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# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

March 1995

Travel on all roads and streets is  
up by 2.5 percent for March 1995  
as compared to March 1994.



Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region – March 1995 – (in Billions)

West	North Central	South Gulf	Northeast	South Atlantic
<b>41.9</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>39.8</b>
Change in Traffic as compared to the same month last year.				
<b>+0.1%</b>	<b>+1.8%</b>	<b>+2.4%</b>	<b>+6.8%</b>	<b>+3.1%</b>

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 computed with 1993 Table VM-2 as a base

Compiled with data on hand as of May 16, 1995.

### Traffic Volume Trends – March 1995

Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during March 1995 on all roads and streets in the nation increased by 2.5 percent as compared to March 1994 resulting in estimated travel for the month at 200.9 billion vehicle-miles. This total includes 77.2 billion vehicle-miles on rural roads and 123.7 billion vehicle-miles on urban roads and streets.

Travel for the current month as well the cumulative yearly total on all roads and streets is shown below. Similar totals for each year since 1970 are also included.

Travel in Millions All Roads and Streets		
Year	March	Year to Date
1970	90,223	247,837
1971	92,974	258,429
1972	102,926	283,664
1973	107,490	296,721
1974	100,736	282,192
1975	106,070	295,715
1976	114,284	315,272
1977	119,960	324,821
1978	125,035	341,890
1979	131,406	355,410
1980	125,179	348,980
1981	127,798	353,612
1982	128,182	345,451
1983	132,814	364,078
1984	137,307	377,319
1985	144,424	387,912
1986	151,183	407,707
1987	157,573	433,488
1988	167,836	458,463
1989	174,990	481,473
1990	178,771	495,930
1991	179,076	490,316
1992	183,186	509,977
1993	188,357	520,240
1994	195,922	526,466
1995	200,908	546,357

*Traffic Volume Trends* is a monthly report 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 month of the previous year to obtain an estimate of travel for the current month.

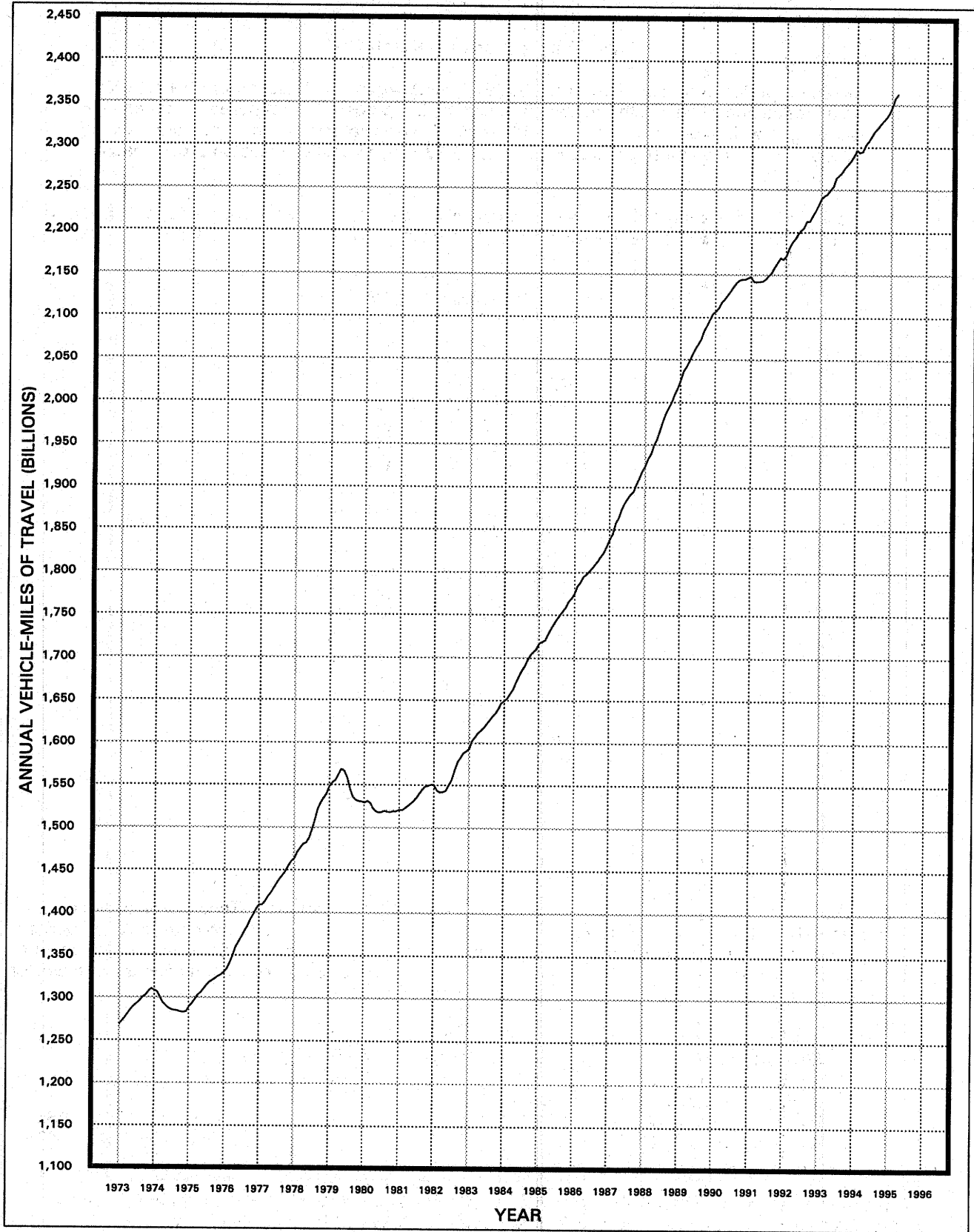
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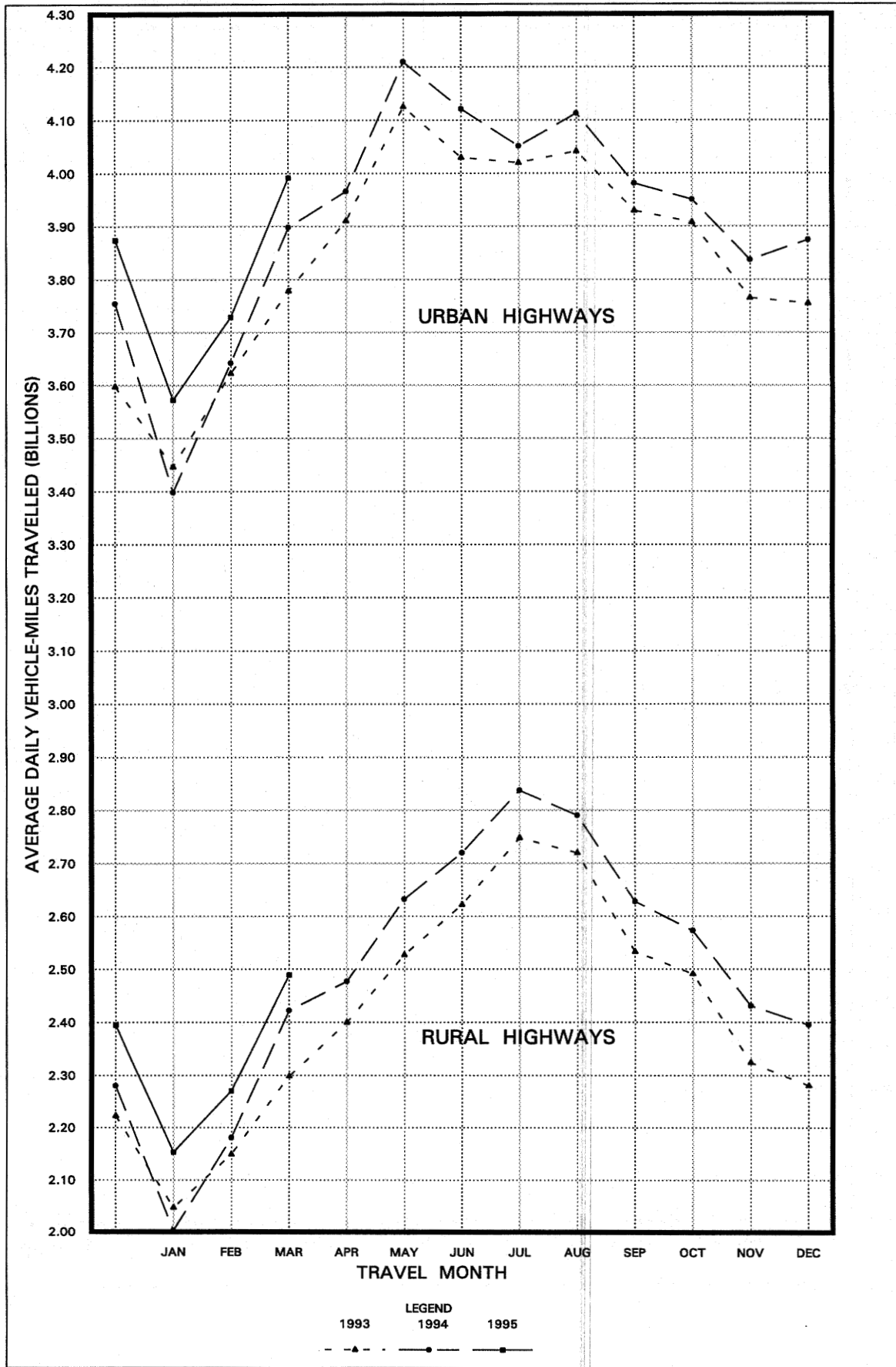
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**FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12-MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS**



**FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U.S. HIGHWAYS BY MONTH**



**Table 1 – Estimated Individual Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States**

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>1994 Individual Monthly Vehicle—Miles of Travel In Billions *</b>												
Rural Interstate	14.2	13.9	17.4	17.2	18.8	19.2	21.3	20.7	18.3	18.6	17.5	17.8
Rural Other Arterial	24.3	24.0	29.1	29.4	32.2	32.5	35.0	34.6	31.8	31.9	28.8	29.1
Other Rural	23.6	23.2	28.6	27.7	30.6	30.0	31.6	31.2	28.7	29.3	26.6	27.4
Urban Interstate	24.3	23.4	27.5	26.6	27.5	27.6	28.2	29.0	26.8	27.7	26.2	27.2
Urban Other Arterial	57.5	55.6	66.0	65.3	73.6	67.8	68.4	69.4	65.3	66.8	62.6	65.6
Other Urban	<u>23.6</u>	<u>22.9</u>	<u>27.3</u>	<u>27.0</u>	<u>29.4</u>	<u>28.2</u>	<u>28.9</u>	<u>29.1</u>	<u>27.4</u>	<u>27.9</u>	<u>26.3</u>	<u>27.3</u>
All Systems	167.4	163.0	195.9	193.3	212.1	205.2	213.5	214.0	198.3	202.2	188.0	194.3
<b>1995 Individual Monthly Vehicle—Miles of Travel In Billions *</b>												
Rural Interstate	15.4	14.7	17.9									
Rural Other Arterial	26.1	25.0	30.1									
Other Rural	25.3	23.8	29.2									
Urban Interstate	25.6	24.2	28.4									
Urban Other Arterial	60.1	56.6	67.2									
Other Urban	<u>25.0</u>	<u>23.6</u>	<u>28.1</u>									
All Systems	177.5	168.0	200.9									
<b>Percent Change In Individual Monthly Travel 1995 vs. 1994</b>												
Rural Interstate	8.5	5.8	3.0									
Rural Other Arterial	7.5	4.4	3.3									
Other Rural	6.9	2.7	2.0									
Urban Interstate	5.3	3.1	3.5									
Urban Other Arterial	4.7	1.8	1.8									
Other Urban	<u>6.1</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>2.8</u>									
All Systems	6.0	3.0	2.5									

**Table 2 – Estimated Cumulative Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States**

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>1994 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle—Miles of Travel In Billions *</b>												
Rural Interstate	14.2	28.1	45.5	62.7	81.4	100.6	121.9	142.6	160.9	179.4	197.0	214.8
Rural Other Arterial	24.3	48.2	77.3	106.7	138.9	171.4	206.4	241.0	272.8	304.7	333.5	362.5
Other Rural	23.6	46.8	75.4	103.1	133.7	163.7	195.3	226.6	255.3	284.6	311.2	338.6
Urban Interstate	24.3	47.7	75.2	101.8	129.3	156.9	185.2	214.2	241.0	268.7	294.9	322.0
Urban Other Arterial	57.5	113.0	179.1	244.4	318.0	385.8	454.2	523.6	588.8	655.7	718.3	783.9
Other Urban	<u>23.6</u>	<u>46.5</u>	<u>73.8</u>	<u>100.9</u>	<u>130.3</u>	<u>158.5</u>	<u>187.5</u>	<u>216.6</u>	<u>244.0</u>	<u>271.9</u>	<u>298.2</u>	<u>325.5</u>
All Systems	167.4	330.5	526.4	719.7	931.8	1137.0	1350.5	1564.5	1762.7	1964.9	2153.0	2347.3
<b>1995 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle—Miles of Travel In Billions *</b>												
Rural Interstate	15.4	30.1	48.0									
Rural Other Arterial	26.1	51.1	81.2									
Other Rural	25.3	49.1	78.3									
Urban Interstate	25.6	49.7	78.2									
Urban Other Arterial	60.1	116.7	184.0									
Other Urban	<u>25.0</u>	<u>48.7</u>	<u>76.7</u>									
All Systems	177.5	345.4	546.4									
<b>Percent Change In Cumulative Monthly Travel 1995 vs. 1994</b>												
Rural Interstate	8.5	7.1	5.5									
Rural Other Arterial	7.5	6.0	5.0									
Other Rural	6.9	4.8	3.8									
Urban Interstate	5.3	4.2	3.9									
Urban Other Arterial	4.7	3.3	2.7									
Other Urban	<u>6.1</u>	<u>4.6</u>	<u>3.9</u>									
All Systems	6.0	4.5	3.8									

\* System entries may not add to give "All Systems" total due to rounding.

Table 3 – Changes On Rural Arterial Roads By Region and State

Region and State	March				February			
	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change
		1995 (Preliminary)	1994			1995 (Revised)	1994	
<b>Northeast</b>								
Connecticut	20	312	295	5.6	19	261	243	7.2
Maine	30	386	368	4.8	30	319	317	0.7
Massachusetts	12	399	376	6.2	—	325	317	2.6
New Hampshire	46	315	299	5.2	45	268	263	1.9
New Jersey	8	566	515	9.8	14	490	438	11.9
New York	—	1,279	1,194	7.2	37	1,021	1,010	1.1
Pennsylvania	—	2,013	1,890	6.5	—	1,460	1,407	3.8
Rhode Island	—	45	40	10.7	—	49	47	6.0
Vermont	37	209	200	4.1	37	183	179	2.1
		5,523	5,179	6.7		4,375	4,219	3.7
<b>South Atlantic</b>								
Delaware	18	113	109	3.4	23	99	95	4.7
Dist Of Columbia	—	0	0	0.0	—	0	0	0.0
Florida	93	2,490	2,438	2.1	92	2,133	2,074	2.8
Georgia	36	1,883	1,817	3.6	36	1,492	1,490	0.1
Maryland	—	699	669	4.5	—	530	505	4.9
North Carolina	18	1,621	1,459	11.1	33	1,268	1,211	4.7
South Carolina	—	1,382	1,299	6.4	—	1,094	1,069	2.3
Virginia	67	1,664	1,588	4.8	74	1,309	1,247	5.0
West Virginia	—	624	594	5.0	—	488	471	3.6
		10,475	9,973	5.0		8,412	8,162	3.1
<b>North Central</b>								
Illinois	28	1,514	1,399	8.2	33	1,222	1,100	11.1
Indiana	41	1,401	1,358	3.2	40	1,139	1,093	4.1
Iowa	124	897	899	-0.3	123	755	711	6.3
Kansas	18	700	718	-2.5	17	557	547	1.8
Michigan	—	1,506	1,444	4.3	—	1,261	1,203	4.8
Minnesota	—	1,026	1,044	-1.8	—	924	865	6.7
Missouri	68	1,393	1,366	2.0	70	1,140	1,079	5.7
Nebraska	26	505	523	-3.5	26	439	408	7.4
North Dakota	45	216	227	-4.6	44	183	175	4.2
Ohio	33	1,765	1,676	5.3	40	1,430	1,383	3.4
South Dakota	48	304	313	-2.8	48	272	253	7.6
Wisconsin	—	1,391	1,323	5.1	94	1,177	1,095	7.5
		12,618	12,290	2.7		10,498	9,912	5.9
<b>South Gulf</b>								
Alabama	93	1,245	1,201	3.6	75	1,022	992	3.0
Arkansas	13	916	876	4.5	11	750	705	6.4
Kentucky	52	1,060	1,011	4.8	52	842	828	1.7
Louisiana	—	1,267	1,222	3.6	—	1,094	1,029	6.4
Mississippi	74	902	870	3.7	73	784	739	6.1
Oklahoma	—	927	903	2.7	—	764	722	5.8
Tennessee	—	1,429	1,358	5.2	—	1,133	1,094	3.6
Texas	105	3,283	3,182	3.2	105	2,827	2,657	6.4
		11,029	10,625	3.8		9,217	8,766	5.2
<b>West</b>								
Alaska	47	78	79	-1.2	23	68	66	3.0
Arizona	—	543	559	-3.0	—	385	358	7.6
California	17	3,050	3,113	-2.0	18	2,817	2,646	6.5
Colorado	—	775	791	-2.1	—	675	639	5.7
Hawaii	—	86	85	0.1	—	74	73	2.2
Idaho	—	326	329	-1.0	—	270	255	6.1
Montana	42	365	366	-0.3	34	309	283	9.3
Nevada	60	259	269	-3.5	51	226	212	6.5
New Mexico	—	617	596	3.5	—	550	516	6.7
Oregon	—	800	818	-2.3	112	668	642	3.9
Utah	—	392	396	-1.1	80	329	305	7.8
Washington	—	791	767	3.1	48	663	630	5.3
Wyoming	126	251	248	1.0	124	206	189	8.6
		8,330	8,417	-1.0		7,240	6,813	6.3
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>47,976</b>	<b>46,485</b>	<b>3.2</b>		<b>39,742</b>	<b>37,872</b>	<b>4.9</b>

Note: Where Number of Stations are shown as dashes, the values for Vehicle-Miles and Percent Change are derived from the estimated VMT based on data from surrounding States or the Nationwide average VMT.

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