

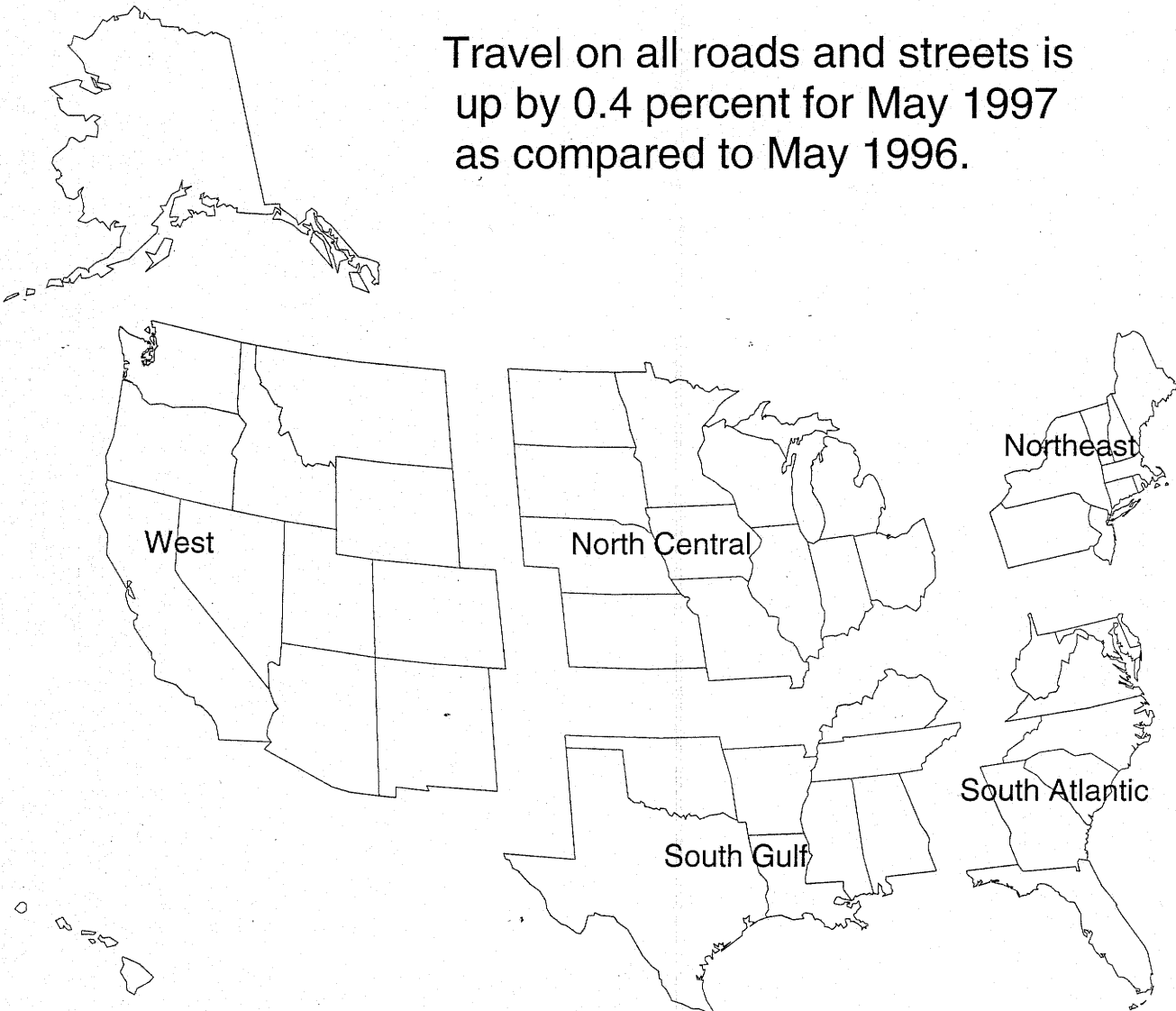


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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

May 1997

Travel on all roads and streets is up by 0.4 percent for May 1997 as compared to May 1996.



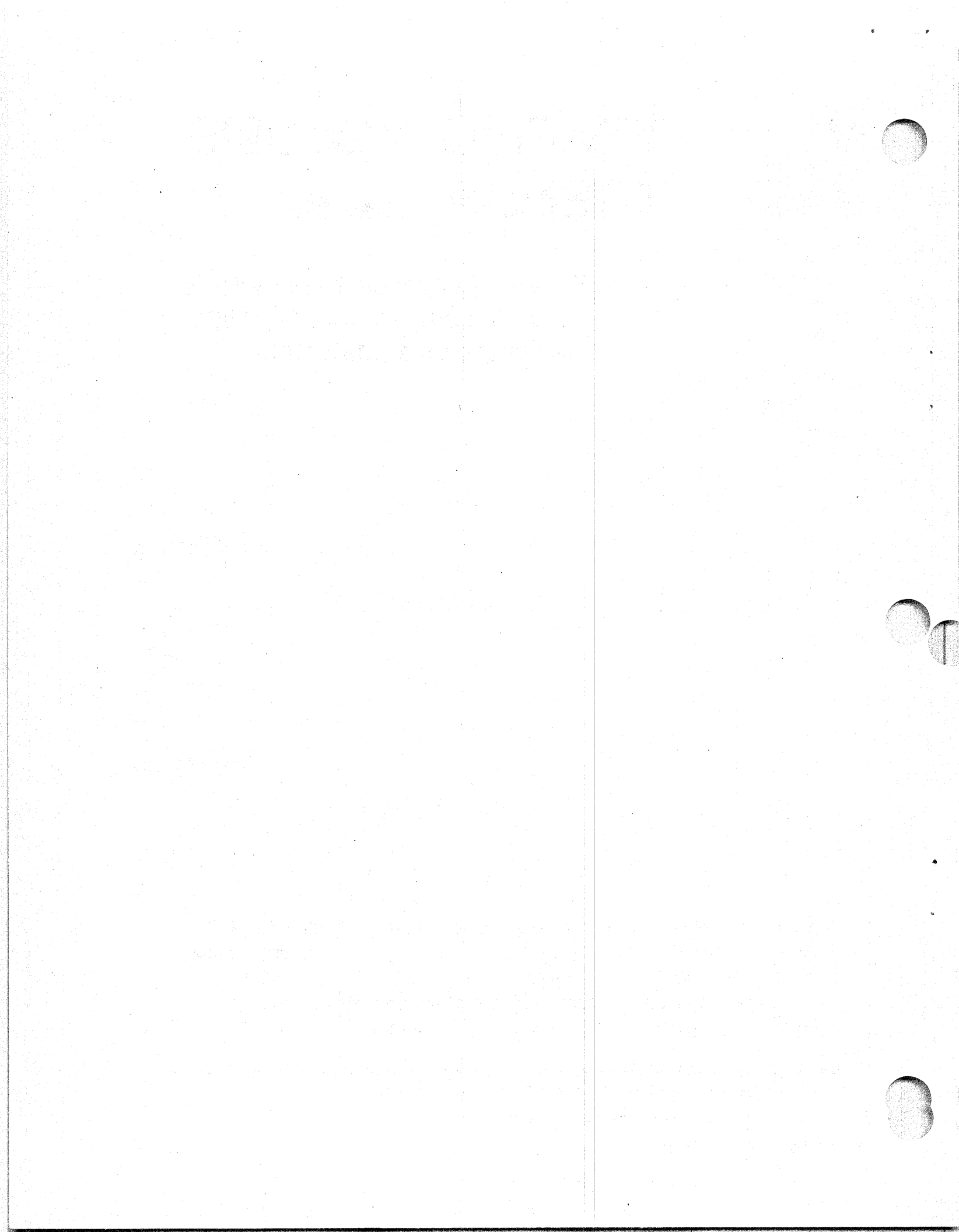
Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region - May 1997 - (in Billions)

West	North Central	South Gulf	Northeast	South Atlantic
47.4	53.0	42.1	34.8	43.3
+0.1%	+1.1%	-1.1%	+0.5%	+1.4%

Change in Traffic as compared to the same month last year.

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 1995 Table VM-2 as a base

Compiled with data on hand as of July 22, 1997.



Traffic Volume Trends - May 1997

Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during May 1997 on all roads and streets in the nation increased by 0.4 percent as compared to May 1996 resulting in estimated travel for the month at 220.7 billion vehicle-miles. This total includes 87.0 billion vehicle-miles on rural roads and 133.8 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	May	Year to Date
1970	97,972	435,765
1971	103,655	460,190
1972	110,945	497,847
1973	114,819	519,660
1974	112,167	498,938
1975	116,659	519,507
1976	123,278	555,564
1977	128,884	575,218
1978	134,427	599,057
1979	132,394	617,344
1980	131,269	605,946
1981	134,305	616,382
1982	140,283	615,579
1983	143,619	640,438
1984	151,046	669,693
1985	156,726	692,273
1986	160,459	718,443
1987	167,776	761,065
1988	178,042	803,309
1989	184,823	840,616
1990	189,247	864,210
1991	191,929	861,783
1992	196,725	894,428
1993	205,981	917,111
1994	206,594	933,949
1995	212,586	976,916
1996	219,698	986,760
1997	220,659	1,005,721

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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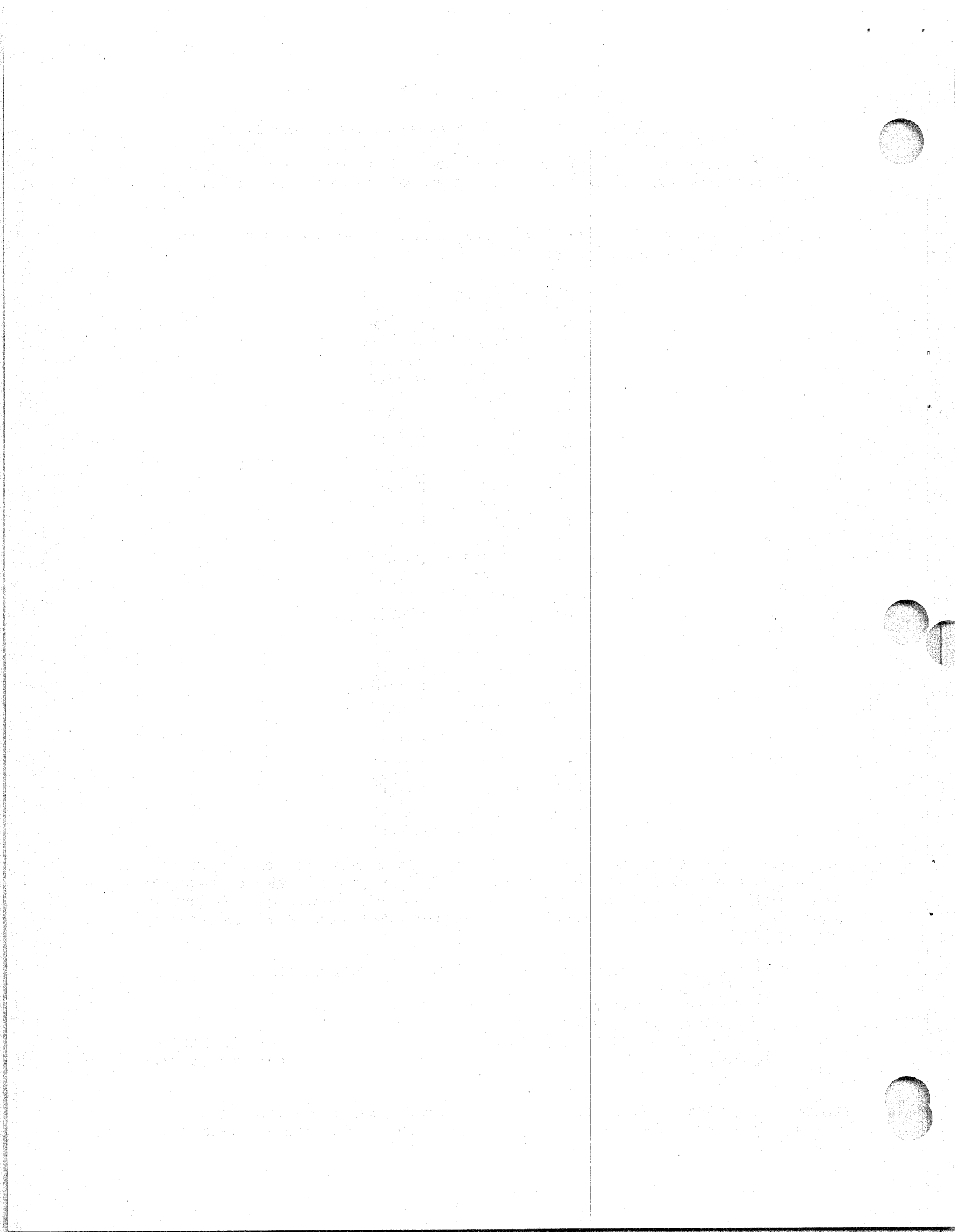


Table 1 - Estimated Individual Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1996 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	15.4	15.1	18.6	18.8	20.2	20.8	22.6	22.9	19.2	19.6	18.3	18.6
Rural Other Arterial	26.8	25.6	30.0	30.7	34.3	33.3	35.8	36.0	31.8	32.6	29.5	29.2
Other Rural	24.8	23.9	27.9	28.6	31.2	30.7	32.2	32.4	29.2	30.4	27.9	27.5
Urban Interstate	26.4	25.4	29.4	28.9	31.0	30.0	30.8	31.3	29.0	30.2	28.3	28.5
Urban Other Arterial	64.6	60.6	69.0	69.2	72.6	70.1	73.3	74.0	68.7	71.7	67.0	67.8
Other Urban	26.0	24.7	28.4	28.3	30.3	29.1	30.0	30.2	27.7	29.0	27.2	27.3
All Systems	183.9	175.3	203.3	204.5	219.7	214.1	224.7	226.8	205.6	213.5	198.4	198.9
1997 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	16.0	15.9	19.6	18.7	20.6							
Rural Other Arterial	27.6	26.6	31.2	31.0	34.8							
Other Rural	25.5	24.6	29.0	29.1	31.6							
Urban Interstate	27.1	26.0	30.1	29.3	31.2							
Urban Other Arterial	66.3	62.1	70.6	69.7	72.3							
Other Urban	26.5	25.1	29.2	28.3	30.3							
All Systems	189.0	180.3	209.6	206.1	220.7							
Percent Change In Individual Monthly Travel 1997 vs. 1996												
Rural Interstate	3.9	5.2	5.0	-0.4	1.9							
Rural Other Arterial	3.1	4.0	4.0	0.8	1.3							
Other Rural	2.9	3.0	3.9	1.5	1.3							
Urban Interstate	2.8	2.4	2.2	1.3	0.4							
Urban Other Arterial	2.6	2.4	2.4	0.8	-0.5							
Other Urban	2.0	1.9	2.8	0.1	0.0							
All Systems	2.8	2.9	3.1	0.8	0.4							

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
1996 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	15.4	30.5	49.2	68.0	88.1	108.9	131.5	154.4	173.7	193.2	211.5	230.1
Rural Other Arterial	26.8	52.4	82.4	113.1	147.4	180.7	216.5	252.5	284.3	316.9	346.4	375.6
Other Rural	24.8	48.6	76.5	105.2	136.4	167.1	199.3	231.8	261.0	291.4	319.3	346.9
Urban Interstate	26.4	51.8	81.2	110.1	141.2	171.2	202.0	233.3	262.3	292.5	320.9	349.4
Urban Other Arterial	64.6	125.2	194.2	263.3	335.9	406.1	479.4	553.3	622.0	693.7	760.7	828.5
Other Urban	26.0	50.6	79.1	107.4	137.6	166.8	196.8	227.0	254.7	283.7	311.0	338.3
All Systems	183.9	359.2	562.5	767.1	986.8	1200.9	1425.5	1652.4	1858.0	2071.5	2269.8	2468.7
1997 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	16.0	31.9	51.5	70.2	90.7							
Rural Other Arterial	27.6	54.3	85.5	116.4	151.2							
Other Rural	25.5	50.1	79.1	108.1	139.8							
Urban Interstate	27.1	53.1	83.2	112.5	143.7							
Urban Other Arterial	66.3	128.3	198.9	268.6	340.9							
Other Urban	26.5	51.6	80.9	109.2	139.5							
All Systems	189.0	369.3	579.0	785.1	1005.7							
Percent Change In Cumulative Monthly Travel 1997 vs. 1996												
Rural Interstate	3.9	4.5	4.7	3.3	3.0							
Rural Other Arterial	3.1	3.5	3.7	2.9	2.5							
Other Rural	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.8	2.5							
Urban Interstate	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.1	1.8							
Urban Other Arterial	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.0	1.5							
Other Urban	2.0	2.0	2.3	1.7	1.3							
All Systems	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.3	1.9							

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

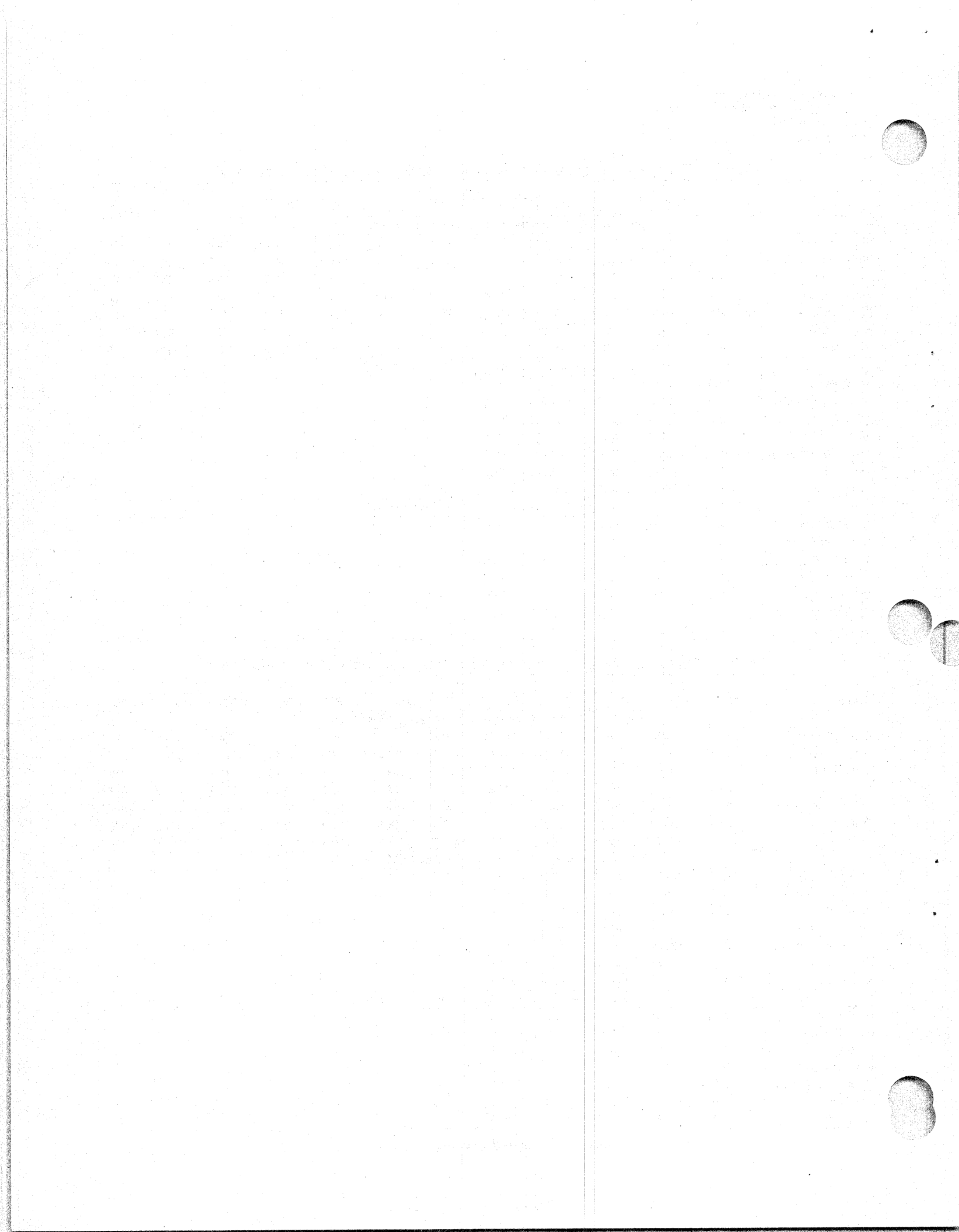


Table 3 - Changes On Rural Arterial Roads By Region and State

Region and State	May				April			
	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change
		1997 (Preliminary)	1996			1997 (Revised)	1996	
Northeast								
Connecticut	18	391	375	4.2	14	340	329	3.4
Maine	-	476	471	1.1	-	402	401	0.3
Massachusetts	-	481	475	1.3	21	415	419	-1.1
New Hampshire	53	357	352	1.2	55	310	305	1.8
New Jersey	12	684	678	0.9	10	621	612	1.6
New York	40	1,504	1,499	0.3	40	1,313	1,300	1.0
Pennsylvania	-	2,324	2,335	-0.5	56	2,229	2,207	1.0
Rhode Island	10	70	66	5.9	8	55	54	1.9
Vermont	33	228	225	1.0	32	200	197	1.6
		6,516	6,478	0.6		5,886	5,823	1.1
South Atlantic								
Delaware	36	169	162	3.9	36	150	146	2.3
Dist Of Columbia	-	0	0	0.0	-	0	0	0.0
Florida	191	2,250	2,165	3.9	188	2,259	2,201	2.7
Georgia	35	2,079	2,037	2.1	39	2,017	1,991	1.3
Maryland	-	823	808	1.8	-	743	735	1.1
North Carolina	-	1,961	1,930	1.6	-	1,750	1,746	0.2
South Carolina	22	1,658	1,596	3.9	22	1,557	1,529	1.8
Virginia	-	1,810	1,811	-0.1	-	1,800	1,845	-2.4
West Virginia	-	766	779	-1.6	-	652	646	0.9
		11,515	11,287	2.0		10,927	10,839	0.8
North Central								
Illinois	30	1,656	1,621	2.2	28	1,572	1,578	-0.4
Indiana	-	1,472	1,470	0.2	35	1,496	1,447	3.4
Iowa	129	1,053	1,013	3.9	129	909	923	-1.5
Kansas	19	831	810	2.6	19	711	732	-2.8
Michigan	-	1,758	1,743	0.9	-	1,519	1,488	2.1
Minnesota	-	1,439	1,388	3.7	-	1,089	1,088	0.1
Missouri	-	1,571	1,531	2.6	59	1,425	1,435	-0.7
Nebraska	30	672	624	7.7	30	563	564	-0.2
North Dakota	-	294	289	1.7	34	238	248	-4.1
Ohio	35	1,864	1,885	-1.2	46	1,713	1,701	0.7
South Dakota	53	401	392	2.3	49	340	350	-2.8
Wisconsin	117	1,681	1,625	3.5	115	1,460	1,427	2.4
		14,691	14,390	2.1		13,038	12,983	0.4
South Gulf								
Alabama	-	1,286	1,258	2.2	58	1,277	1,239	3.1
Arkansas	7	1,011	999	1.2	7	915	902	1.5
Kentucky	-	1,129	1,126	0.3	-	1,078	1,075	0.3
Louisiana	-	1,097	1,073	2.2	-	897	880	2.0
Mississippi	69	1,069	1,034	3.4	71	1,009	985	2.4
Oklahoma	-	1,580	1,565	0.9	-	955	958	-0.3
Tennessee	15	1,577	1,577	-0.0	19	1,478	1,520	-2.8
Texas	-	3,600	3,549	1.4	-	3,382	3,326	1.7
		12,350	12,181	1.4		10,991	10,885	1.0
West								
Alaska	38	118	116	2.0	46	95	92	3.4
Arizona	-	863	888	-2.8	-	733	766	-4.3
California	21	3,313	3,399	-2.5	22	3,112	3,209	-3.0
Colorado	-	887	851	4.2	31	743	758	-2.0
Hawaii	-	365	365	-0.0	-	81	80	1.5
Idaho	148	412	397	3.6	143	365	359	1.6
Montana	-	456	443	2.8	41	373	380	-2.0
Nevada	-	307	308	-0.4	-	283	289	-2.0
New Mexico	-	733	719	2.0	-	644	656	-1.8
Oregon	136	973	924	5.3	143	835	807	3.5
Utah	62	503	481	4.5	55	424	430	-1.4
Washington	50	977	942	3.7	50	870	861	1.0
Wyoming	121	342	336	1.6	125	266	276	-3.9
		10,248	10,169	0.8		8,823	8,963	-1.6
TOTALS		55,319	54,507	1.5		49,664	49,491	0.3

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.

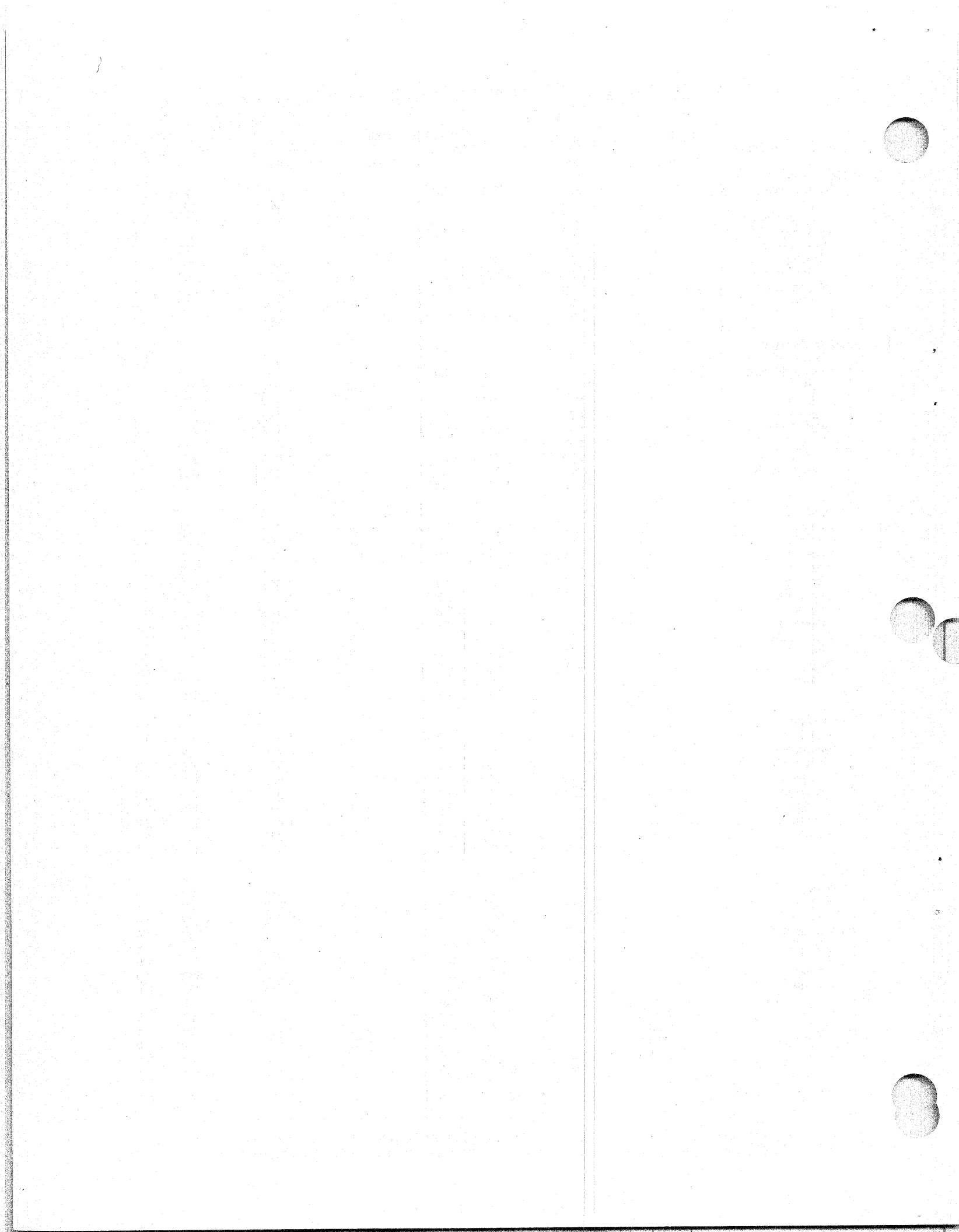
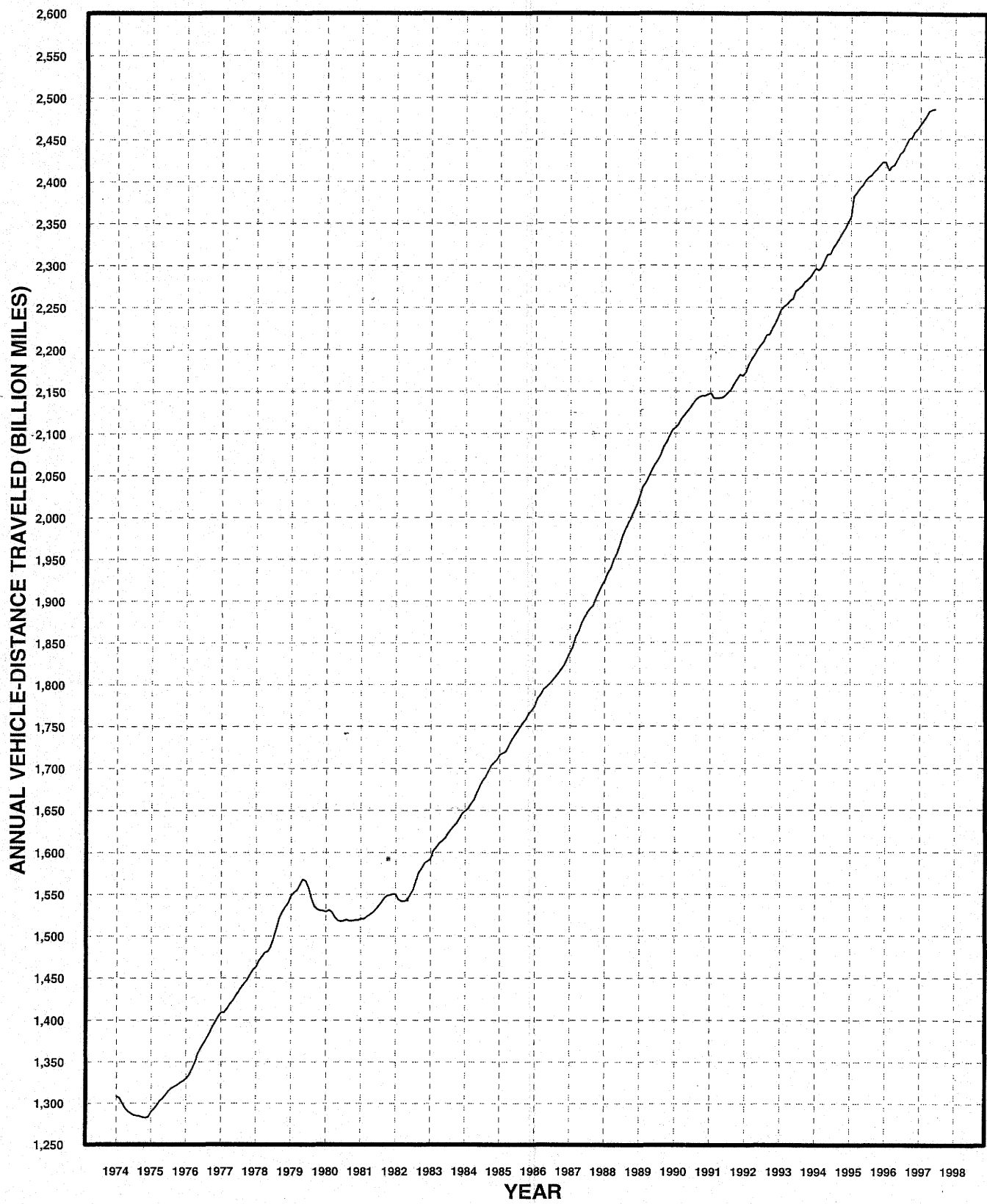


FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12-MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS



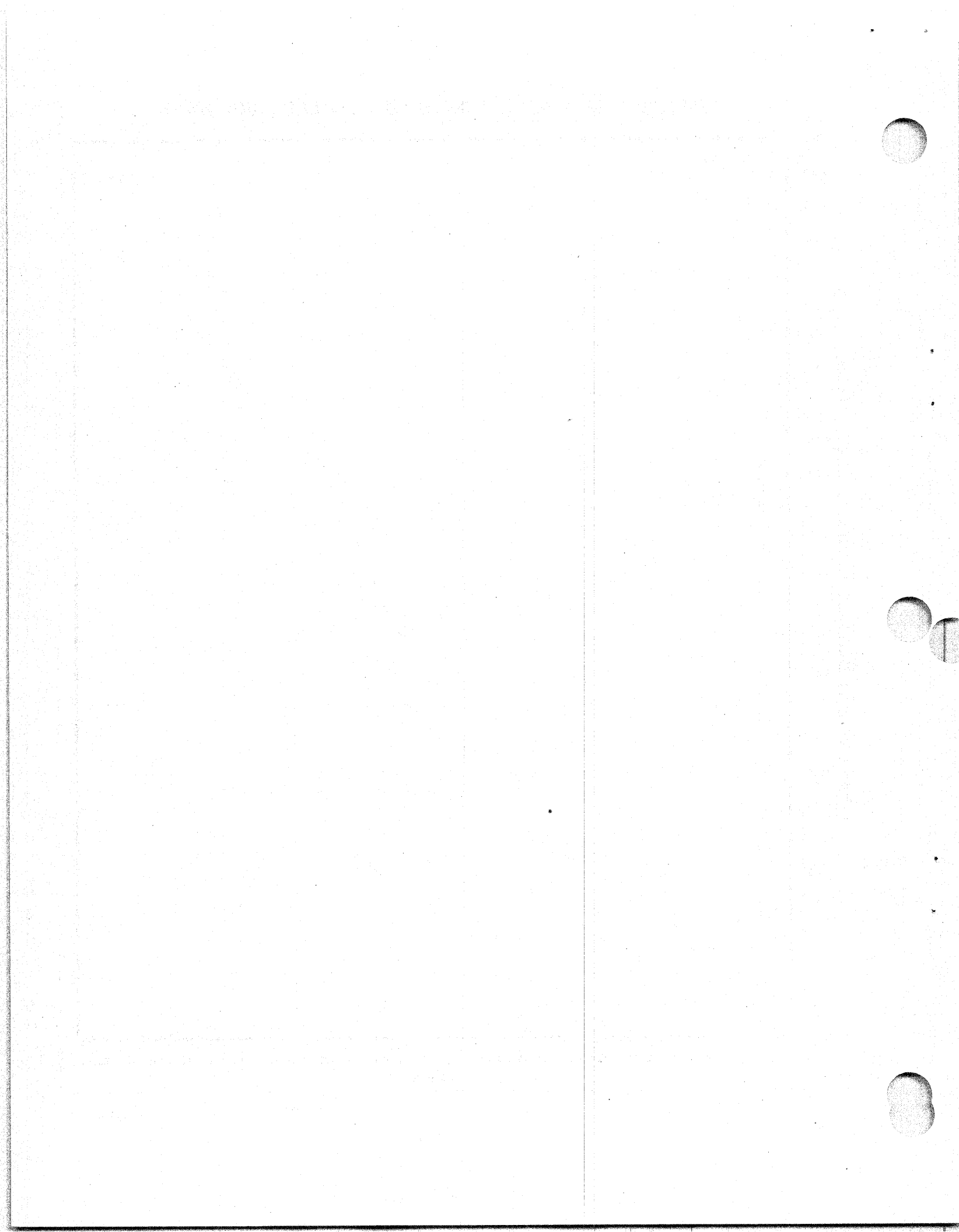
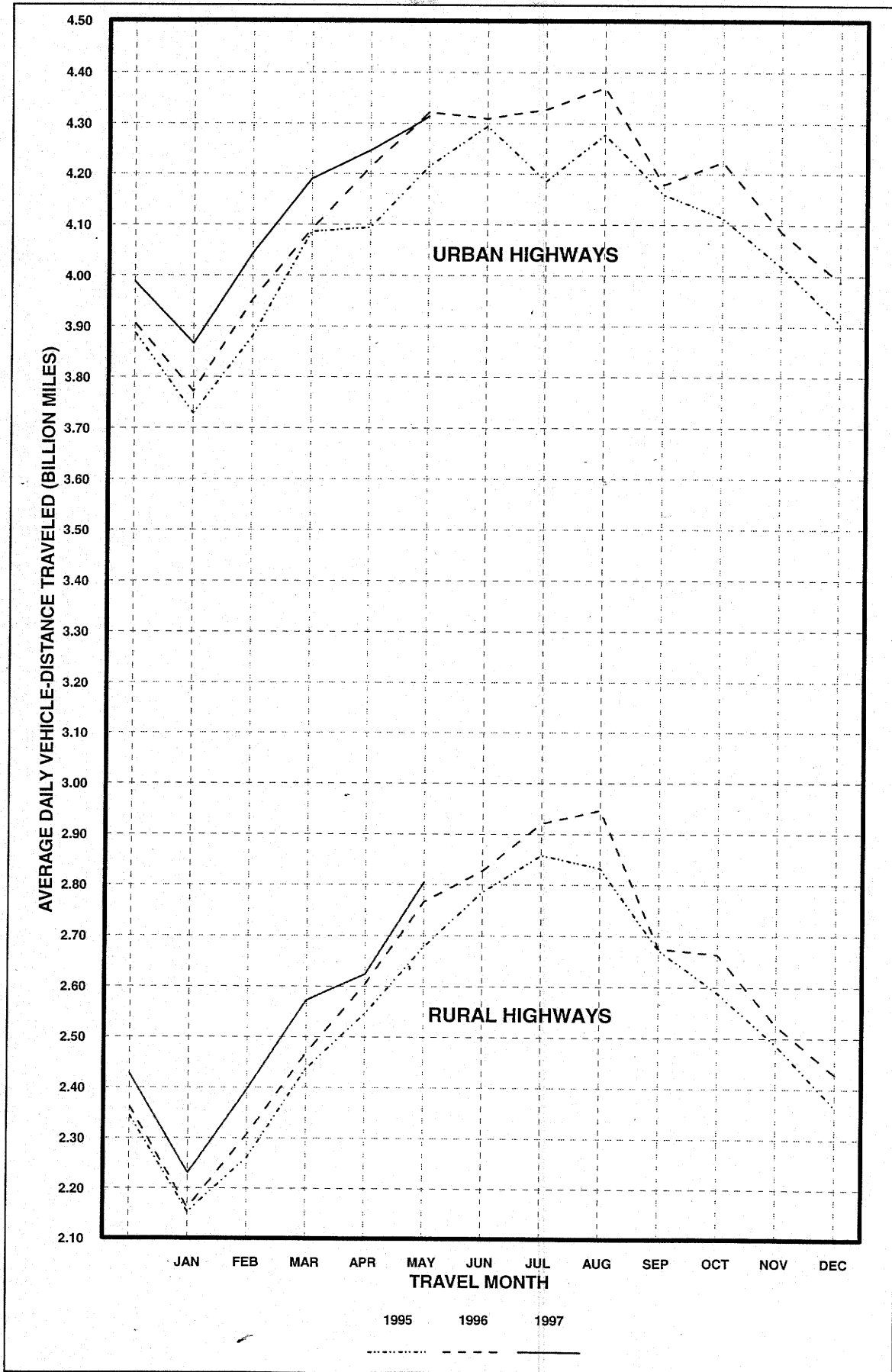
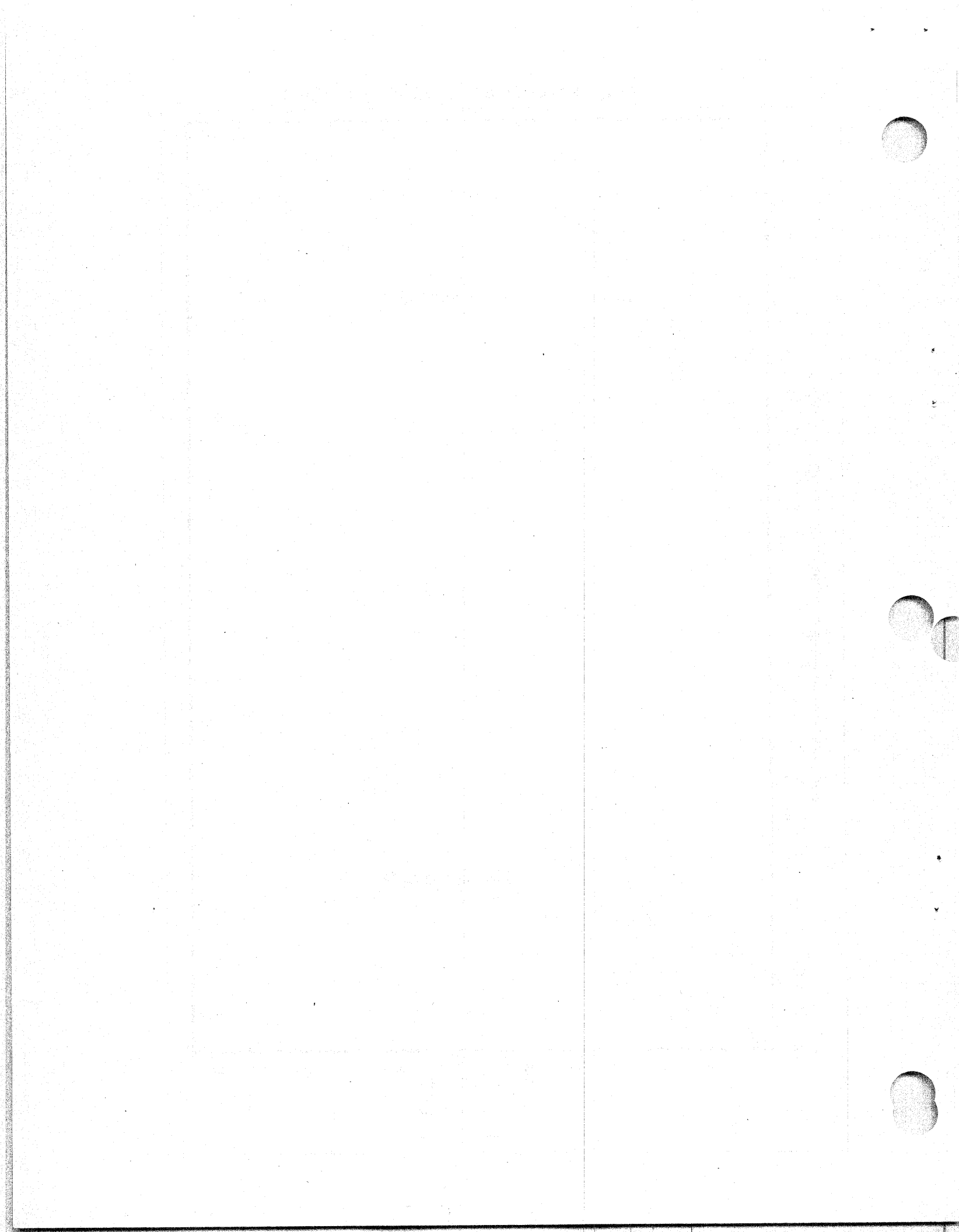


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U.S. HIGHWAYS BY MONTH



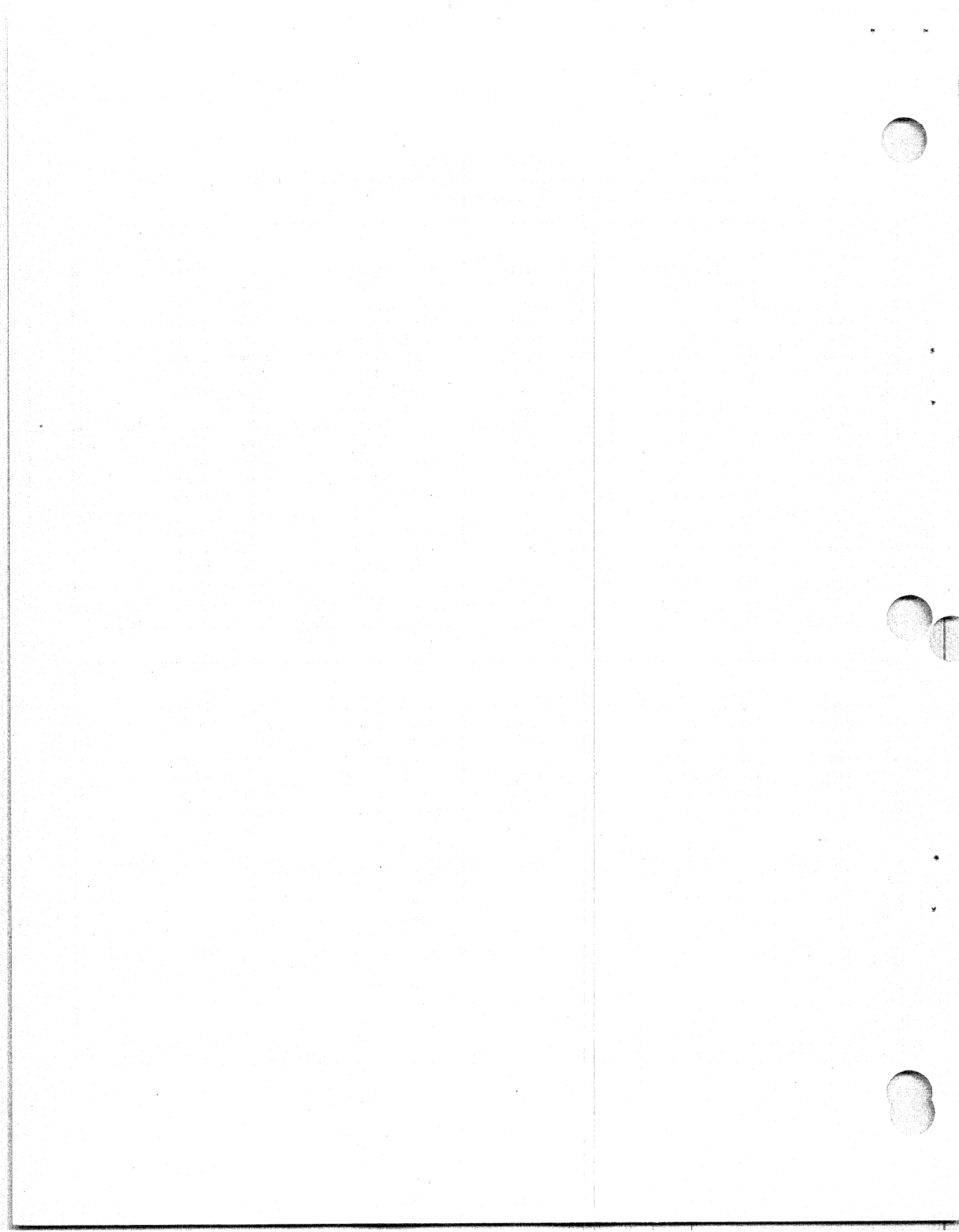


Traffic Volume Trends Rural*
Estimated Vehicle Miles (Millions) and Percent Change from Same Period Previous Year
(Includes Preliminary Data for May 1997)

Year - 1996														
Rural Interstate			Rural Other Arterial			Other Rural			Total Rural			All Systems		
		%			%			%			%			%
Jan	15,438	1.1	Jan	26,784	0.2	Jan	24,764	0.1	Jan	66,986	0.4	Jan	183,910	0.9
Feb	15,100	2.4	Feb	25,611	1.8	Feb	23,881	2.1	Feb	64,592	2.0	Feb	175,269	1.9
Mar	18,624	3.7	Mar	30,008	0.9	Mar	27,893	0.2	Mar	76,525	1.3	Mar	203,349	0.6
Q1	49,162	2.5	Q1	82,403	0.9	Q1	76,538	0.7	Q1	208,103	1.2	Q1	562,528	1.1
Apr	18,793	2.2	Apr	30,699	2.3	Apr	28,645	2.3	Apr	78,137	2.3	Apr	204,535	2.7
May	20,187	4.6	May	34,319	3.1	May	31,242	2.6	May	85,748	3.3	May	219,698	2.8
Jun	20,807	3.1	Jun	33,323	1.2	Jun	30,694	0.8	Jun	84,824	1.5	Jun	214,091	0.8
Q2	59,787	3.3	Q2	98,341	2.2	Q2	90,581	1.9	Q2	248,709	2.4	Q2	638,324	2.1
1st Half	108,949	2.9	1st Half	180,744	1.6	1st Half	167,119	1.4	1st Half	456,812	1.8	1st Half	1,200,852	1.6
Jul	22,580	3.2	Jul	35,756	1.9	Jul	32,210	1.9	Jul	90,546	2.2	Jul	224,679	2.9
Aug	22,908	6.3	Aug	35,994	4.0	Aug	32,437	2.6	Aug	91,339	4.0	Aug	226,832	2.9
Sep	19,228	0.9	Sep	31,793	-0.0	Sep	29,230	-0.3	Sep	80,251	0.1	Sep	205,595	0.3
Q3	64,716	3.6	Q3	103,543	2.0	Q3	93,877	1.4	Q3	262,136	2.2	Q3	657,106	2.1
3 Qs	173,665	3.2	3 Qs	284,287	1.8	3 Qs	260,996	1.4	3 Qs	718,948	2.0	3 Qs	1,857,958	1.8
Oct	19,556	3.0	Oct	32,609	2.8	Oct	30,431	2.9	Oct	82,596	2.9	Oct	213,532	2.8
Nov	18,300	0.7	Nov	29,534	1.8	Nov	27,922	1.9	Nov	75,756	1.5	Nov	198,361	1.6
Dec	18,566	3.7	Dec	29,201	2.5	Dec	27,502	2.3	Dec	75,269	2.7	Dec	198,881	2.3
Q4	56,422	2.5	Q4	91,344	2.4	Q4	85,855	2.4	Q4	233,621	2.4	Q4	610,774	2.3
2nd Half	121,138	3.1	2nd Half	194,887	2.2	2nd Half	179,732	1.9	2nd Half	495,757	2.3	2nd Half	1,267,880	2.2
Year	230,087	3.0	Year	375,631	1.9	Year	346,851	1.6	Year	952,569	2.1	Year	2,468,732	1.9

Year - 1997														
Rural Interstate			Rural Other Arterial			Other Rural			Total Rural			All Systems		
		%			%			%			%			%
Jan	16,040	3.9	Jan	27,616	3.1	Jan	25,481	2.9	Jan	69,137	3.2	Jan	188,990	2.8
Feb	15,879	5.2	Feb	26,637	4.0	Feb	24,595	3.0	Feb	67,111	3.9	Feb	180,338	2.9
Mar	19,551	5.0	Mar	31,213	4.0	Mar	28,989	3.9	Mar	79,753	4.2	Mar	209,636	3.1
Q1	51,470	4.7	Q1	85,466	3.7	Q1	79,065	3.3	Q1	216,001	3.8	Q1	578,964	2.9
Apr	18,712	-0.4	Apr	30,952	0.8	Apr	29,065	1.5	Apr	78,729	0.8	Apr	206,098	0.8
May	20,566	1.9	May	34,753	1.3	May	31,642	1.3	May	86,961	1.4	May	220,658	0.4
Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-
Q2	39,278	0.8	Q2	65,705	1.1	Q2	60,707	1.4	Q2	165,690	1.1	Q2	426,756	0.6
1st Half	90,748	3.0	1st Half	151,171	2.5	1st Half	139,772	2.5	1st Half	381,691	2.6	1st Half	1,005,720	1.9
Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-
Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-
Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-
Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-
3 Qs	90,748	3.0	3 Qs	151,171	2.5	3 Qs	139,772	2.5	3 Qs	381,691	2.6	3 Qs	1,005,720	1.9
Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-
Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-
Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-
Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-
2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-
Year	90,748	3.0	Year	151,171	2.5	Year	139,772	2.5	Year	381,691	2.6	Year	1,005,720	1.9

* formerly table 9B



Traffic Volume Trends Urban*
Estimated Vehicle Miles (Millions) and Percent Change from Same Period Previous Year
(Includes Preliminary Data for May 1997)

Year - 1996														
Urban Interstate		%	Urban Other Arterial		%	Other Urban		%	Total Urban		%	All Systems		%
Jan	26,377	2.3	Jan	64,590	0.8	Jan	25,957	1.0	Jan	116,924	1.2	Jan	183,910	0.9
Feb	25,403	2.7	Feb	60,613	1.5	Feb	24,661	2.0	Feb	110,677	1.9	Feb	175,269	1.9
Mar	29,422	0.6	Mar	68,953	-0.2	Mar	28,449	0.3	Mar	126,824	0.1	Mar	203,349	0.6
Q1	81,202	1.8	Q1	194,156	0.6	Q1	79,067	1.1	Q1	354,425	1.0	Q1	562,528	1.1
Apr	28,942	3.4	Apr	69,156	2.7	Apr	28,300	3.0	Apr	126,398	2.9	Apr	204,535	2.7
May	31,041	3.6	May	72,631	1.9	May	30,278	3.0	May	133,950	2.5	May	219,698	2.8
Jun	30,008	0.7	Jun	70,121	0.0	Jun	29,138	0.7	Jun	129,267	0.3	Jun	214,091	0.8
Q2	89,991	2.5	Q2	211,908	1.5	Q2	87,716	2.2	Q2	389,615	1.9	Q2	638,324	2.1
1st Half	171,193	2.2	1st Half	406,064	1.1	1st Half	166,783	1.7	1st Half	744,040	1.5	1st Half	1,200,852	1.6
Jul	30,789	3.0	Jul	73,294	3.8	Jul	30,050	2.7	Jul	134,133	3.4	Jul	224,679	2.9
Aug	31,307	2.6	Aug	73,979	2.1	Aug	30,207	2.1	Aug	135,493	2.2	Aug	226,832	2.9
Sep	28,986	1.1	Sep	68,698	0.5	Sep	27,660	-0.3	Sep	125,344	0.5	Sep	205,595	0.3
Q3	91,082	2.3	Q3	215,971	2.1	Q3	87,917	1.5	Q3	394,970	2.0	Q3	657,106	2.1
3 Qs	262,275	2.2	3 Qs	622,035	1.5	3 Qs	254,700	1.6	3 Qs	1,139,010	1.7	3 Qs	1,857,958	1.8
Oct	30,246	2.9	Oct	71,663	2.7	Oct	29,027	2.4	Oct	130,936	2.7	Oct	213,532	2.8
Nov	28,334	2.1	Nov	67,023	1.8	Nov	27,248	1.1	Nov	122,605	1.7	Nov	198,361	1.6
Dec	28,542	2.7	Dec	67,778	2.0	Dec	27,292	1.7	Dec	123,612	2.1	Dec	198,881	2.3
Q4	87,122	2.6	Q4	206,464	2.2	Q4	83,567	1.7	Q4	377,153	2.2	Q4	610,774	2.3
2nd Half	178,204	2.4	2nd Half	422,435	2.1	2nd Half	171,484	1.6	2nd Half	772,123	2.1	2nd Half	1,267,880	2.2
Year	349,397	2.3	Year	828,499	1.6	Year	338,267	1.6	Year	1,516,163	1.8	Year	2,468,732	1.9

Year - 1997														
Urban Interstate		%	Urban Other Arterial		%	Other Urban		%	Total Urban		%	All Systems		%
Jan	27,113	2.8	Jan	66,252	2.6	Jan	26,488	2.0	Jan	119,853	2.5	Jan	188,990	2.8
Feb	26,023	2.4	Feb	62,068	2.4	Feb	25,136	1.9	Feb	113,227	2.3	Feb	180,338	2.9
Mar	30,056	2.2	Mar	70,580	2.4	Mar	29,247	2.8	Mar	129,883	2.4	Mar	209,636	3.1
Q1	83,192	2.5	Q1	198,900	2.4	Q1	80,871	2.3	Q1	362,963	2.4	Q1	578,964	2.9
Apr	29,318	1.3	Apr	69,727	0.8	Apr	28,324	0.1	Apr	127,369	0.8	Apr	206,098	0.8
May	31,169	0.4	May	72,263	-0.5	May	30,265	-0.0	May	133,697	-0.2	May	220,658	0.4
Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-	Jun	0	-
Q2	60,487	0.8	Q2	141,990	0.1	Q2	58,589	0.0	Q2	261,066	0.3	Q2	426,756	0.6
1st Half	143,679	1.8	1st Half	340,890	1.5	1st Half	139,460	1.3	1st Half	624,029	1.5	1st Half	1,005,720	1.9
Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-	Jul	0	-
Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-	Aug	0	-
Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-	Sep	0	-
Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-	Q3	0	-
3 Qs	143,679	1.8	3 Qs	340,890	1.5	3 Qs	139,460	1.3	3 Qs	624,029	1.5	3 Qs	1,005,720	1.9
Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-	Oct	0	-
Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-	Nov	0	-
Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-	Dec	0	-
Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-	Q4	0	-
2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-	2nd Half	0	-
Year	143,679	1.8	Year	340,890	1.5	Year	139,460	1.3	Year	624,029	1.5	Year	1,005,720	1.9

* formerly table 9B

