



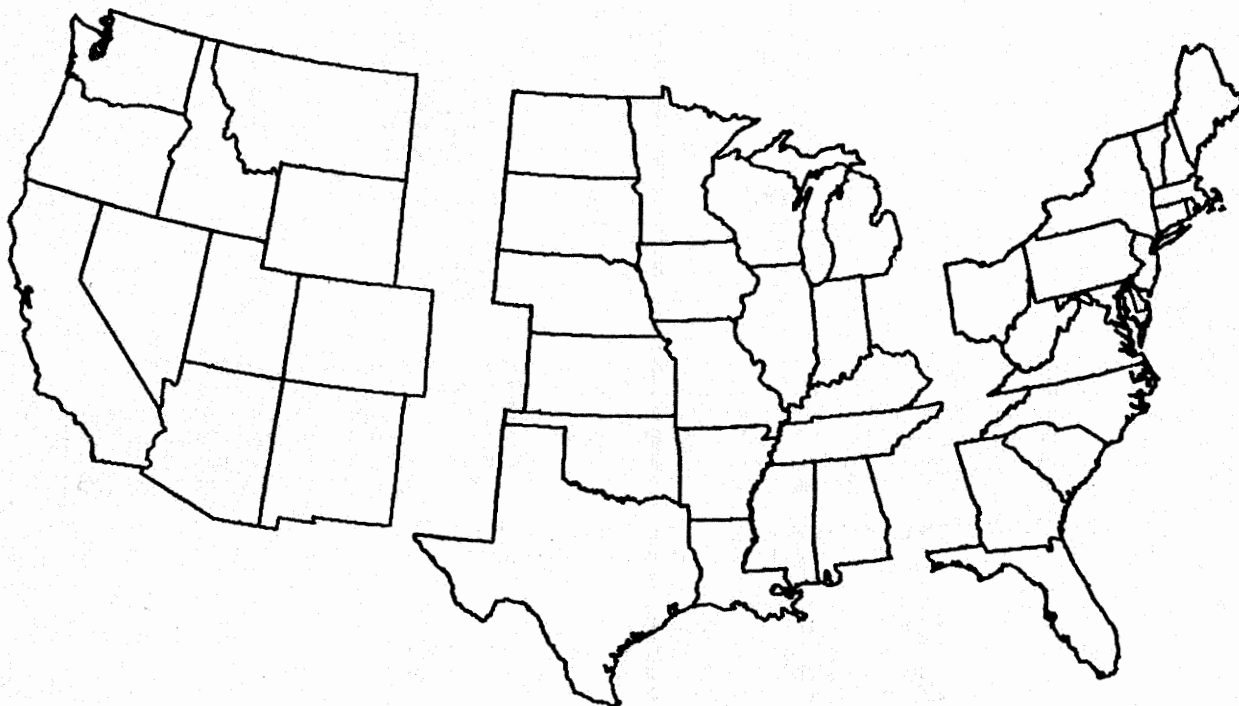
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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

DECEMBER 1988

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**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 3.9 PERCENT
FOR DECEMBER 1988 AS COMPARED TO DECEMBER 1987.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - DECEMBER 1988.

34.1 BILLION

68.5 BILLION

58.1 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+5.0

+4.3

+2.9

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 1987 TABLE VM-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 1989.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - DECEMBER 1988

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING DECEMBER 1988 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 3.9 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO DECEMBER 1987, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 161688 MILLION VEHICLE-MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 64481 MILLION VEHICLE-MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 97207 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.

TRAVEL IN MILLIONS
ALL ROADS AND STREETS

YEAR	DECEMBER	YEAR TO DATE
1970	89911	1120328
1971	95515	1185615
1972	101040	1268362
1973	98856	1308288
1974	105083	1289645
1975	107945	1330075
1976	113030	1409163
1977	116257	1463409
1978	124595	1548212
1979	123226	1529132
1980	124798	1520856
1981	124421	1550270
1982	127139	1592481
1983	129776	1649106
1984	136095	1716768
1985	141584	1774762
1986	149628	1838241
1987	155580	1924327
1988	161688	1991073

"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

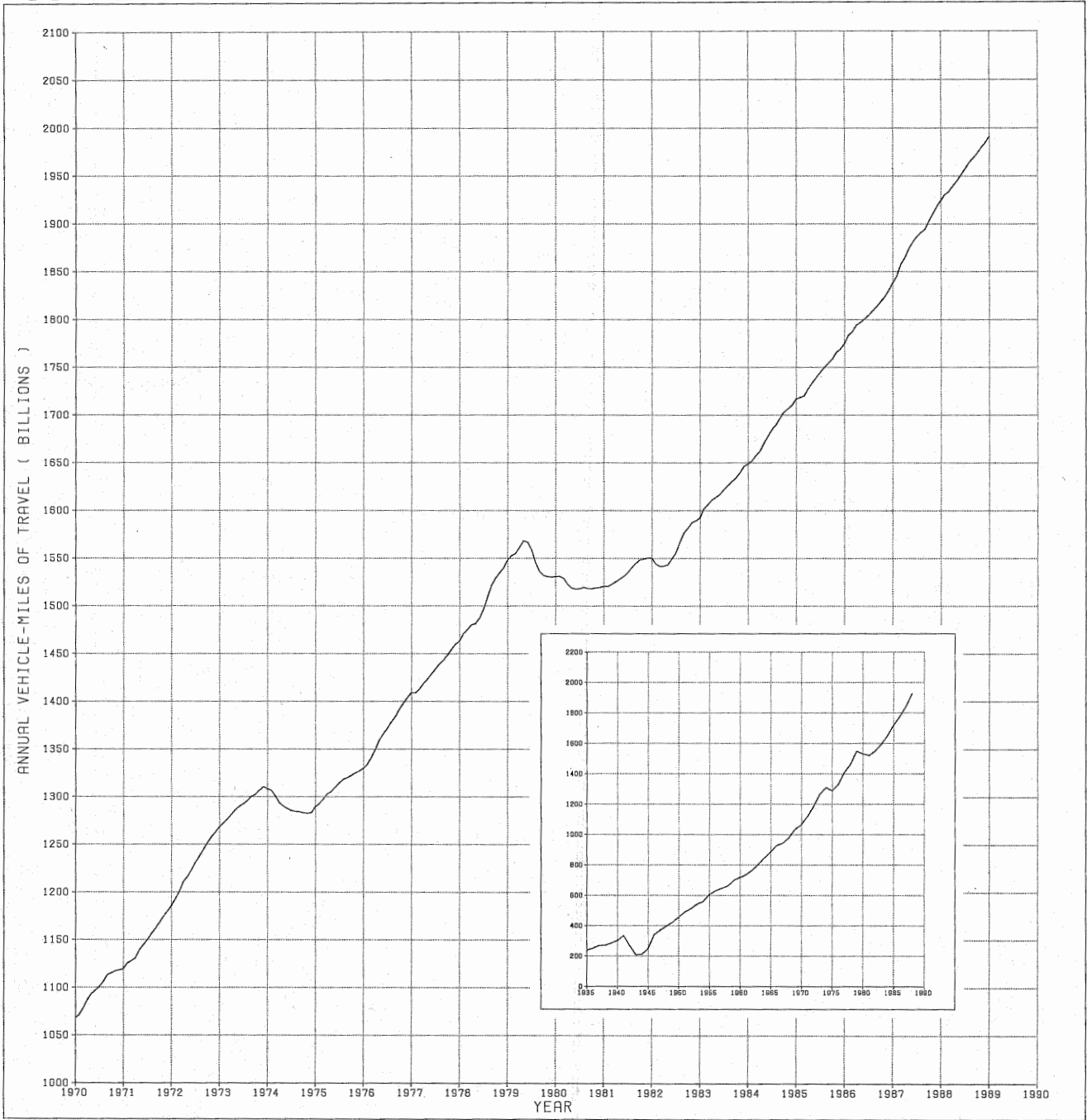


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U S HIGHWAYS BY MONTH

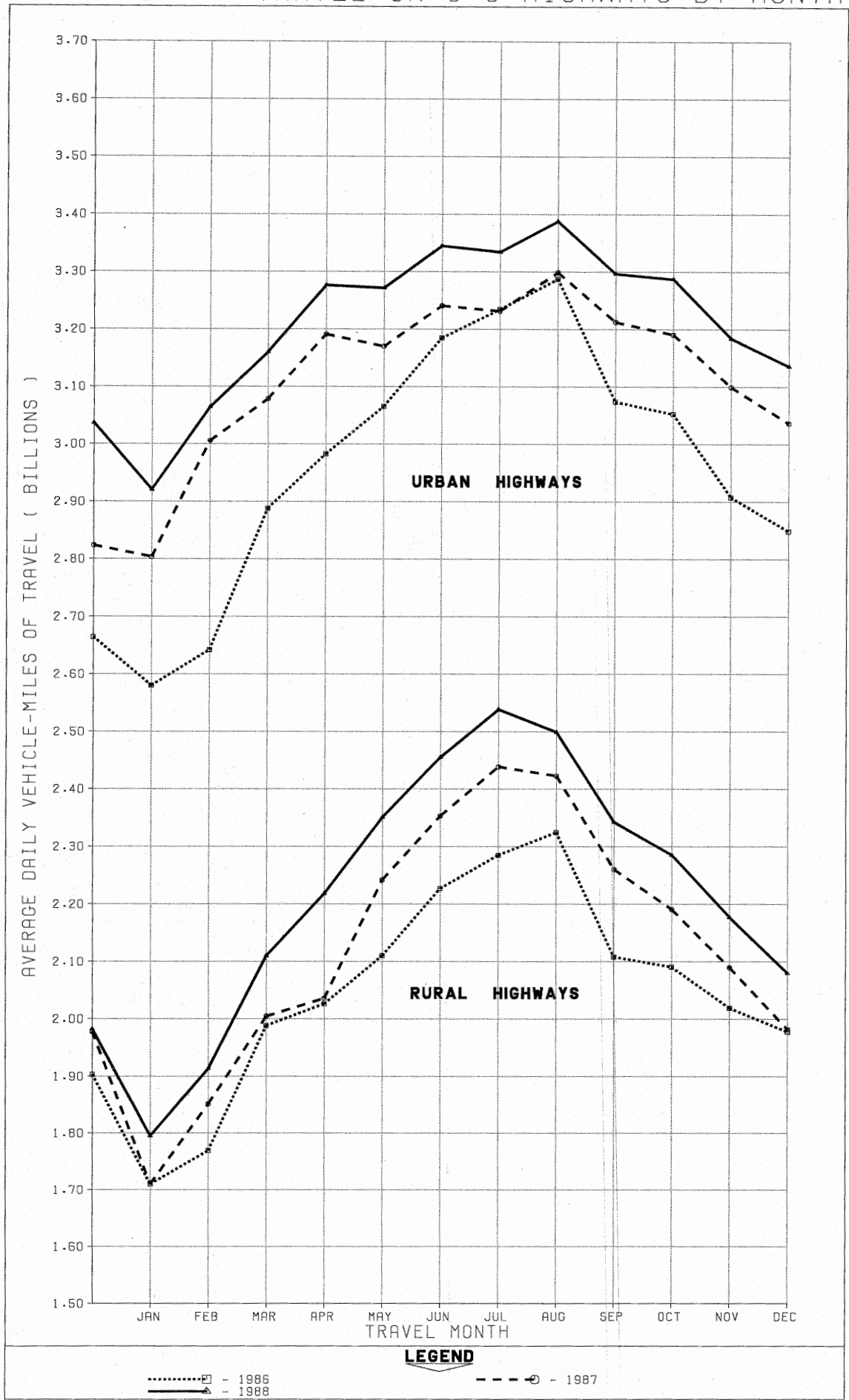


TABLE 1.

ESTIMATED INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES *

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1987 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	31.8	31.0	37.4	38.7	41.6	42.6	46.3	46.2	41.2	41.2	38.2	37.6
OTHER RURAL	21.2	20.8	24.8	25.4	27.9	28.0	29.3	28.9	26.6	26.7	24.5	23.9
URBAN	86.9	84.2	95.4	95.7	98.3	97.2	100.2	102.3	96.4	98.9	93.0	94.1
ALL SYSTEMS	139.9	136.0	157.6	159.8	167.8	167.8	175.8	177.4	164.2	166.8	155.7	155.6
1988 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS***												
RURAL ARTERIAL	33.7	32.3	39.7	40.6	43.9	44.7	48.6	47.8	42.9	43.5	40.1	39.6
OTHER RURAL	21.9	21.3	25.7	26.0	29.0	29.0	30.1	29.7	27.4	27.4	25.2	24.9
URBAN	90.5	85.8	98.0	98.3	101.4	100.4	103.4	105.0	98.9	101.9	95.5	97.2
ALL SYSTEMS	146.2	139.4	163.4	164.8	174.3	174.0	182.1	182.5	169.2	172.7	160.8	161.7
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1988 VS. 1987												
RURAL ARTERIAL	6.0	4.1	6.4	4.9	5.5	4.9	4.9	3.5	4.1	5.4	4.9	5.4
OTHER RURAL	3.4	2.3	3.6	2.3	3.8	3.6	2.9	2.6	2.9	2.6	3.1	4.2
URBAN	4.2	1.9	2.6	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.7	3.3
ALL SYSTEMS	4.5	2.5	3.7	3.1	3.9	3.7	3.6	2.9	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.9

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
1987 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	31.8	62.8	100.2	138.9	180.5	223.1	269.4	315.6	356.8	398.0	436.3	473.8
OTHER RURAL	21.2	42.0	66.8	92.2	120.1	148.0	177.3	206.3	232.9	259.6	284.0	307.9
URBAN	86.9	171.1	266.5	362.2	460.5	557.7	657.9	760.2	856.6	955.5	1048.5	1142.6
ALL SYSTEMS	139.9	275.9	433.5	593.3	761.1	928.9	1104.7	1282.1	1446.2	1613.1	1768.7	1924.3
1988 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS***												
RURAL ARTERIAL	33.7	66.0	105.8	146.3	190.2	234.9	283.5	331.3	374.2	417.6	457.8	497.3
OTHER RURAL	21.9	43.2	68.9	94.8	123.8	152.8	182.9	212.6	240.0	267.4	292.6	317.5
URBAN	90.5	176.3	274.3	372.6	474.0	574.4	677.7	782.7	881.6	983.5	1079.1	1176.3
ALL SYSTEMS	146.2	285.6	448.9	613.8	788.0	962.1	1144.1	1326.6	1495.8	1668.5	1829.4	1991.1
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1988 VS. 1987												
RURAL ARTERIAL	6.0	5.0	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0
OTHER RURAL	3.4	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1
URBAN	4.2	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
ALL SYSTEMS	4.5	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5

* SYSTEM ENTRIES MAY NOT ADD TO GIVE "ALL SYSTEMS" TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

** THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1987 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

*** TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1988 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.

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TABLE 3.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

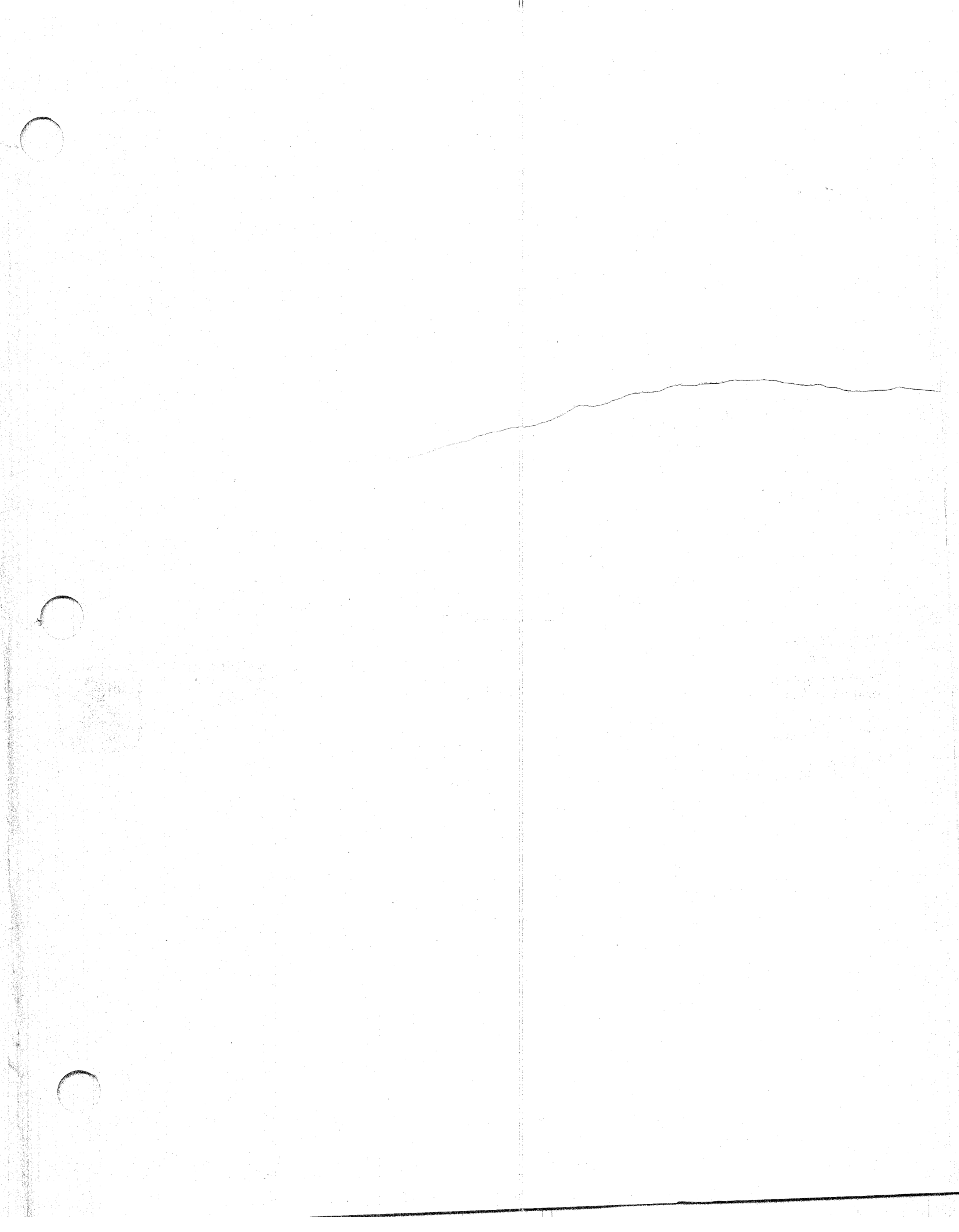
CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR DECEMBER			REVISED DATA FOR NOVEMBER		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1988	1987		1988	1987	
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	39,594	37,568	5.4	40,115	38,236	4.9
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	24,887	23,884	4.2	25,203	24,456	3.1
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	64,481	61,452	4.9	65,318	62,692	4.2
CITY STREETS.....	97,207	94,128	3.3	95,523	92,984	2.7
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	161,688	155,580	3.9	160,841	155,676	3.3
48-STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	13,793	13,080	5.4	13,823	13,034	6.1
CENTRAL REGION.....	18,627	17,635	5.6	18,948	18,197	4.1
WESTERN REGION.....	7,042	6,728	4.7	7,217	6,880	4.9
TOTAL.....	39,462	37,443	5.4	39,988	38,111	4.9

TABLE 4.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL 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.....	10	4.9	9	3.1	ALABAMA.....	48	5.0	48	5.8
MAINE.....	16	10.2	20	8.3	KENTUCKY.....	29	5.7	27	4.1
MASSACHUSETTS.....	11	4.2	10	3.1	MISSISSIPPI.....	10	7.4	11	5.9
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	-	-	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	-	-
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	9	- 2.8	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	28	4.3	27	5.1	IOWA.....	54	7.4	53	4.5
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	58	10.6	60	3.5
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	7	3.9	MINNESOTA.....	42	6.0	40	1.4
NEW YORK.....	-	-	16	6.0	MISSOURI.....	51	8.7	49	4.3
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	34	4.8	NEBRASKA.....	26	6.3	26	2.6
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	30	- 5.1
DELAWARE.....	-	-	18	3.6	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	26	5.9	27	0.4
MARYLAND.....	29	4.2	29	3.9	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	-	-	-	ARKANSAS.....	-	-	15	5.1
WEST VIRGINIA.....	8	6.9	8	6.5	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	33	1.0	34	3.2
FLORIDA.....	41	11.1	33	7.5	TEXAS.....	80	4.1	80	2.6
GEORGIA.....	12	1.6	16	7.8	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	-	-	16	6.0	ARIZONA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	10	3.9	10	8.5	COLORADO.....	-	-	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	56	1.1	55	1.2
ILLINOIS.....	-	-	-	-	MONTANA.....	-	-	33	- 0.1
INDIANA.....	26	4.7	26	3.7	NEVADA.....	15	8.2	15	7.6
MICHIGAN.....	51	7.9	43	4.8	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	-	-
OHIO.....	16	3.9	18	5.1	UTAH.....	45	1.9	47	5.8
WISCONSIN.....	48	6.7	48	6.0	WYOMING.....	39	4.3	39	0.8
ALASKA.....	20	- 1.4	17	- 3.4	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	2	8.6	3	3.2	CALIFORNIA.....	-	6.3	-	5.9
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	40	7.7	-	-

NOTE: 1-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.

2-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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