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HIGHWAY STATISTICS DIVISION

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

APRIL 1985

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 4.2 PERCENT  
FOR APRIL 1985 AS COMPARED TO APRIL 1984.**



**WESTERN**

**CENTRAL**

**EASTERN**

**ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - APRIL 1985.**

**29.9 BILLION**

**63.7 BILLION**

**52.1 BILLION**

**PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR**

**+4.7**

**+4.0**

**+4.2**

**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 JUNE 20, 1985.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - APRIL 1985

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING APRIL 1985 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 4.2 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO APRIL 1984, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 146527 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 62792 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 83735 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.

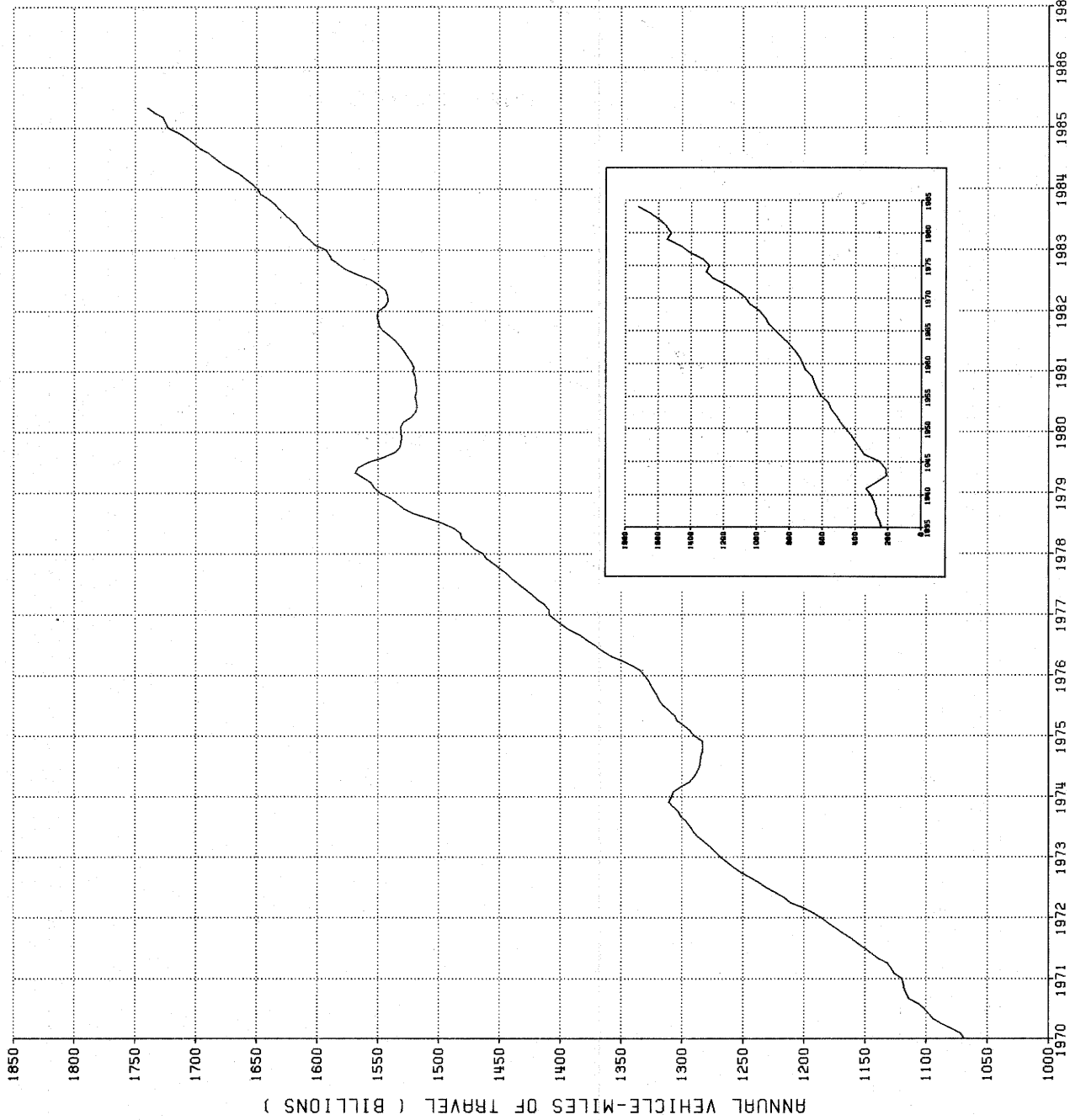
YEAR	TRAVEL IN MILLIONS ALL ROADS AND STREETS	
	APRIL	YEAR TO DATE
1970	89956	337794
1971	98106	356534
1972	103238	386901
1973	108120	404841
1974	104579	386771
1975	107133	402848
1976	117014	432286
1977	121513	446334
1978	122741	464632
1979	129539	484949
1980	125698	474677
1981	128465	482077
1982	129845	475296
1983	132741	496819
1984	140626	519598
1985	146527	536660

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS IS A MONTHLY REPORT PREPARED BY THE TRAVEL MONITORING BRANCH, HIGHWAY STATISTICS DIVISION, 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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SPECIAL NOTE

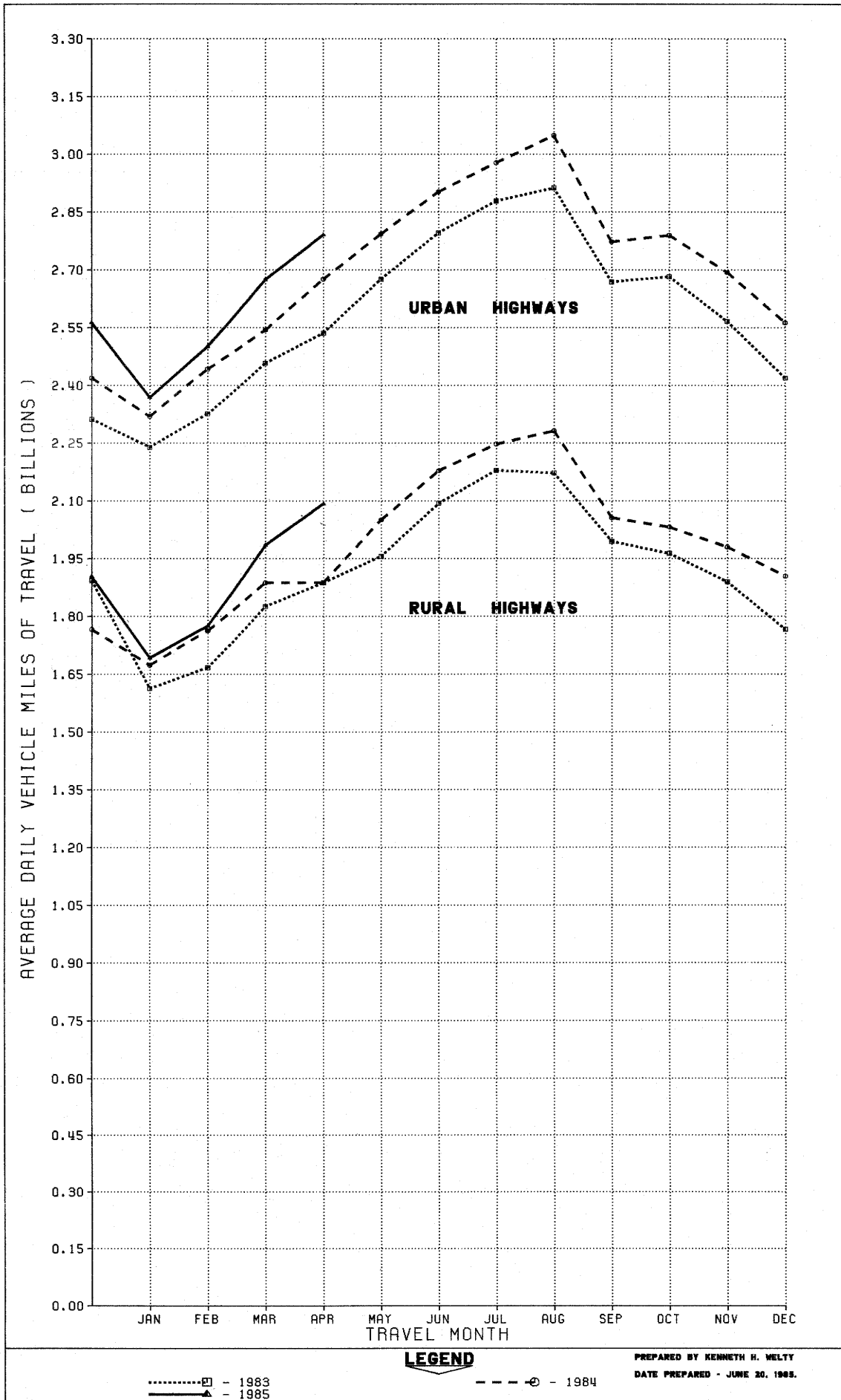
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DATE PREPARED - JUNE 29, 1988  
 PREPARED BY ROBERT H. KELTY

FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12 MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U S HIGHWAYS BY MONTH



.....□ - 1983  
 ———▲ - 1985

**LEGEND**

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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	29.8	28.3	34.4	35.8	38.3	40.3	43.8	44.2	37.3	37.7	35.7	34.7
OTHER RURAL	22.1	21.0	24.1	24.5	25.3	25.1	25.9	26.5	24.4	25.3	23.7	24.3
URBAN	71.9	68.4	78.9	80.3	86.6	87.1	92.3	94.5	83.2	86.5	80.8	79.5
ALL SYSTEMS	123.8	117.8	137.4	140.6	150.2	152.5	162.0	165.3	144.9	149.5	140.2	138.5
1985 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	30.4	28.8	36.5	37.3								
OTHER RURAL	22.1	20.9	25.0	25.5								
URBAN	73.4	70.0	82.9	83.7								
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	119.7	144.5	146.5								
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.8	6.1	4.2								
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.8	3.8	3.9								
URBAN	2.1	2.4	5.2	4.3								
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.7	5.2	4.2								

\* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1984 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.  
\*\* TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1984 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.  
\*\*\* SYSTEM ENTRIES MAY NOT ADD TO TOTAL "ALL SYSTEMS" DUE TO ROUNDING.  
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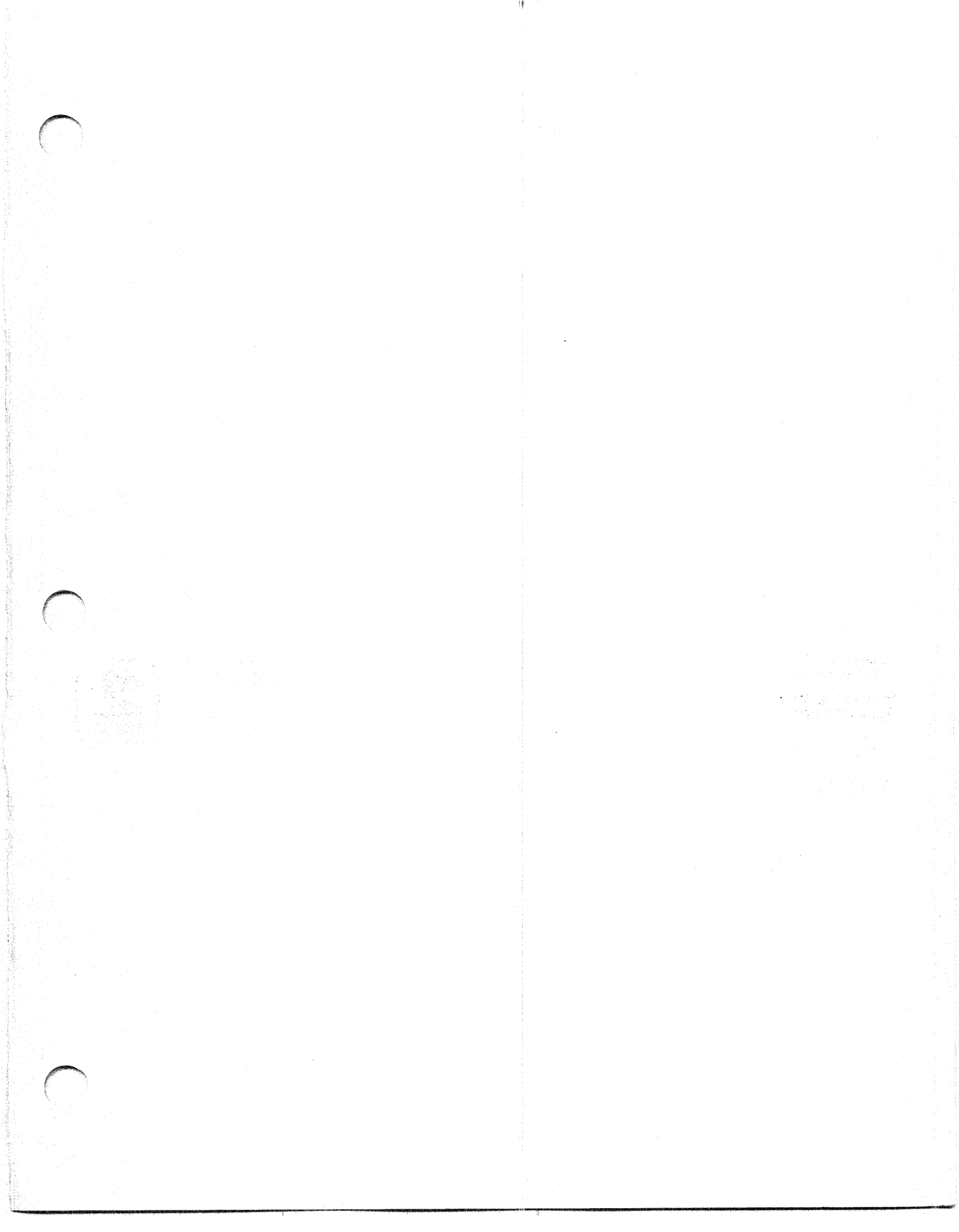
TABLE 2.

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	29.8	58.1	92.5	128.4	166.6	206.9	250.7	294.9	332.2	369.9	405.6	440.4
OTHER RURAL	22.1	43.1	67.2	91.7	117.1	142.1	168.0	194.6	219.0	244.3	267.9	292.2
URBAN	71.9	140.3	219.2	299.5	386.1	473.2	565.5	660.0	743.2	829.7	910.5	990.0
ALL SYSTEMS	123.8	241.6	379.0	519.6	669.8	822.2	984.2	1149.5	1294.4	1443.9	1584.1	1722.6
1985 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	30.4	59.3	95.8	133.1								
OTHER RURAL	22.1	42.9	67.9	93.4								
URBAN	73.4	143.5	226.4	310.1								
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	245.7	390.1	536.7								
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.9	3.5	3.7								
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.5	1.1	1.8								
URBAN	2.1	2.2	3.3	3.6								
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.7	2.9	3.3								

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