



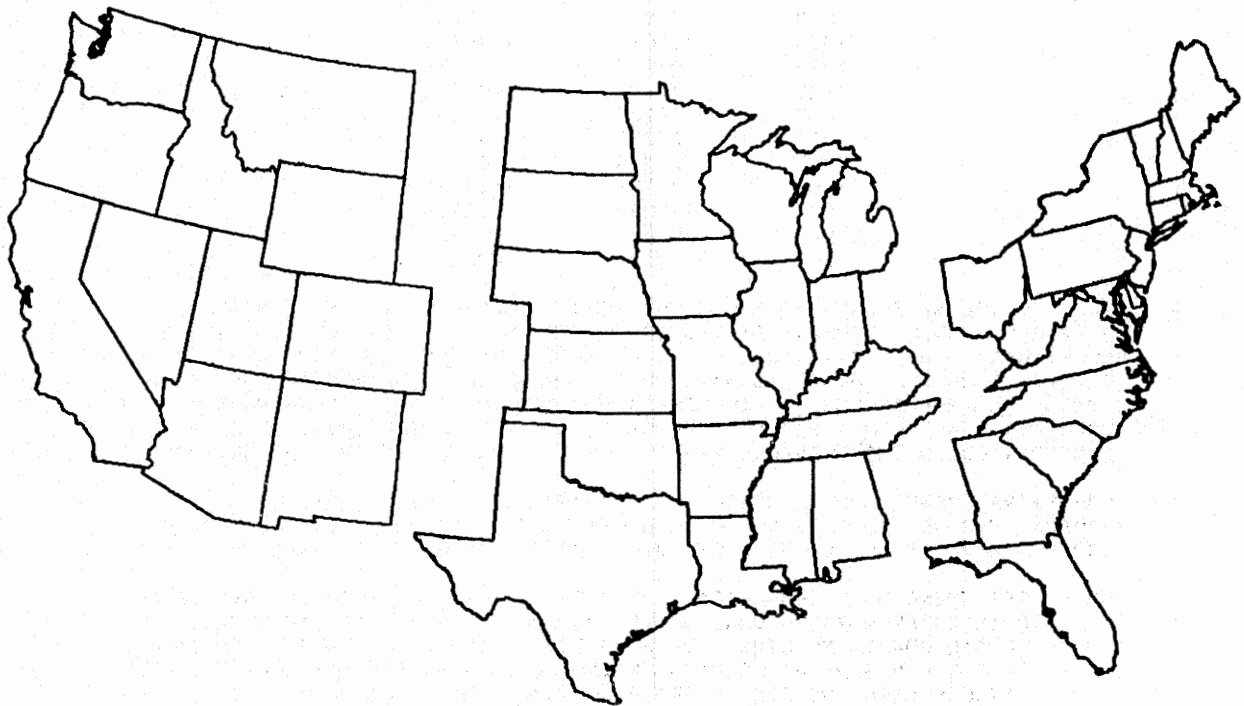
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# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

DECEMBER 1983

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 1.9 PERCENT  
FOR DECEMBER 1983 AS COMPARED TO DECEMBER 1982.**



**WESTERN**

**CENTRAL**

**EASTERN**

**ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - DECEMBER 1983.**

**25.0 BILLION**

**56.4 BILLION**

**48.3 BILLION**

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

**+3.4**

**-0.4**

**+4.0**

**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 1981 VW-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 1984.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - DECEMBER 1983

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING DECEMBER 1983 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 1.9 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO DECEMBER 1982, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 130421 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 56258 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 74163 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	
	DECEMBER	YEAR TO DATE
1970	89911	1120328
1971	95515	1185615
1972	101040	1268362
1973	98856	1308288
1974	105083	1289645
1975	107945	1330075
1976	113030	1409163
1977	116257	1463409
1978	124595	1548212
1979	123226	1529132
1980	124798	1520856
1981	125088	1553969
1982	127944	1571404
1983	130421	1630044

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 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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NOTE: BEGINNING WITH 1980 DATA, THE RURAL HIGHWAY CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM MAIN RURAL ROADS AND LOCAL RURAL ROADS TO RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS AND OTHER RURAL ROADS. ALTHOUGH THE RURAL COMPONENTS OF THE REVISED DATA SERIES BEGINNING IN 1980 ARE NOT DIRECTLY COMPARABLE WITH THE SERIES PRIOR TO 1980, THE TOTAL RURAL, TOTAL URBAN AND ALL SYSTEM CATEGORIES ARE CONSISTENT.

THE CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER FHWA DATA SERIES AND TO ALLOW A MORE REPRESENTATIVE INDICATOR OF INTER-CITY TRAVEL PATTERNS. THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE APPROXIMATE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE FORMER AND REVISED SYSTEM CATEGORIES:

	REVISED CATEGORIES			FORMER CATEGORIES		
	RURAL ARTERIAL	OTHER RURAL ROADS	TOTAL RURAL	MAIN RURAL	LOCAL RURAL	TOTAL RURAL
PERCENT OF TOTAL RURAL MILEAGE	8.2	91.8	100.0	19.0	81.0	100.0
PERCENT OF TOTAL RURAL TRAVEL	59.5	40.5	100.0	78.5	21.5	100.0

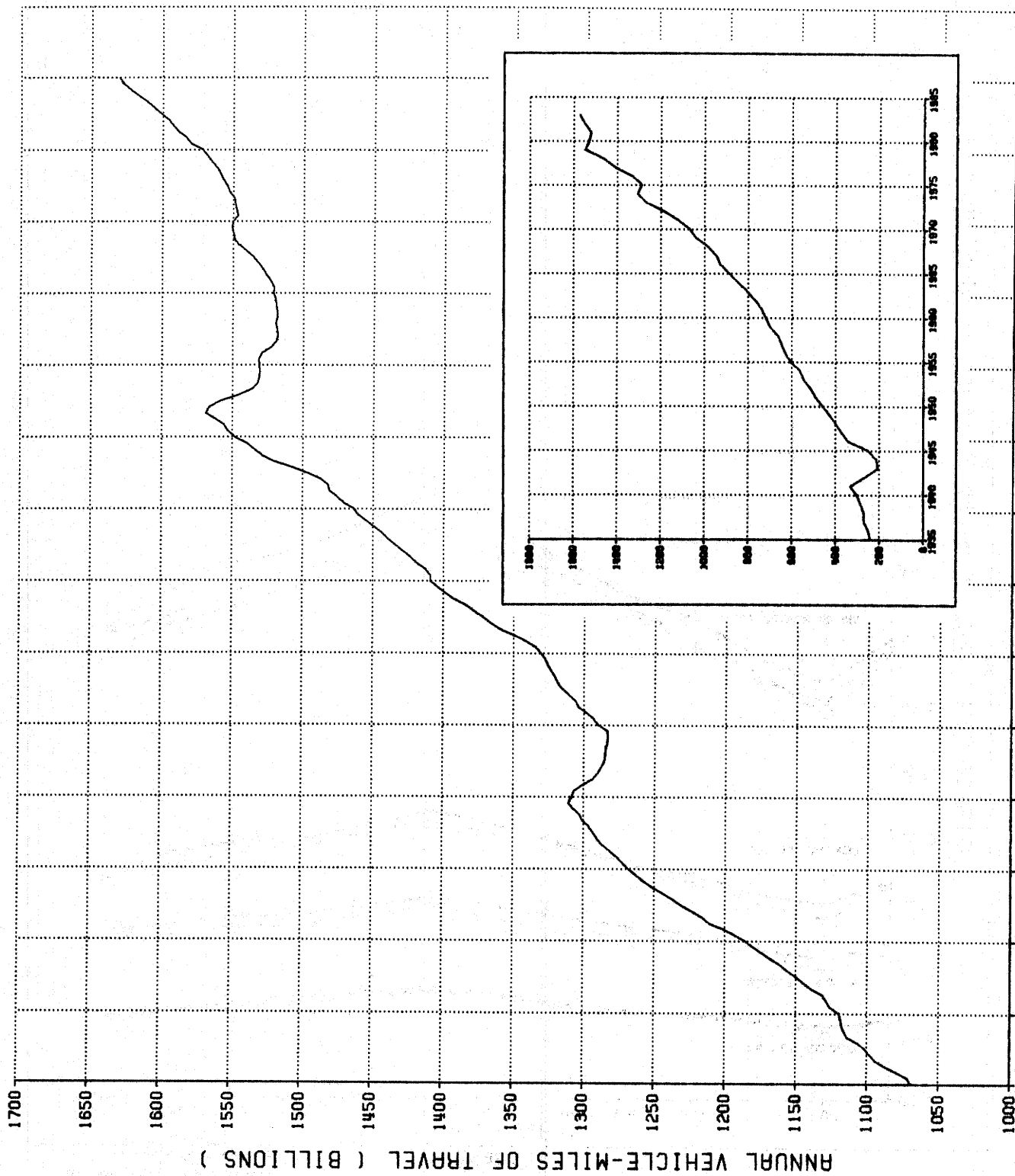
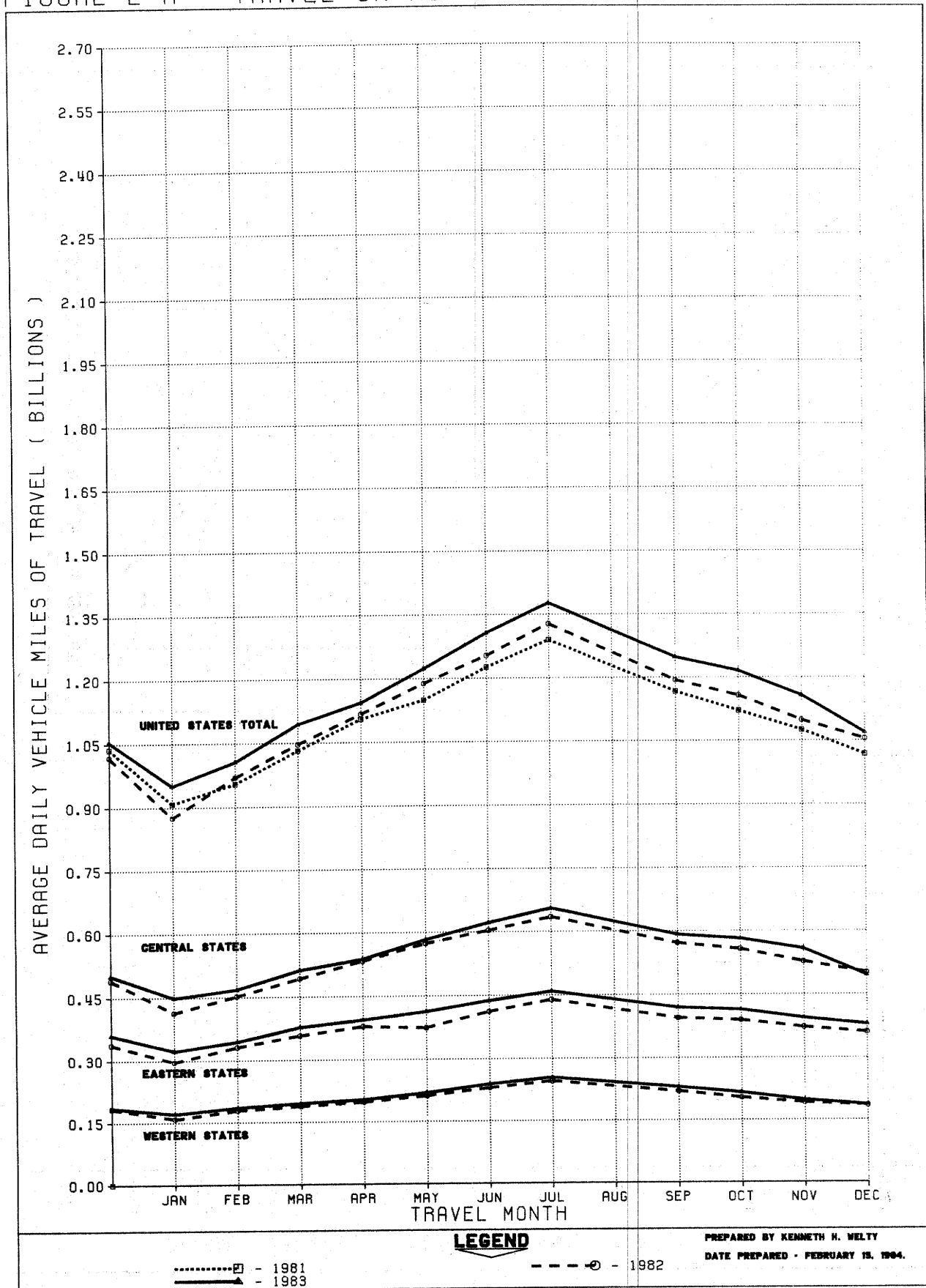


FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12 MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS  
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FIGURE 2-A - TRAVEL ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY MONTH



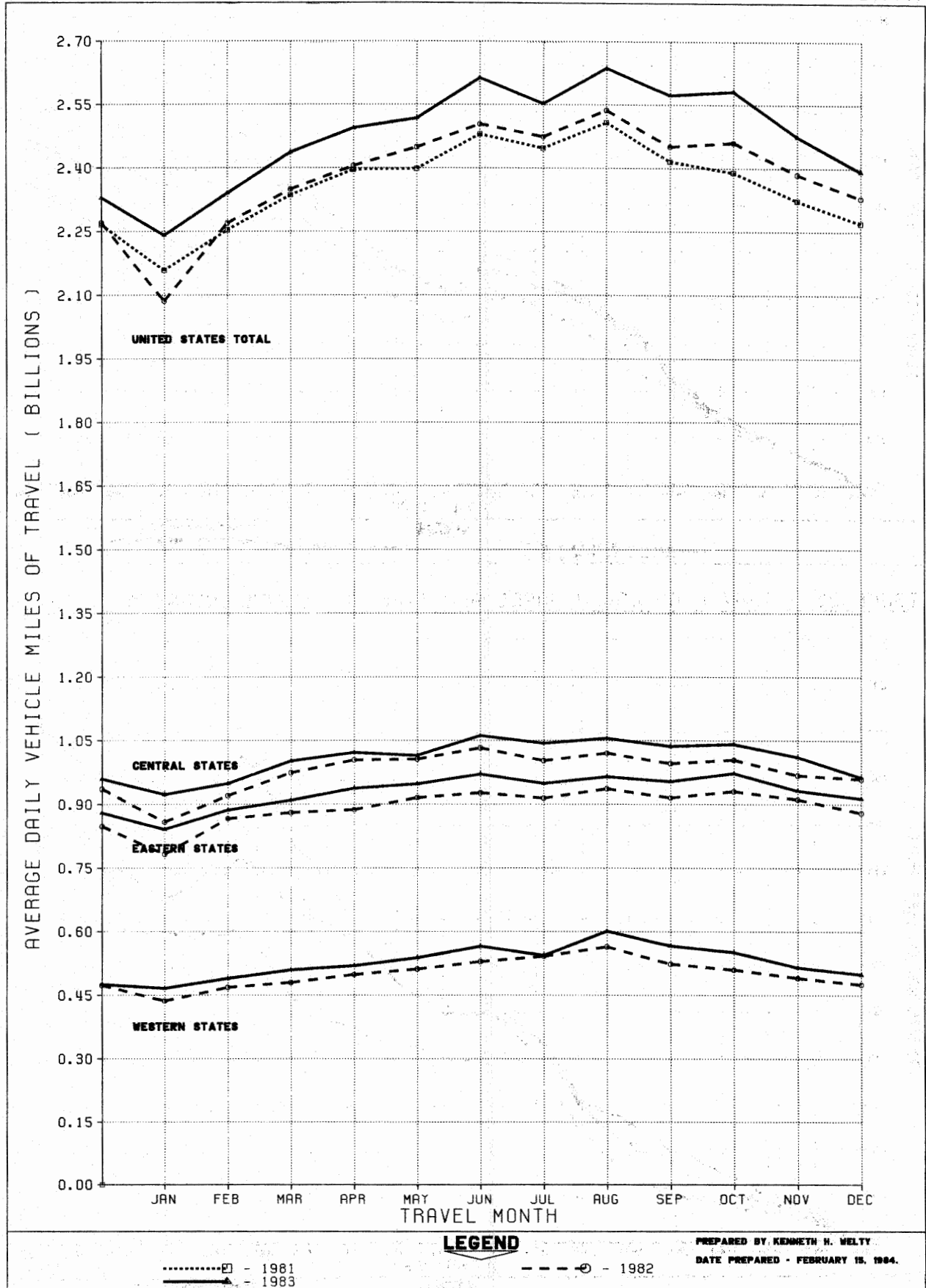
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.....□ - 1981  
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FIGURE 2-B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS BY MONTH



.....□ - 1981  
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FIGURE 3A - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

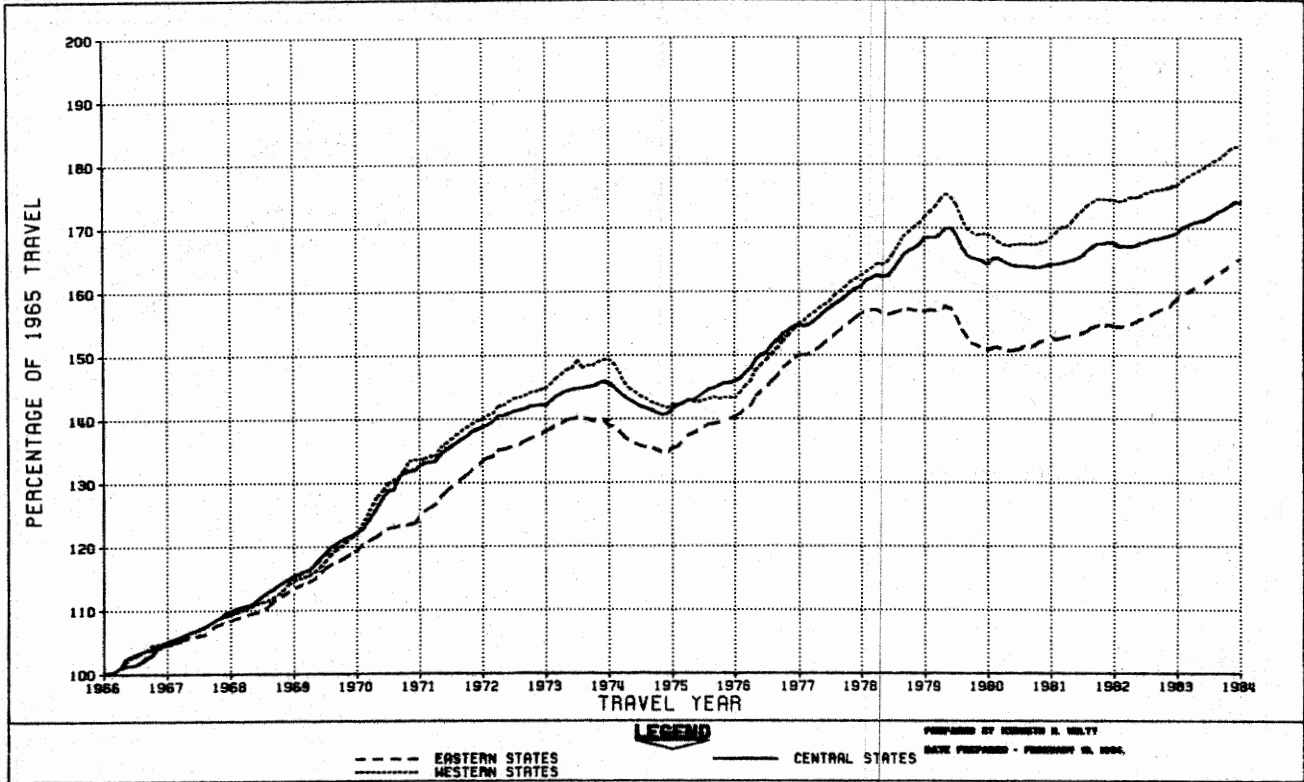


FIGURE 3B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

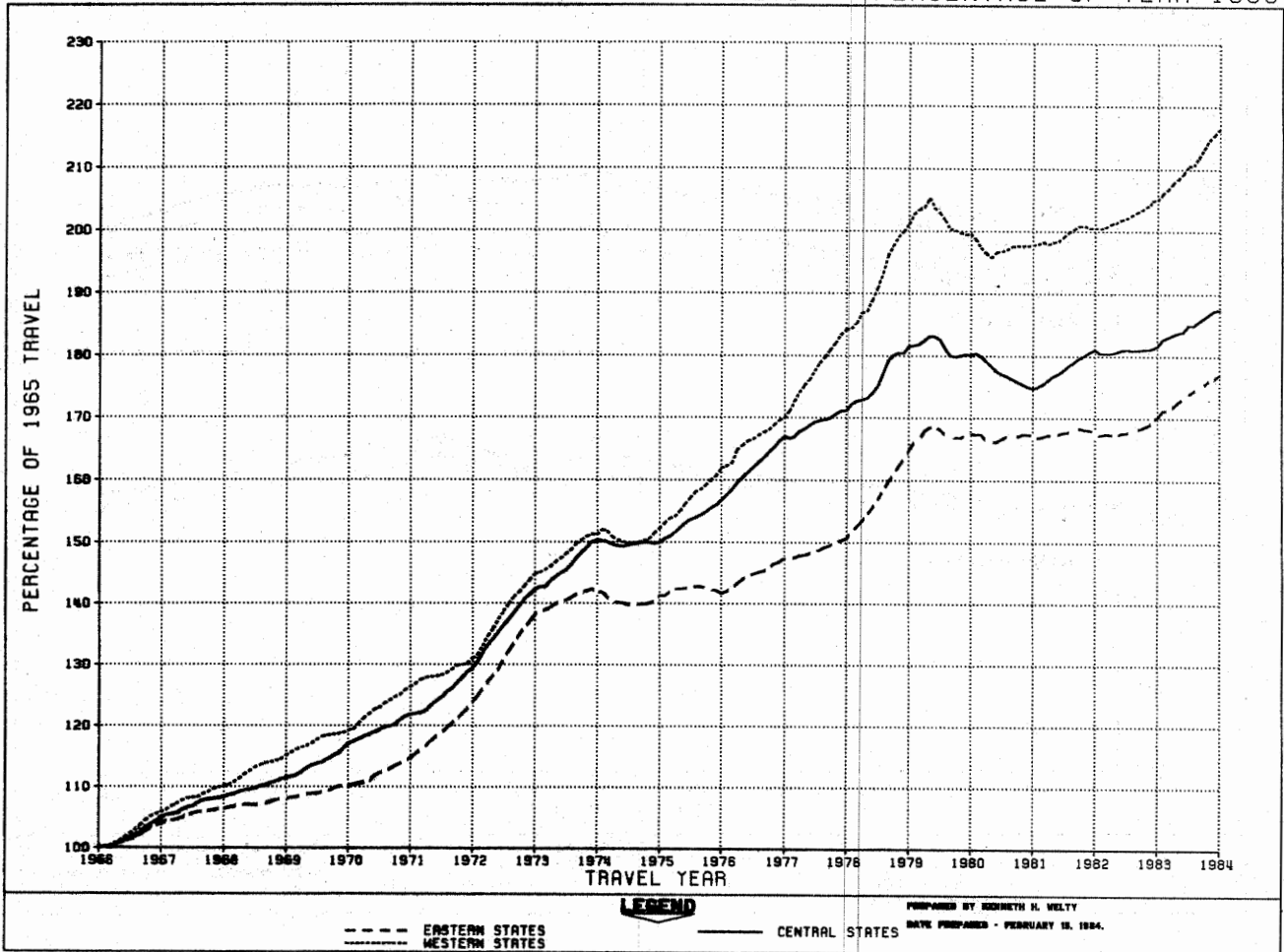


TABLE 1.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR DECEMBER			REVISED DATA FOR NOVEMBER		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1983	1982		1983	1982	
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	33,140	32,699	1.4	34,714	32,954	5.3
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	23,118	23,038	0.3	23,826	23,233	2.6
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	56,258	55,737	0.9	58,540	56,186	4.2
CITY STREETS.....	74,163	72,207	2.7	74,231	71,562	3.7
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	130,421	127,944	1.9	132,771	127,748	3.9
<b>48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):</b>						
EASTERN REGION.....	11,775	11,194	5.2	11,830	11,181	5.8
CENTRAL REGION.....	15,366	15,556	-1.2	16,730	15,826	5.7
WESTERN REGION.....	5,787	5,750	0.6	5,947	5,752	3.4
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>32,928</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>34,507</b>	<b>32,759</b>	<b>5.3</b>

TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	DECEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		NOVEMBER (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	DECEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		NOVEMBER (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
<b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>					<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>				
CONNECTICUT.....	-	6.8	5	7.4	ALABAMA.....	45	3.4	37	6.8
MAINE.....	21	7.4	23	4.9	KENTUCKY.....	-	-	25	3.6
MASSACHUSETTS.....	7	8.1	5	7.2	MISSISSIPPI.....	38	0.0	36	4.2
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	51	5.2	50	6.4	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	18	5.4
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>				
VERMONT.....	14	1.3	19	3.8	IOWA.....	-	-	-	-
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>					KANSAS.....	62	-5.5	62	1.8
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	13	3.3	MINNESOTA.....	31	-3.0	36	4.5
NEW YORK.....	-	-	18	5.7	MISSOURI.....	59	-5.1	58	5.1
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	-	-	NEBRASKA.....	22	-8.8	21	-1.9
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):</b>					NORTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	-	-
DELAWARE.....	12	6.9	13	5.3	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	26	-1.9	24	2.5
MARYLAND.....	28	3.3	28	5.5	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>				
VIRGINIA.....	-	3.4	-	3.0	ARKANSAS.....	5	-7.8	8	9.4
WEST VIRGINIA.....	17	3.2	11	5.8	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):</b>					OKLAHOMA.....	33	-11.1	32	0.9
FLORIDA.....	57	5.1	45	5.7	TEXAS.....	84	1.3	83	7.8
GEORGIA.....	30	2.8	29	3.8	<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	24	6.3	19	7.2	ARIZONA.....	22	7.0	20	7.8
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	10	9.5	11	12.0	COLORADO.....	35	1.0	32	-4.1
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>					IDAHO.....	15	-5.9	56	8.2
ILLINOIS.....	32	-6.1	28	5.1	MONTANA.....	-	-	31	7.3
INDIANA.....	-	-	15	7.3	NEVADA.....	14	1.1	12	6.7
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	-	-
OHIO.....	14	4.6	14	10.1	UTAH.....	18	-14.1	14	-13.1
WISCONSIN.....	41	0.0	38	4.5	WYOMING.....	27	-7.2	27	-5.9
<b>ALASKA</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>PACIFIC:</b>				
<b>HAWAII</b>	2	10.5	2	6.6	CALIFORNIA.....	12	5.1	13	5.4
					OREGON.....	12	-6.4	67	4.7
					WASHINGTON.....	3	-1.6	19	4.4

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.

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
1982 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	27.1	27.2	32.5	33.5	36.8	37.6	41.2	41.0	35.8	35.9	33.0	32.7
OTHER RURAL	20.4	20.1	23.5	23.5	25.0	24.5	25.9	25.8	23.9	25.0	23.2	23.0
URBAN	64.7	63.6	72.8	72.2	75.9	75.1	76.7	78.7	73.5	76.3	71.6	72.2
ALL SYSTEMS	112.2	110.8	128.8	129.2	137.8	137.3	143.7	145.5	133.3	137.2	127.7	127.9
1983 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.5	28.2	33.9	34.3	37.9	39.2	42.7	42.4	37.5	37.7	34.7	33.1
OTHER RURAL	21.4	20.5	24.1	23.8	25.4	25.2	26.6	26.4	24.6	25.6	23.8	23.1
URBAN	69.5	65.5	75.6	74.8	78.1	78.4	79.1	81.8	77.2	80.0	74.2	74.2
ALL SYSTEMS	120.4	114.3	133.6	132.9	141.4	142.8	148.4	150.5	139.2	143.4	132.8	130.4
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1983 VS. 1982												
RURAL ARTERIAL	8.6	3.8	4.5	2.4	3.0	4.3	3.7	3.3	4.6	5.1	5.3	1.3
OTHER RURAL	5.1	2.3	2.7	1.1	1.7	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.6	0.3
URBAN	7.4	3.1	3.7	3.7	2.8	4.4	3.2	4.0	5.0	4.9	3.7	2.7
ALL SYSTEMS	7.2	3.1	3.7	2.9	2.6	4.0	3.2	3.5	4.4	4.5	3.9	1.9

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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
1982 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	27.1	54.3	86.8	120.3	157.1	194.7	235.9	276.9	312.7	348.6	381.6	414.2
OTHER RURAL	20.4	40.5	63.9	87.4	112.5	137.0	162.9	188.7	212.6	237.7	260.9	283.9
URBAN	64.7	128.2	201.1	273.2	349.2	424.3	501.0	579.6	653.2	729.5	801.0	873.2
ALL SYSTEMS	112.2	223.0	351.8	480.9	618.7	756.0	899.8	1045.2	1178.5	1315.7	1443.5	1571.4
1983 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.5	57.7	91.6	125.9	163.8	203.0	245.7	288.1	325.5	363.2	397.9	431.1
OTHER RURAL	21.4	42.0	66.1	89.8	115.3	140.4	167.0	193.4	218.0	243.6	267.5	290.6
URBAN	69.5	135.0	210.5	285.4	363.4	441.9	521.0	602.8	680.0	760.0	834.2	908.4
ALL SYSTEMS	120.4	234.6	368.2	501.1	642.5	785.3	933.7	1084.3	1223.5	1366.9	1499.6	1630.0
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1983 VS. 1982												
RURAL ARTERIAL	8.6	6.2	5.5	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.1
OTHER RURAL	5.1	3.7	3.3	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3
URBAN	7.4	5.3	4.7	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0
ALL SYSTEMS	7.2	5.2	4.7	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.7

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