



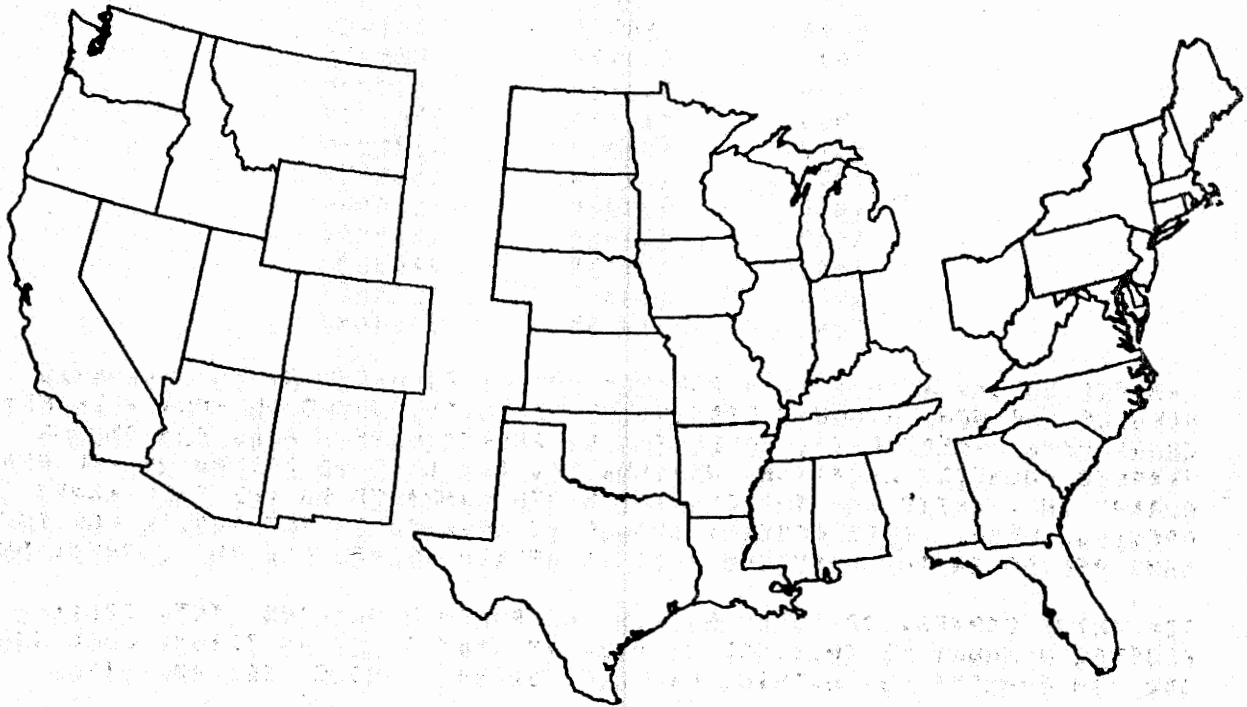
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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

SEPTEMBER 1983

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 4.6 PERCENT
FOR SEPTEMBER 1983 AS COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 1982.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - SEPTEMBER 1983.

27.8 BILLION

61.1 BILLION

49.6 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+6.6

+3.9

+4.4

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 VM-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 1983.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - SEPTEMBER 1983

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING SEPTEMBER 1983 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 4.6 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 1982, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 139385 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 62145 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 77240 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	
	SEPTEMBER	YEAR TO DATE
1970	95254	844416
1971	101290	892020
1972	108072	957690
1973	110332	991962
1974	109125	966911
1975	111399	999890
1976	113431	1061927
1977	124203	1101278
1978	131385	1166997
1979	127576	1150906
1980	127482	1140023
1981	131185	1167829
1982	133289	1178529
1983	139385	1223642

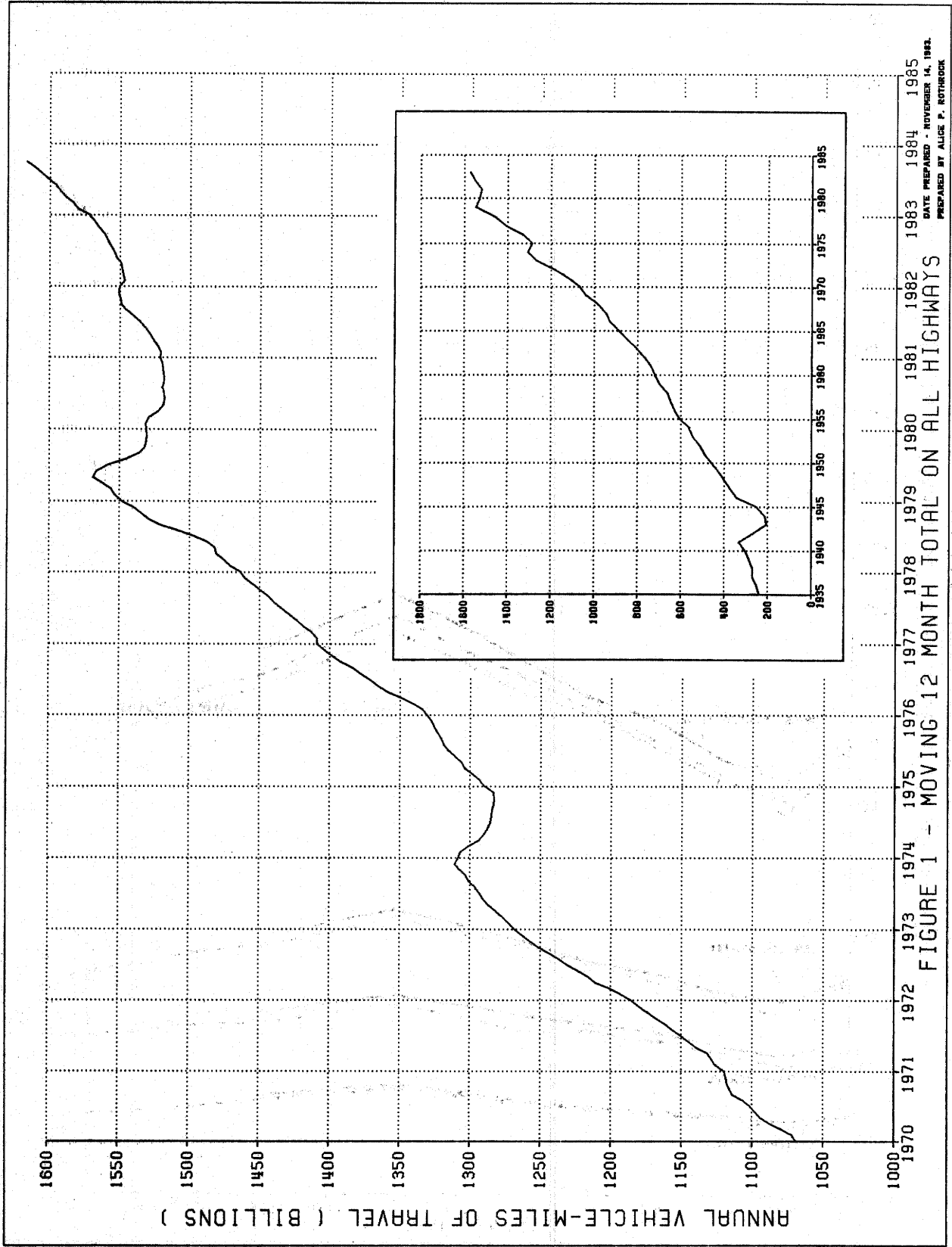
TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS IS A MONTHLY REPORT PREPARED BY THE PLANNING SERVICES BRANCH, HIGHWAY STATISTICS DIVISION, BASED ON HOURLY TRAFFIC COUNT DATA. THESE DATA, COLLECTED AT APPROXIMATELY 4000 CONTINUOUS TRAFFIC COUNTING LOCATIONS NATIONWIDE, ARE USED TO DETERMINE THE PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC FOR THE 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



DATE PREPARED - NOVEMBER 14, 1983
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FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12 MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

FIGURE 2-A - TRAVEL ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY MONTH

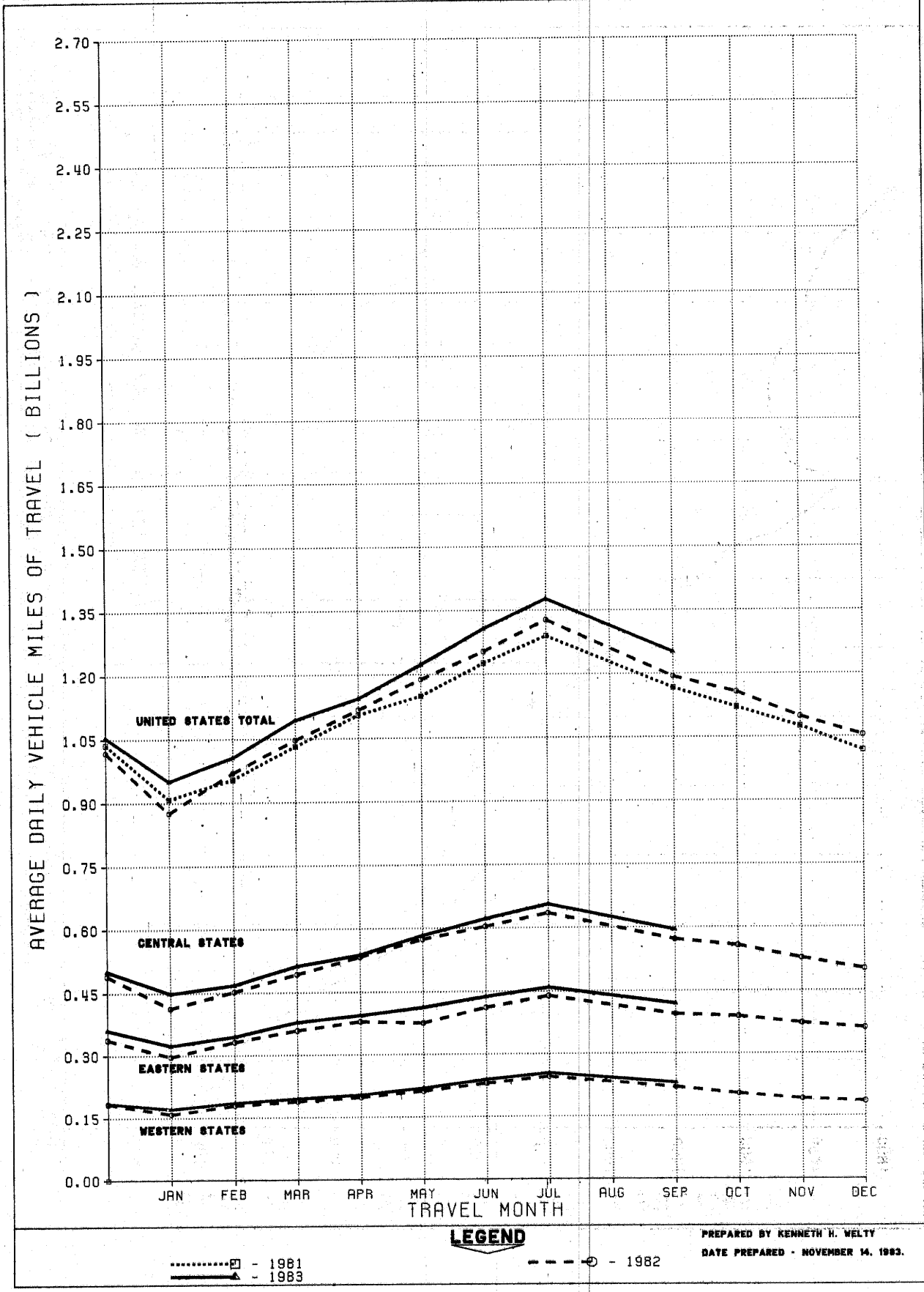
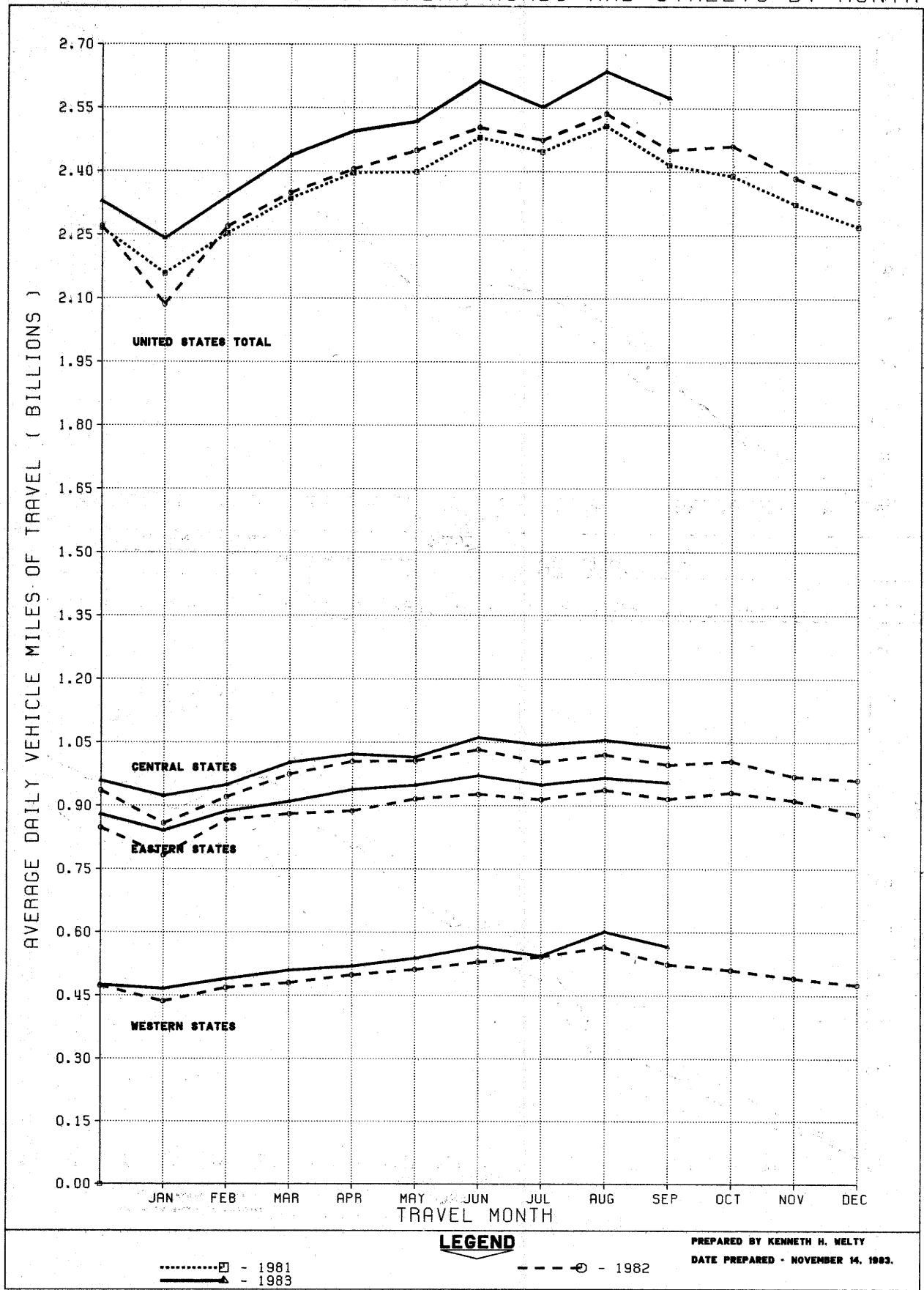


FIGURE 2-B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS BY MONTH



LEGEND

- 1981
 - 1983
 - 1982

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

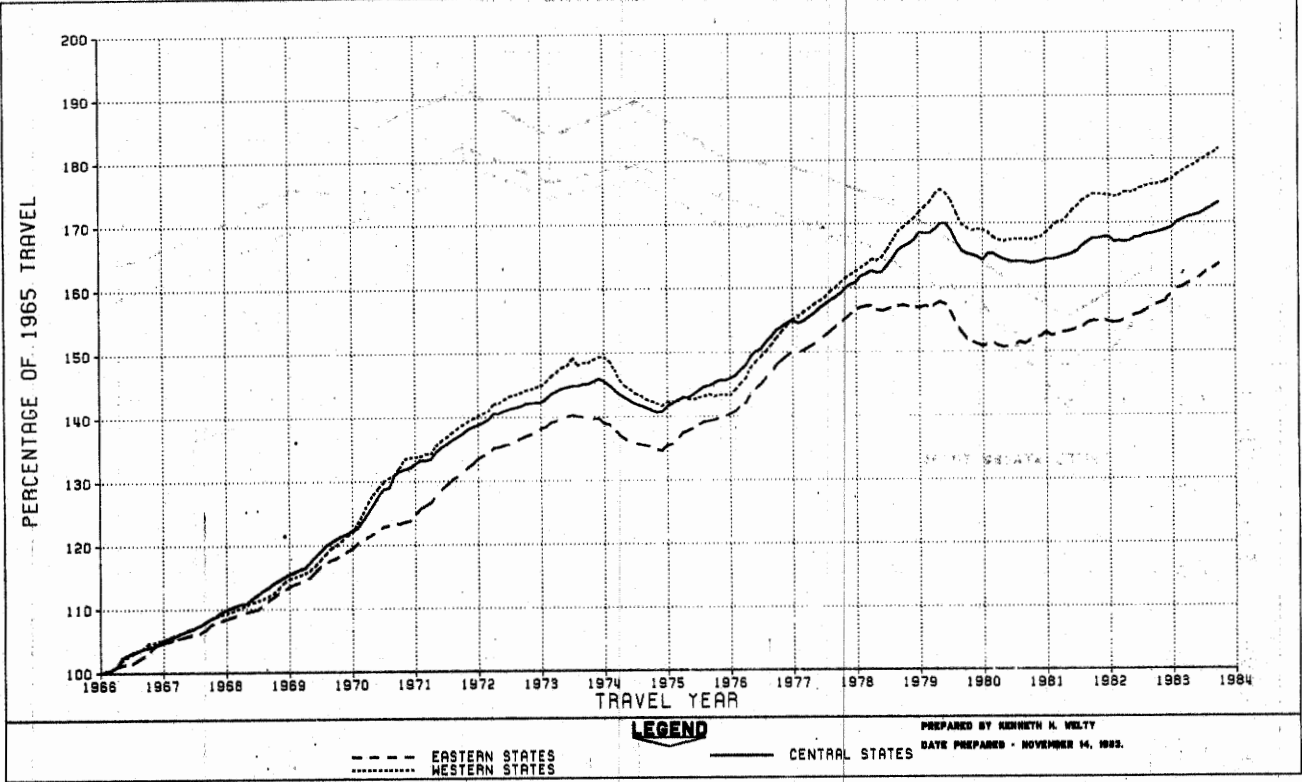


FIGURE 3B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

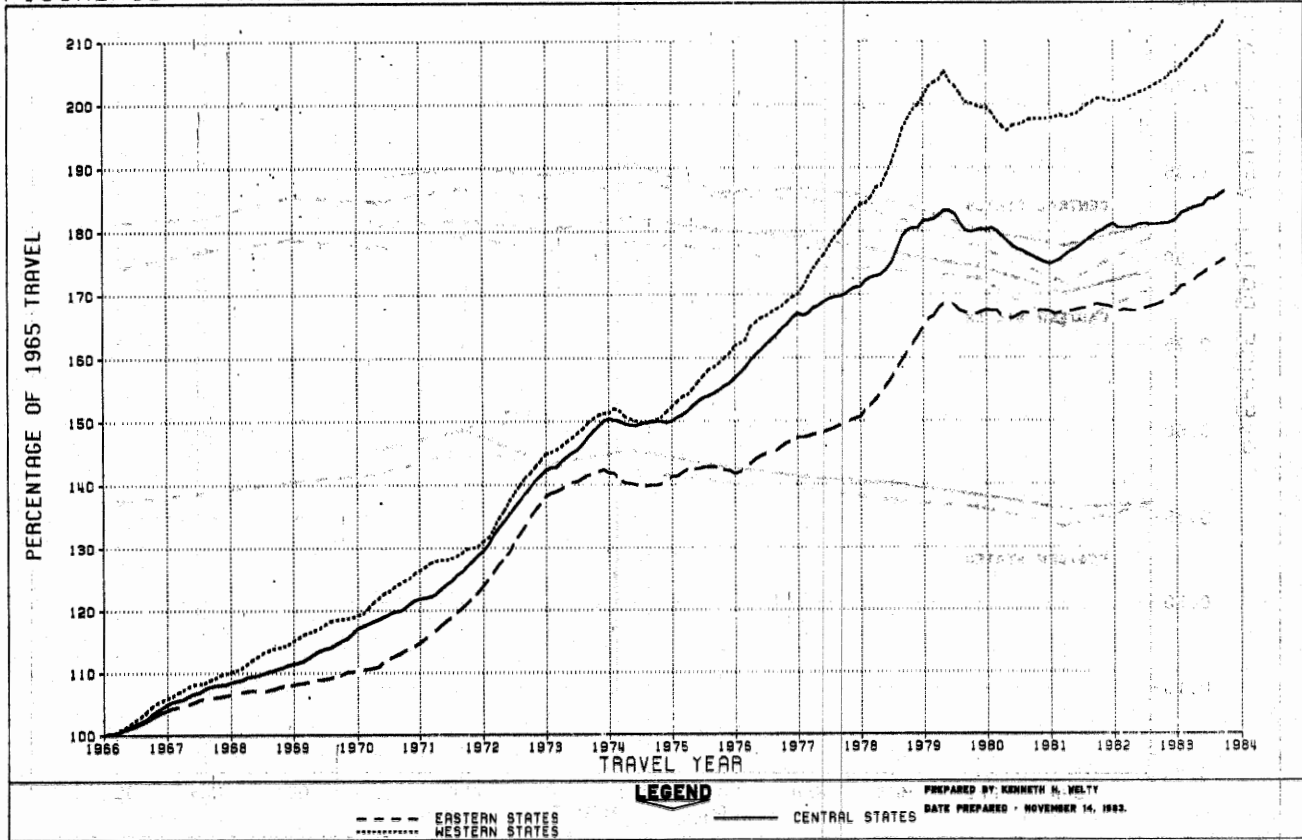


TABLE 1.--SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR SEPTEMBER			REVISED DATA FOR AUGUST		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1983	1982		1983	1982	
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	37,591	35,819	4.8	42,361	41,088	3.3
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	24,292	23,939	2.7	26,406	25,823	2.3
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	62,145	59,758	4.0	68,767	66,911	2.9
CITY STREETS.....	77,240	73,532	5.0	81,761	78,652	4.0
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	139,385	133,290	4.6	150,528	145,564	3.5
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	12,603	11,853	6.3	14,238	13,690	4.0
CENTRAL REGION.....	17,835	17,155	4.0	20,049	19,437	3.1
WESTERN REGION.....	6,500	6,594	4.6	7,832	7,651	2.4
TOTAL.....	37,338	35,602	4.9	42,119	40,778	3.3

TABLE 2.--CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	SEPTEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		AUGUST (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	SEPTEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		AUGUST (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.....	-	-	-	-	ALABAMA.....	24	6.9	37	6.2
MAINE.....	23	5.2	23	4.7	KENTUCKY.....	21	2.2	20	1.4
MASSACHUSETTS.....	5	8.1	7	4.0	MISSISSIPPI.....	40	3.4	40	3.4
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	54	6.7	55	6.1	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	30	2.4
RHODE ISLAND.....	6	-12.1	7	-17.2	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	29	1.7	30	2.6	IOWA.....	-	-	-	-
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	59	3.9	65	1.8
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	MINNESOTA.....	30	4.7	24	6.8
NEW YORK.....	-	-	20	4.3	MISSOURI.....	72	4.3	69	4.3
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	44	0.9	NEBRASKA.....	21	6.8	22	2.8
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	-	-
DELAWARE.....	-	-	-	-	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	26	7.7	26	6.1
MARYLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	3.4	-	4.2	ARKANSAS.....	-	-	-	-
WEST VIRGINIA.....	12	2.8	12	3.5	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	34	-3.8	37	-3.2
FLORIDA.....	50	7.2	49	9.6	TEXAS.....	113	4.8	114	3.2
GEORGIA.....	29	7.6	29	4.1	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	31	6.6	46	4.8	ARIZONA.....	-	-	21	0.1
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	19	8.3	15	2.2	COLORADO.....	43	3.7	42	1.2
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDaho.....	-	-	61	2.8
ILLINOIS.....	-	-	29	1.8	MONTANA.....	-	-	31	3.2
INDIANA.....	24	3.6	24	3.4	NEVADA.....	16	3.9	22	2.6
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	36	3.5	36	3.0
OHIO.....	15	7.7	13	3.8	UTAH.....	22	3.0	22	2.3
WISCONSIN.....	35	2.8	38	3.7	WYOMING.....	33	2.5	34	-2.4
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	-4.7	3	5.7	CALIFORNIA.....	15	5.4	14	2.5
					OREGON.....	11	5.1	13	3.3
					WASHINGTON.....	6	5.3	19	4.7

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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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	25.8	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	37.6			
OTHER RURAL	21.4	20.5	24.1	23.8	25.4	25.2	26.6	26.4	24.6			
URBAN	69.5	65.5	75.6	74.8	78.1	78.4	79.1	81.8	77.2			
ALL SYSTEMS	120.4	114.3	133.6	132.9	141.4	142.8	148.4	150.5	139.4			
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1983 VS. 1982												
RURAL ARTERIAL	6.6	3.8	4.5	2.4	3.0	4.3	3.7	3.3	4.8			
OTHER RURAL	5.1	2.3	2.7	1.1	1.7	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.7			
URBAN	7.4	3.1	3.7	3.7	2.8	4.4	3.2	4.0	5.0			
ALL SYSTEMS	7.2	3.1	3.7	2.9	2.6	4.0	3.2	3.5	4.6			

* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1982 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

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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	345.2	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	298.1	325.6			
OTHER RURAL	21.4	42.0	66.1	89.8	115.3	140.4	167.0	193.4	218.0			
URBAN	69.5	135.0	210.5	285.4	363.4	441.9	521.0	602.8	680.0			
ALL SYSTEMS	120.4	234.6	368.2	501.1	642.5	785.3	933.7	1084.3	1223.6			
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			
OTHER RURAL	5.1	3.7	3.3	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5			
URBAN	7.4	5.3	4.7	4.5	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.1			
ALL SYSTEMS	7.2	5.2	4.7	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.8			

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