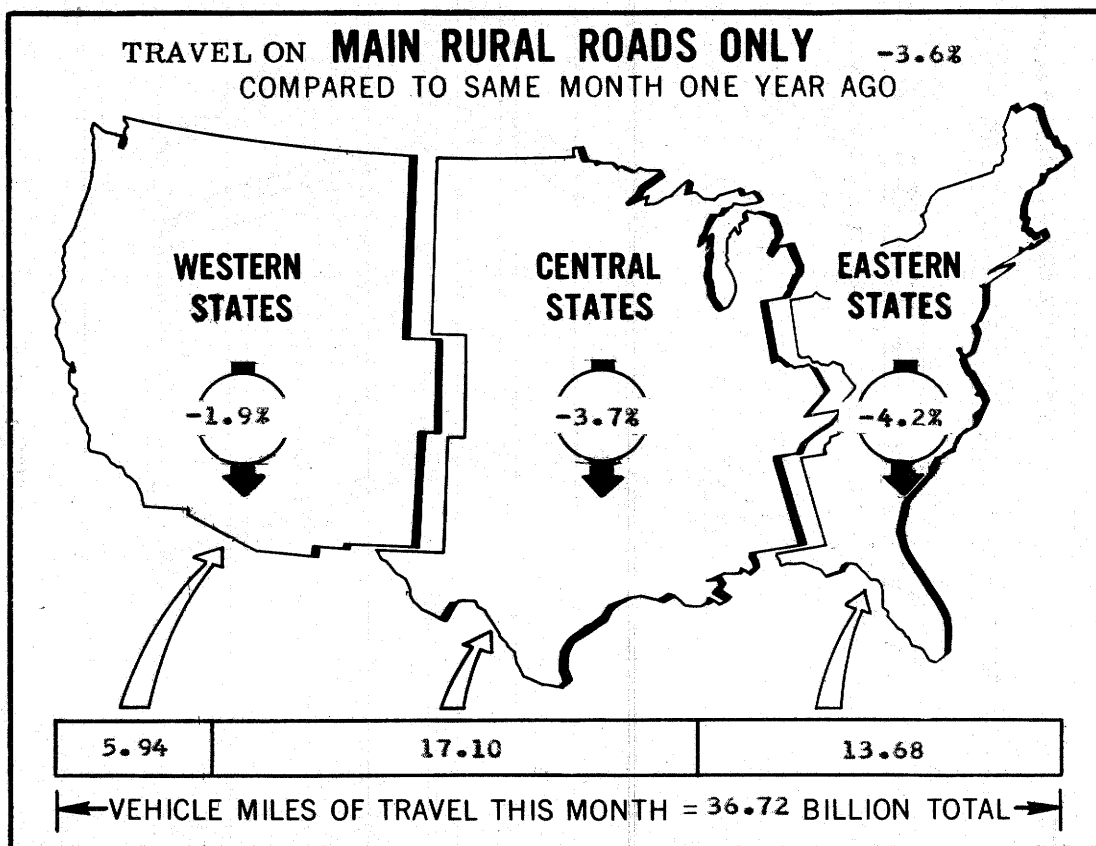


TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

DECEMBER 1973 \downarrow

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** -2.5%
COMPARED TO SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO



$\frac{1}{2}$ ALL DATA FOR THIS MONTH ARE PRELIMINARY, REVISED VALUES FOR PREVIOUS MONTH ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 AND 2

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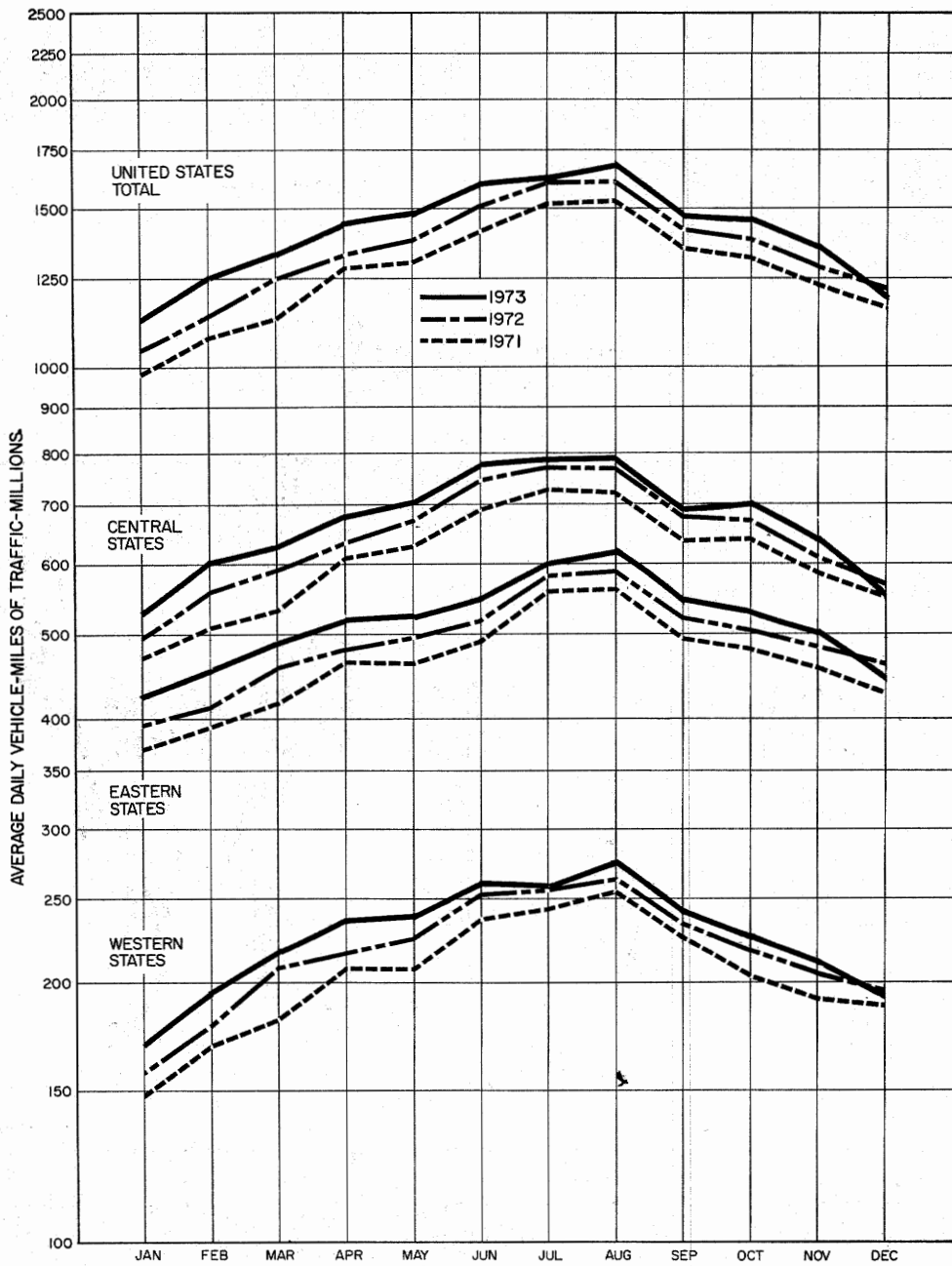


FIGURE 1- TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

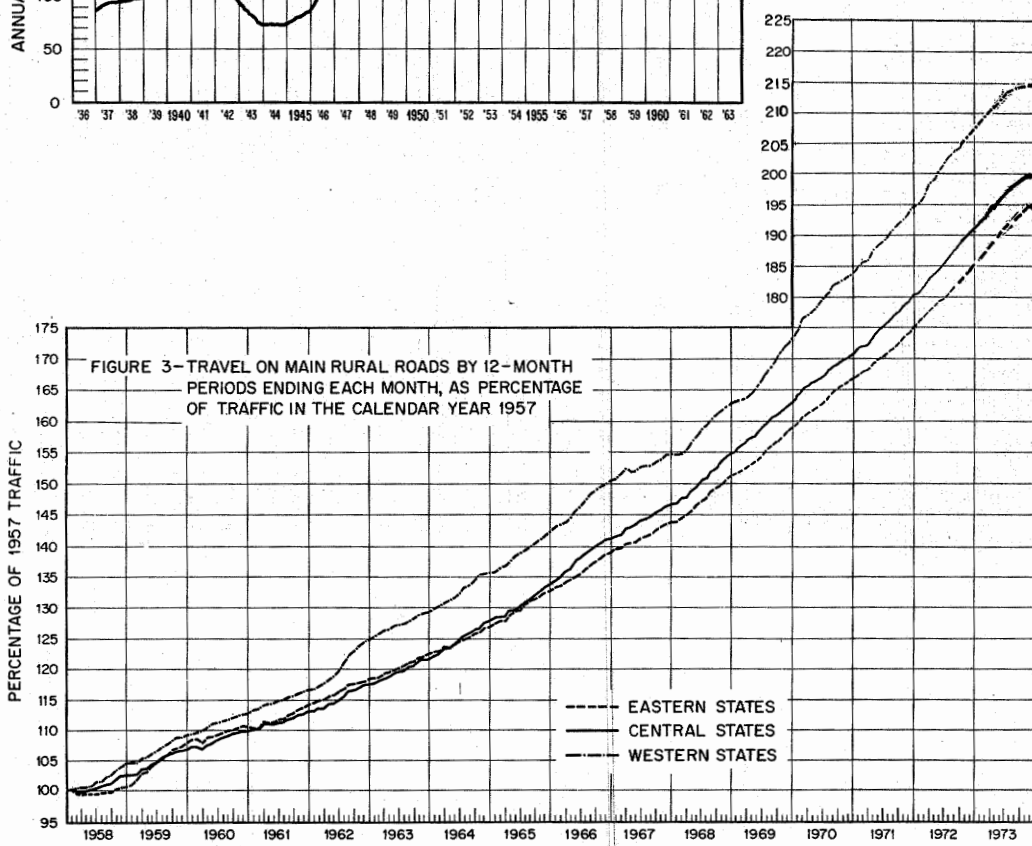
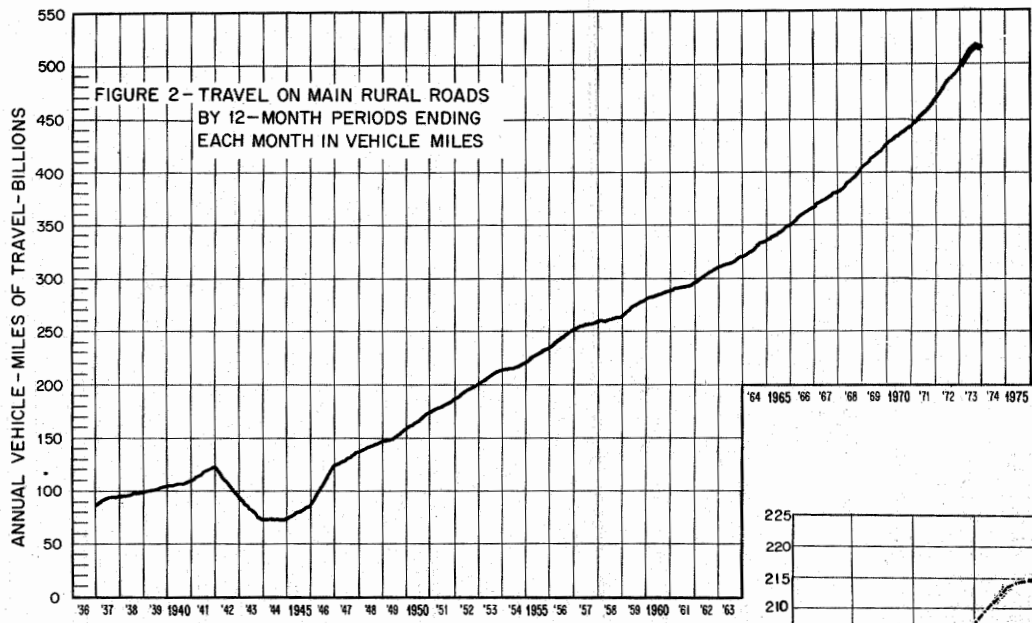


TABLE 1.--SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

| CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES: | PRELIMINARY DATA FOR DECEMBER | | | REVISED DATA FOR NOVEMBER | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| | VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS) | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE | VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS) | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE |
| | 1973 | 1972 | | 1973 | 1972 | |
| MAIN RURAL ROADS..... | 36,883 | 38,236 | -3.5 | 40,807 | 39,062 | 4.5 |
| LOCAL RURAL ROADS..... | ..... | ..... | -3.4 | ..... | ..... | 3.0 |
| ALL RURAL ROADS..... | ..... | ..... | -3.5 | ..... | ..... | 4.1 |
| CITY STREETS..... | ..... | ..... | -1.3 | ..... | ..... | 2.1 |
| ALL ROADS AND STREETS..... | ..... | ..... | -2.5 | ..... | ..... | 3.2 |
| 48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY): | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION..... | 13,683 | 14,284 | -4.2 | 15,087 | 14,520 | 3.9 |
| CENTRAL REGION..... | 17,096 | 17,746 | -3.7 | 19,228 | 18,264 | 5.3 |
| WESTERN REGION..... | 5,940 | 6,056 | -1.9 | 6,340 | 6,140 | 3.2 |
| TOTAL..... | 36,719 | 38,086 | -3.6 | 40,655 | 38,924 | 4.4 |

TABLE 2.--CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL 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 |
| NEW ENGLAND: | | | | | EAST SOUTH CENTRAL: | | | | |
| CONNECTICUT..... | 14 | -4.7 | 16 | 5.4 | ALABAMA..... | 53 | -3.7 | 54 | 7.2 |
| MAINE..... | 21 | -0.2 | 19 | 4.1 | KENTUCKY..... | 37 | -8.2 | 37 | 1.1 |
| MASSACHUSETTS..... | - | - | - | - | MISSISSIPPI..... | 42 | -1.5 | 43 | 4.7 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE..... | 47 | -8.5 | 52 | 0.4 | TENNESSEE..... | - | - | 19 | 6.3 |
| RHODE ISLAND..... | 3 | -10.8 | 4 | -12.7 | WEST NORTH CENTRAL: | | | | |
| VERMONT..... | 41 | -8.4 | 44 | -0.6 | IOWA..... | 32 | -6.0 | 31 | 5.1 |
| MIDDLE ATLANTIC: | | | | | KANSAS..... | 70 | -2.7 | 73 | 7.4 |
| NEW JERSEY..... | - | - | 18 | 3.7 | MINNESOTA..... | 36 | -6.4 | 36 | 1.6 |
| NEW YORK..... | 33 | -8.6 | 33 | 0.8 | MISSOURI..... | 60 | -2.2 | 79 | 6.8 |
| PENNSYLVANIA..... | 48 | -2.6 | 46 | 3.3 | NEBRASKA..... | 20 | -5.6 | 21 | 7.3 |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH): | | | | | NORTH DAKOTA..... | 39 | 2.8 | 39 | 2.1 |
| DELAWARE..... | 12 | -0.8 | 13 | 4.0 | SOUTH DAKOTA..... | 31 | 0.4 | 26 | 1.9 |
| MARYLAND..... | 30 | -7.3 | 34 | 4.6 | WEST SOUTH CENTRAL: | | | | |
| VIRGINIA..... | - | 2.7 | - | 4.8 | ARKANSAS..... | - | - | - | - |
| WEST VIRGINIA..... | 28 | -3.8 | 28 | 4.5 | LOUISIANA..... | - | - | 38 | 4.2 |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH): | | | | | OKLAHOMA..... | - | - | - | - |
| FLORIDA..... | - | - | - | - | TEXAS..... | 112 | 1.4 | 111 | 7.9 |
| GEORGIA..... | 34 | -10.0 | 31 | 6.5 | MOUNTAIN: | | | | |
| NORTH CAROLINA..... | 34 | -8.4 | 35 | 1.4 | ARIZONA..... | 19 | -11.8 | 19 | 4.5 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA..... | 9 | -1.4 | 9 | 9.2 | COLORADO..... | 41 | -3.2 | 39 | 8.8 |
| EAST NORTH CENTRAL: | | | | | IDAHO..... | - | - | 63 | -3.4 |
| ILLINOIS..... | 18 | -7.7 | 19 | 5.1 | MONTANA..... | 25 | 2.6 | 25 | -5.3 |
| INDIANA..... | 25 | -7.7 | 24 | 6.1 | NEVADA..... | 26 | 0.8 | 21 | 3.3 |
| MICHIGAN..... | - | - | 20 | 2.7 | NEW MEXICO..... | - | - | 31 | 6.8 |
| OHIO..... | 20 | -4.9 | 21 | 4.2 | UTAH..... | 45 | 4.2 | 42 | -1.5 |
| WISCONSIN..... | 27 | -3.2 | 41 | 4.2 | WYOMING..... | 36 | -0.7 | 39 | 4.0 |
| ALASKA..... | 14 | 14.4 | 18 | 15.6 | PACIFIC: | | | | |
| HAWAII..... | 1 | 6.5 | 1 | 6.9 | CALIFORNIA..... | 17 | -2.5 | 17 | 7.1 |
| | | | | | OREGON..... | 69 | 5.3 | 79 | -5.0 |
| | | | | | WASHINGTON..... | - | - | 11 | -4.0 |

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 DASH AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IS SHOWN, THE STATES PREPARED TRAFFIC ESTIMATES, GENERALLY BASED ON EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SAMPLING SURVEYS.
 3--WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE FOR A STATE ARE DASHES, THE STATE REPORT HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT TIME OF PRINTING.