5
GEORGIA.....	-	-	-	-	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	44	6.1	44	3.4	ARIZONA.....	8	8.7	9	4.8
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	12	8.6	10	- 1.1	COLORADO.....	42	2.7	43	0.4
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	-	-	-	-
ILLINOIS.....	25	- 2.2	27	2.3	MONTANA.....	15	- 2.2	25	0.2
INDIANA.....	22	2.2	22	6.6	NEVADA.....	28	7.2	28	4.4
MICHIGAN.....	66	2.6	64	2.7	NEW MEXICO.....	30	4.1	30	1.7
OHIO.....	22	2.2	22	2.1	UTAH.....	-	-	44	1.2
WISCONSIN.....	48	3.9	50	- 2.3	WYOMING.....	35	2.3	36	6.1
ALASKA.....	48	- 1.7	45	- 3.7	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	5.4	3	6.9	CALIFORNIA.....	13	9.9	26	0.1
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	22	3.5	26	2.3

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	66.5	67.7
ALL SYSTEMS	103.5	102.3	124.4	125.0	133.9	135.4	141.2	142.7	129.9	123.4	122.8	121.6
1979 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	36.3	36.1	45.1	45.8								
LOCAL RURAL	9.6	9.6	11.6	12.5								
URBAN	61.9	60.0	71.2	69.1								
ALL SYSTEMS	107.8	105.7	127.9	127.4								
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1979 VS. 1978												
MAIN RURAL	4.8	3.3	2.1	3.4								
LOCAL RURAL	1.7	2.0	3.1	2.2								
URBAN	4.3	3.6	3.4	0.9								
ALL SYSTEMS	4.2	3.3	2.9	1.9								

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TABLE 4.

ESTIMATED CUMULATIVE MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES ***

SYSTEM	MCNTH											
	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	461.6	505.6	548.4
LOCAL RURAL	9.5	18.9	30.1	42.4	56.0	69.5	86.0	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								
LOCAL RURAL	9.6	19.2	30.8	43.3								
URBAN	61.9	121.9	193.1	262.2								
ALL SYSTEMS	107.8	213.5	341.5	468.9								

PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1979 VS. 1978

MAIN RURAL	4.8	4.0	3.3	3.3								
LOCAL RURAL	1.7	1.8	2.3	2.3								
URBAN	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.0								
ALL SYSTEMS	4.2	3.8	3.4	3.0								

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