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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

NOVEMBER 1985

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 0.8 PERCENT
FOR NOVEMBER 1985 AS COMPARED TO NOVEMBER 1984.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - NOVEMBER 1985.

27.2 BILLION

60.7 BILLION

49.6 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+1.4

-0.7

+2.4

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 1983 VM-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF JANUARY 17, 1986.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - NOVEMBER 1985

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING NOVEMBER 1985 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 0.8 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO NOVEMBER 1984, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 138413 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 58173 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 80240 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	
	NOVEMBER	YEAR TO DATE
1970	89684	1030417
1971	95555	1090100
1972	100791	1167322
1973	104381	1209432
1974	105079	1184562
1975	106990	1222130
1976	112996	1296133
1977	118486	1347152
1978	123690	1423617
1979	123381	1405906
1980	123420	1396058
1981	124804	1425849
1982	127061	1465342
1983	133700	1519330
1984	137272	1580673
1985	138413	1625696

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS IS A MONTHLY REPORT 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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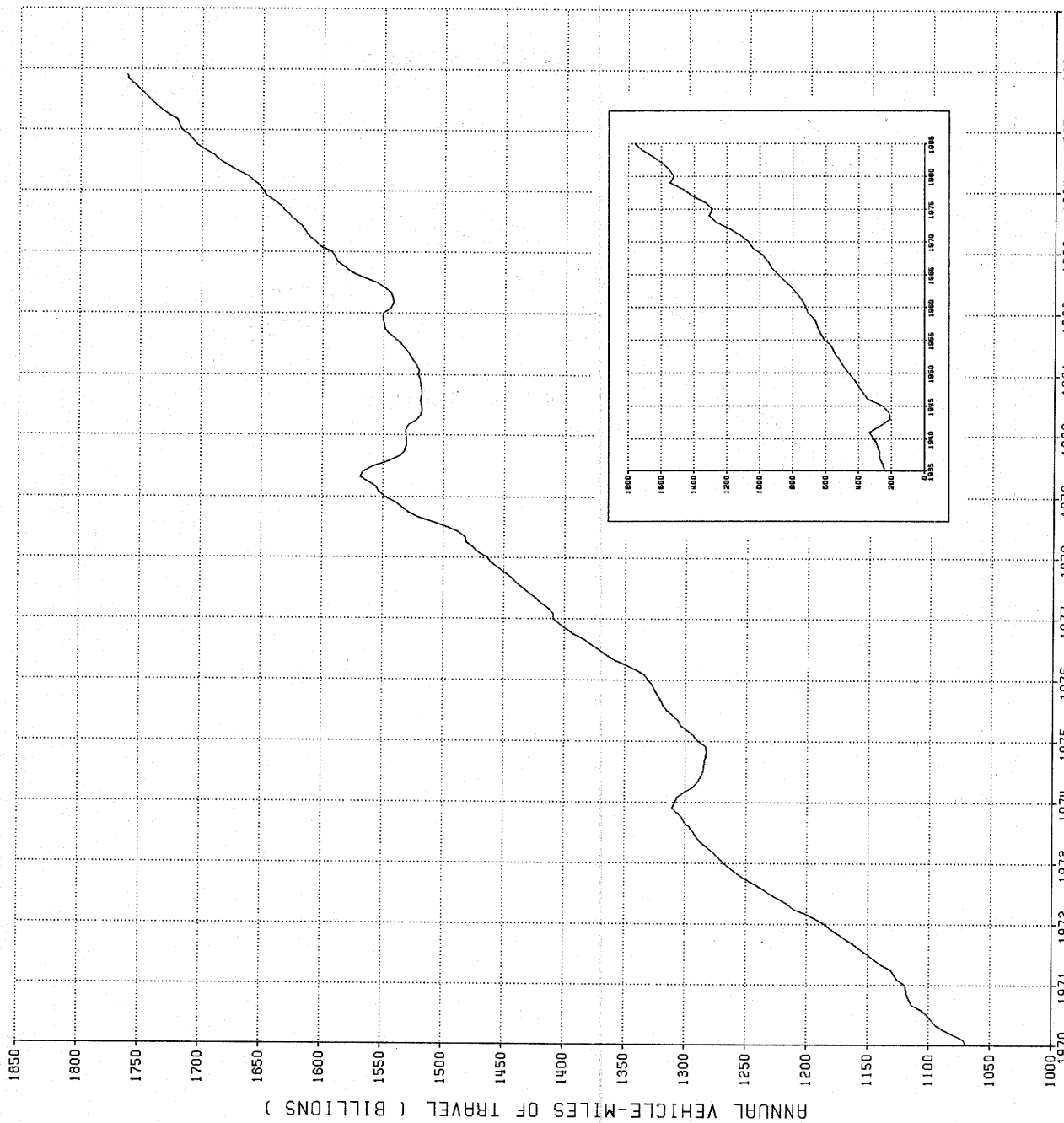
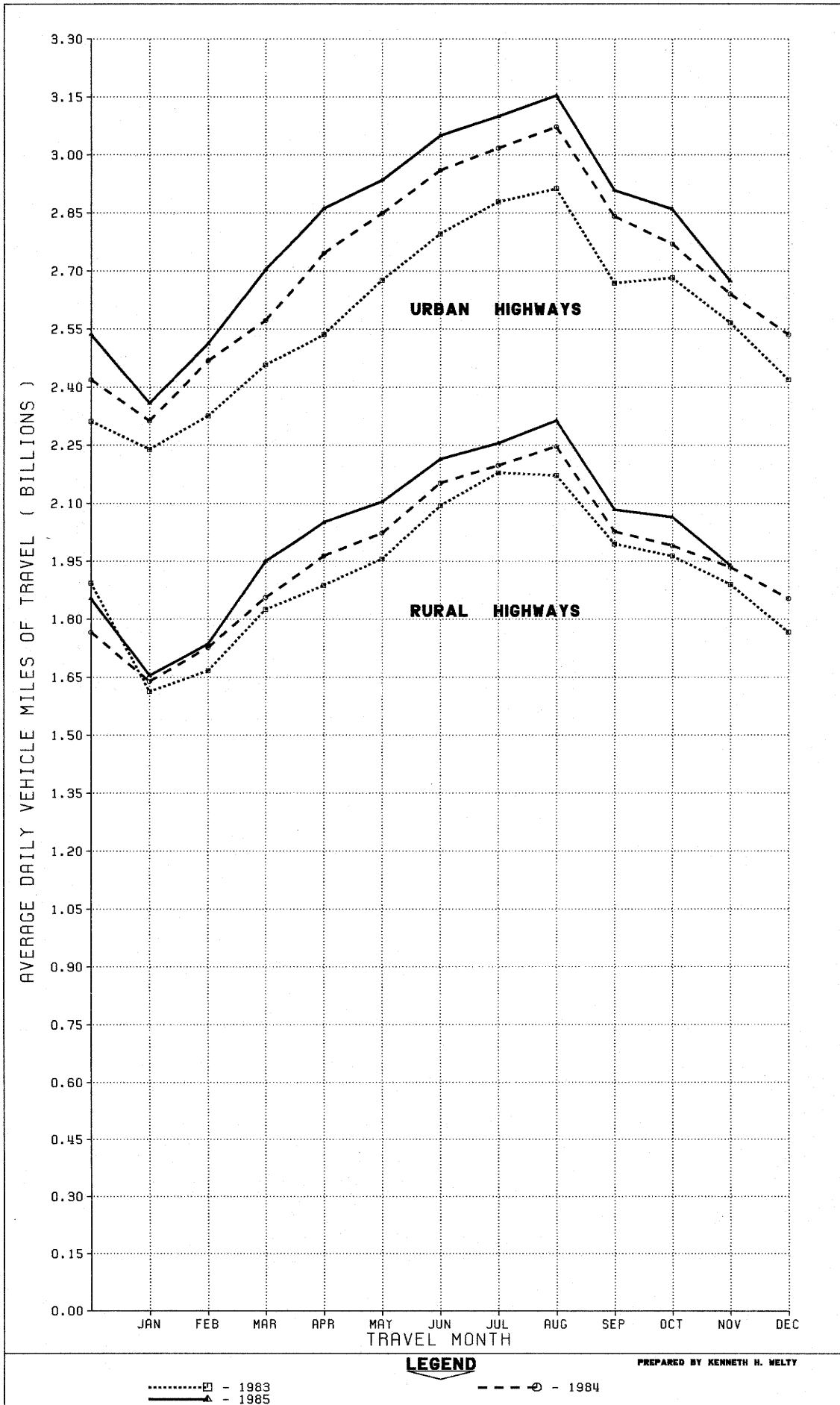


FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12 MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

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FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U S HIGHWAYS BY MONTH



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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	28.7	27.5	33.6	34.9	37.6	39.4	42.5	43.6	36.6	36.7	34.5	33.7
OTHER RURAL	22.2	20.8	24.0	24.0	25.1	25.1	25.6	26.1	24.3	25.1	23.6	23.8
URBAN	71.7	69.1	79.8	82.4	88.3	88.8	93.6	95.3	85.2	85.9	79.2	78.6
ALL SYSTEMS	122.5	117.5	137.3	141.3	151.0	153.4	161.7	164.9	146.1	147.6	137.3	136.1
1985 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.2	28.0	35.6	36.6	39.3	40.8	43.8	45.1	37.7	38.1	34.4	
OTHER RURAL	22.1	20.7	24.9	24.9	26.0	25.7	26.1	26.6	24.8	26.0	23.7	
URBAN	73.1	70.3	83.8	85.9	91.0	91.5	96.1	97.8	87.3	88.7	80.2	
ALL SYSTEMS	124.4	119.0	144.3	147.4	156.2	157.9	166.0	169.5	149.8	152.7	138.4	
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	1.8	1.5	6.0	4.7	4.4	3.3	3.1	3.6	3.1	3.8	0.0	
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.8	3.7	4.0	3.4	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.4	3.6	0.6	
URBAN	2.0	1.8	5.1	4.2	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.4	3.2	1.3	
ALL SYSTEMS	1.5	1.3	5.1	4.3	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.5	3.4	0.8	

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	28.7	56.2	89.8	124.7	162.3	201.8	244.3	287.8	324.4	361.1	395.5	429.2
OTHER RURAL	22.2	43.0	67.0	91.0	116.1	141.2	166.9	193.0	217.2	242.3	265.9	289.6
URBAN	71.7	140.8	220.6	303.0	391.3	480.1	573.7	668.9	754.2	840.1	919.3	997.9
ALL SYSTEMS	122.5	240.0	377.3	518.6	669.7	823.1	984.8	1149.7	1295.8	1443.4	1580.7	1716.8
1985 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.2	57.1	92.7	129.3	168.6	209.4	253.2	298.3	336.0	374.1	408.5	
OTHER RURAL	22.1	42.8	67.7	92.6	118.6	144.2	170.3	196.9	221.8	247.7	271.5	
URBAN	73.1	143.5	227.3	313.2	404.1	495.6	591.7	689.5	776.8	865.5	945.7	
ALL SYSTEMS	124.4	243.4	387.7	535.1	691.3	849.2	1015.3	1184.8	1334.6	1487.3	1625.7	
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	1.8	1.7	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.3	
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.5	1.0	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.1	
URBAN	2.0	1.9	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	
ALL SYSTEMS	1.5	1.4	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8	

*** SYSTEM ENTRIES MAY NOT ADD TO TOTAL "ALL SYSTEMS" DUE TO ROUNDING.
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TABLE 3.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR NOVEMBER			REVISED DATA FOR OCTOBER		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1985	1984		1985	1984	
CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:						
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	34,445	34,461	-0.0	38,050	36,650	3.8
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	23,728	23,582	0.6	25,971	25,062	3.6
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	58,173	58,043	0.2	64,020	61,712	3.7
CITY STREETS.....	80,240	79,229	1.3	88,677	85,898	3.2
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	138,413	137,272	0.8	152,697	147,610	3.4
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	11,805	11,458	3.0	12,838	12,250	4.8
CENTRAL REGION.....	16,683	16,887	-1.2	18,504	17,969	3.0
WESTERN REGION.....	5,784	5,941	-2.6	6,511	6,236	4.4
TOTAL.....	34,272	34,286	-0.0	37,853	36,455	3.8

TABLE 4.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	NOVEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		OCTOBER (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	NOVEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		OCTOBER (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.....	9	- 0.9	9	5.6	ALABAMA.....	43	3.0	42	4.8
MAINE.....	19	3.0	19	7.1	KENTUCKY.....	-	-	-	-
MASSACHUSETTS.....	7	8.9	8	7.3	MISSISSIPPI.....	31	2.1	30	0.4
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	-	-	TENNESSEE.....	13	0.9	14	5.7
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	27	1.9	27	5.4	IOWA.....	59	- 4.6	59	1.5
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	59	- 3.1	58	2.9
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	15	4.8	MINNESOTA.....	14	- 7.0	18	1.1
NEW YORK.....	17	0.2	17	4.0	MISSOURI.....	15	- 0.9	14	6.1
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	-	-	NEBRASKA.....	21	- 6.6	21	2.3
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	-	-
DELAWARE.....	-	-	-	-	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	25	- 4.5	26	2.6
MARYLAND.....	28	4.3	28	5.7	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	4.2	-	4.7	ARKANSAS.....	15	- 5.6	16	- 0.1
WEST VIRGINIA.....	11	0.4	12	1.9	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	33	- 1.8	34	1.6
FLORIDA.....	48	4.5	49	5.4	TEXAS.....	-	-	-	-
GEORGIA.....	32	4.1	31	3.8	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	21	0.1	21	4.1	ARIZONA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	10	4.1	10	5.0	COLORADO.....	-	-	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	-	-	46	- 0.7
ILLINOIS.....	31	0.1	30	4.5	MONTANA.....	-	-	33	0.9
INDIANA.....	-	-	-	-	NEVADA.....	12	- 7.0	12	4.0
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	-	-
OHIO.....	16	1.9	15	4.2	UTAH.....	-	-	-	-
WISCONSIN.....	37	0.1	38	3.3	WYOMING.....	36	- 8.4	37	2.2
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	1.3	3	0.2	CALIFORNIA.....	-	5.5	-	6.6
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	22	-14.2	24	3.5

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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