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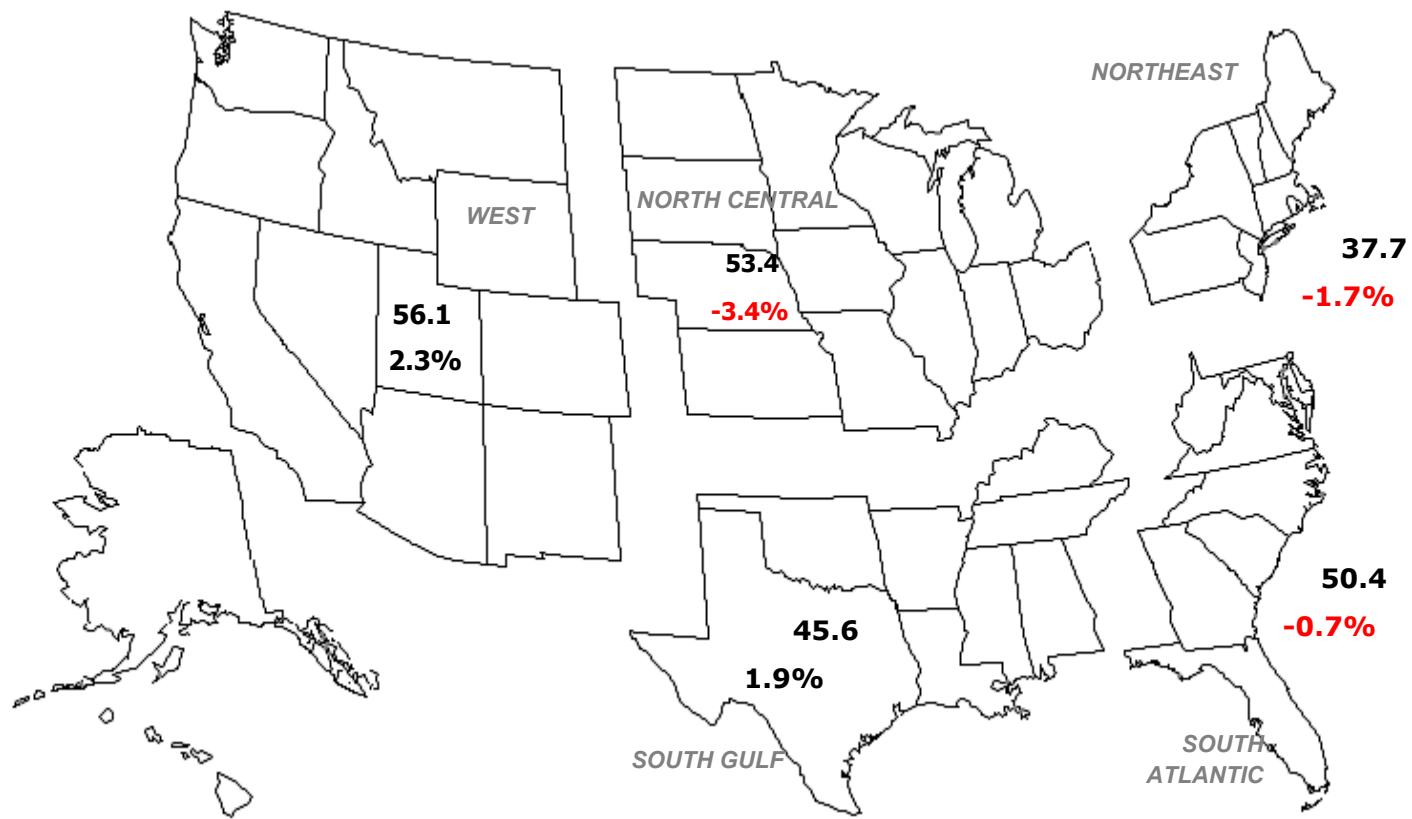
TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

December 2005

Travel on all roads and streets changed by
-0.3 percent for December 2005 as compared
with December 2004. Travel for the month is
estimated to be 243.1 billion vehicle miles.

Cumulative Travel for 2005 changed by **+0.1**
percent. The Cumulative estimate for the year
is 2,966.9 billion vehicle miles of travel.

Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region - December 2005 - (in Billions)
Change in Traffic as compared to 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 2004 Table VM-2 as a base.

Compiled with data on hand as of February 16, 2006.

Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during December 2005 on all roads and streets in the nation changed by **-0.3** percent resulting in estimated travel for the month at **243.1**** billion vehicle-miles.

This total includes **86.3** billion vehicle-miles on rural roads and **156.9** billion vehicle-miles on urban roads and streets.

Cumulative Travel changed by **+0.1** percent.

Note: Annual travel has been adjusted to match the Highway Performance Monitoring System for 2003. While the adjustment to total travel was less than one percent, rural travel declined 5% and urban travel increased 4% because of this adjustment. The larger changes to rural and urban travel are primarily because of the expansion in urban boundaries reflected in the 2000 census. Travel estimates for 2004 and beyond will also reflect this adjustment.

Travel for the current month, the cumulative yearly total, as well as the moving 12-month total on all roads and streets is shown below. Similar totals for each year since 1979 are also included.

Travel in Millions of Vehicle Miles

All Roads and Streets

| Year | December | Year to Date | Moving 12-Month |
|------|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1980 | 124,798 | 1,520,856 | 1,520,856 |
| 1981 | 124,421 | 1,550,269 | 1,550,269 |
| 1982 | 127,139 | 1,592,481 | 1,592,481 |
| 1983 | 129,776 | 1,649,108 | 1,649,108 |
| 1984 | 136,095 | 1,716,770 | 1,716,770 |
| 1985 | 141,584 | 1,774,763 | 1,774,763 |
| 1986 | 149,628 | 1,838,240 | 1,838,240 |
| 1987 | 155,580 | 1,924,328 | 1,924,328 |
| 1988 | 164,798 | 2,025,586 | 2,025,586 |
| 1989 | 167,530 | 2,107,040 | 2,107,040 |
| 1990 | 168,621 | 2,147,501 | 2,147,501 |
| 1991 | 172,782 | 2,172,214 | 2,172,214 |
| 1992 | 180,999 | 2,247,152 | 2,247,152 |
| 1993 | 186,828 | 2,296,705 | 2,296,705 |
| 1994 | 193,087 | 2,357,587 | 2,357,587 |
| 1995 | 193,341 | 2,422,776 | 2,422,776 |
| 1996 | 201,462 | 2,482,201 | 2,482,201 |
| 1997 | 207,322 | 2,560,373 | 2,560,373 |
| 1998 | 216,303 | 2,625,363 | 2,625,363 |
| 1999 | 221,465 | 2,679,459 | 2,679,459 |
| 2000 | 218,436 | 2,746,925 | 2,746,925 |
| 2001 | 229,627 | 2,795,610 | 2,795,610 |
| 2002 | 234,233 | 2,855,508 | 2,855,508 |
| 2003 | 238,617 | 2,890,450 | 2,890,450 |
| 2004 | 243,895 | 2,962,491 | 2,962,491 |
| 2005 | 243,135 | 2,966,895 | 2,966,895 |

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.

Table - 3. Changes on Rural Arterial Roads by Region and State**

| Region and State | December | | | | November | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Number of Stations | Vehicle-Miles (Millions) | | Percent Change | Number of Stations | Vehicle-Miles (Millions) | | Percent Change |
| | | 2005 (Preliminary) | 2004 | | | 2005 (Revised) | 2004 | |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | 4 | 149 | 155 | -4.0 | 5 | 156 | 154 | 1.0 |
| Maine | - | 488 | 498 | -2.0 | - | 484 | 496 | -2.4 |
| Massachusetts | - | 214 | 219 | -2.3 | - | 203 | 207 | -1.7 |
| New Hampshire | 16 | 391 | 401 | -2.4 | 19 | 396 | 405 | -2.3 |
| New Jersey | 5 | 324 | 347 | -6.8 | 6 | 331 | 340 | -2.5 |
| New York | - | 1,605 | 1,610 | -0.3 | - | 1,506 | 1,503 | 0.2 |
| Pennsylvania | 30 | 1,930 | 1,911 | 1.0 | 31 | 2,038 | 2,016 | 1.1 |
| Rhode Island | - | 47 | 50 | -5.4 | - | 50 | 49 | 1.8 |
| Vermont | 23 | 241 | 243 | -1.0 | 23 | 227 | 233 | -2.7 |
| | | 5,389 | 5,434 | -0.8 | | 5,391 | 5,403 | -0.2 |
| South Atlantic | | | | | | | | |
| Delaware | - | 103 | 104 | -0.7 | 21 | 115 | 110 | 4.5 |
| District of Columbia | - | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Florida | 95 | 3,040 | 3,026 | 0.5 | 95 | 2,834 | 2,787 | 1.7 |
| Georgia | 11 | 2,055 | 2,071 | -0.7 | 46 | 2,058 | 2,018 | 2.0 |
| Maryland | 15 | 702 | 719 | -2.4 | 16 | 758 | 747 | 1.5 |
| North Carolina | 15 | 2,137 | 2,135 | 0.1 | 19 | 2,080 | 2,066 | 0.7 |
| South Carolina | 66 | 1,730 | 1,684 | 2.7 | - | 1,725 | 1,697 | 1.6 |
| Virginia | 86 | 1,695 | 1,725 | -1.8 | 86 | 1,843 | 1,823 | 1.1 |
| West Virginia | 16 | 757 | 761 | -0.6 | 15 | 787 | 791 | -0.5 |
| | | 12,219 | 12,225 | 0.0 | | 12,200 | 12,039 | 1.3 |
| North Central | | | | | | | | |
| Illinois | 15 | 1,601 | 1,592 | 0.6 | 13 | 1,521 | 1,436 | 5.9 |
| Indiana | 18 | 1,475 | 1,454 | 1.4 | 19 | 1,480 | 1,474 | 0.4 |
| Iowa | 72 | 1,035 | 1,074 | -3.6 | 72 | 1,073 | 1,081 | -0.7 |
| Kansas | 55 | 780 | 849 | -8.0 | 60 | 839 | 836 | 0.4 |
| Michigan | 55 | 1,438 | 1,493 | -3.7 | 54 | 1,402 | 1,469 | -4.6 |
| Minnesota | 11 | 1,427 | 1,459 | -2.2 | - | 1,438 | 1,475 | -2.5 |
| Missouri | 81 | 1,740 | 1,752 | -0.7 | 81 | 1,689 | 1,664 | 1.5 |
| Nebraska | 31 | 656 | 681 | -3.6 | 32 | 664 | 674 | -1.5 |
| North Dakota | 32 | 260 | 267 | -2.8 | 32 | 259 | 270 | -4.4 |
| Ohio | - | 1,641 | 1,636 | 0.3 | 42 | 1,666 | 1,702 | -2.1 |
| South Dakota | 4 | 331 | 340 | -2.7 | 4 | 339 | 353 | -3.9 |
| Wisconsin | 53 | 1,520 | 1,572 | -3.3 | 60 | 1,592 | 1,636 | -2.7 |
| | | 13,904 | 14,169 | -1.9 | | 13,962 | 14,070 | -0.8 |
| South Gulf | | | | | | | | |
| Alabama | - | 1,346 | 1,337 | 0.7 | - | 1,347 | 1,312 | 2.7 |
| Arkansas | 16 | 1,067 | 1,063 | 0.4 | 17 | 995 | 1,030 | -3.4 |
| Kentucky | 47 | 1,328 | 1,299 | 2.2 | 47 | 1,361 | 1,357 | 0.3 |
| Louisiana | 18 | 1,051 | 967 | 8.6 | 18 | 1,115 | 1,009 | 10.5 |
| Mississippi | 10 | 1,100 | 1,042 | 5.5 | 13 | 1,167 | 1,058 | 10.3 |
| Oklahoma | - | 926 | 957 | -3.3 | - | 1,051 | 1,025 | 2.5 |
| Tennessee | 8 | 1,547 | 1,553 | -0.4 | 11 | 1,453 | 1,450 | 0.1 |
| Texas | - | 4,339 | 4,180 | 3.8 | 56 | 4,443 | 4,271 | 4.0 |
| | | 12,704 | 12,398 | 2.5 | | 12,932 | 12,512 | 3.4 |
| West | | | | | | | | |
| Alaska | - | 85 | 82 | 3.5 | 26 | 83 | 83 | -0.4 |
| Arizona | - | 1,126 | 1,079 | 4.4 | 17 | 1,019 | 972 | 4.9 |
| California | 31 | 5,096 | 4,915 | 3.7 | 23 | 4,649 | 4,492 | 3.5 |
| Colorado | 22 | 835 | 865 | -3.5 | 31 | 861 | 853 | 0.8 |
| Hawaii | 3 | 144 | 151 | -5.0 | - | 135 | 134 | 0.8 |
| Idaho | - | 372 | 380 | -2.2 | - | 397 | 402 | -1.2 |
| Montana | 66 | 451 | 470 | -4.0 | 67 | 467 | 484 | -3.4 |
| Nevada | 21 | 360 | 352 | 2.3 | 21 | 340 | 328 | 3.7 |
| New Mexico | - | 761 | 784 | -3.0 | - | 765 | 736 | 4.0 |
| Oregon | 80 | 824 | 862 | -4.4 | 80 | 862 | 875 | -1.5 |
| Utah | 43 | 426 | 423 | 0.7 | 44 | 425 | 412 | 3.1 |
| Washington | - | 738 | 772 | -4.4 | 67 | 781 | 810 | -3.6 |
| Wyoming | - | 316 | 324 | -2.5 | - | 350 | 352 | -0.6 |
| | | 11,534 | 11,459 | 0.7 | | 11,134 | 10,933 | 1.8 |
| TOTALS | 1,174 | 55,750 | 55,685 | 0.1 | 1,389 | 55,619 | 54,957 | 1.2 |

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

Table - 4. Changes on Urban Arterial Roads by Region and State**

| Region and State | December | | | | November | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Number of Stations | Vehicle-Miles (Millions) | | Percent Change | Number of Stations | Vehicle-Miles (Millions) | | Percent Change |
| | | 2005 (Preliminary) | 2004 | | | 2005 (Revised) | 2004 | |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | 18 | 1,840 | 1,871 | -1.7 | 16 | 1,841 | 1,831 | 0.5 |
| Maine | - | 236 | 239 | -1.4 | - | 215 | 219 | -1.8 |
| Massachusetts | - | 3,230 | 3,288 | -1.8 | - | 3,049 | 3,048 | 0.0 |
| New Hampshire | 17 | 356 | 362 | -1.7 | 14 | 328 | 334 | -1.8 |
| New Jersey | 35 | 4,418 | 4,535 | -2.6 | 41 | 4,473 | 4,423 | 1.1 |
| New York | - | 6,260 | 6,393 | -2.1 | - | 5,829 | 5,775 | 0.9 |
| Pennsylvania | 14 | 4,344 | 4,386 | -1.0 | 14 | 4,248 | 4,229 | 0.4 |
| Rhode Island | - | 492 | 502 | -2.0 | - | 486 | 485 | 0.2 |
| Vermont | 6 | 106 | 106 | -0.8 | 6 | 102 | 105 | -2.2 |
| | | 21,282 | 21,682 | -1.8 | | 20,571 | 20,449 | 0.6 |
| South Atlantic | | | | | | | | |
| Delaware | - | 353 | 359 | -1.7 | 14 | 354 | 357 | -0.7 |
| District of Columbia | - | 215 | 219 | -1.8 | - | 222 | 224 | -0.8 |
| Florida | 103 | 7,268 | 7,277 | -0.1 | 96 | 7,359 | 7,374 | -0.2 |
| Georgia | 22 | 4,428 | 4,421 | 0.2 | 52 | 4,014 | 4,101 | -2.1 |
| Maryland | 22 | 2,822 | 2,924 | -3.5 | 19 | 2,885 | 2,942 | -1.9 |
| North Carolina | 11 | 2,573 | 2,571 | 0.1 | 10 | 2,670 | 2,622 | 1.8 |
| South Carolina | 19 | 1,119 | 1,111 | 0.7 | - | 1,050 | 1,058 | -0.7 |
| Virginia | 109 | 3,185 | 3,200 | -0.5 | 106 | 3,198 | 3,187 | 0.4 |
| West Virginia | 9 | 369 | 384 | -3.9 | 9 | 376 | 385 | -2.4 |
| | | 22,332 | 22,466 | -0.6 | | 22,128 | 22,250 | -0.5 |
| North Central | | | | | | | | |
| Illinois | 12 | 4,801 | 5,030 | -4.6 | 14 | 4,901 | 4,835 | 1.4 |
| Indiana | 13 | 2,364 | 2,399 | -1.5 | 14 | 2,134 | 2,100 | 1.6 |
| Iowa | 29 | 739 | 777 | -4.8 | 29 | 756 | 771 | -1.9 |
| Kansas | 14 | 927 | 965 | -3.9 | 15 | 922 | 930 | -0.8 |
| Michigan | 58 | 4,505 | 4,713 | -4.4 | 54 | 4,184 | 4,435 | -5.7 |
| Minnesota | 4 | 1,848 | 1,900 | -2.7 | - | 1,881 | 1,921 | -2.1 |
| Missouri | 56 | 2,357 | 2,466 | -4.4 | 56 | 2,168 | 2,216 | -2.2 |
| Nebraska | 9 | 485 | 511 | -5.0 | 9 | 476 | 494 | -3.6 |
| North Dakota | 8 | 114 | 118 | -2.7 | 8 | 112 | 117 | -4.1 |
| Ohio | - | 4,359 | 4,429 | -1.6 | 81 | 4,389 | 4,438 | -1.1 |
| South Dakota | 3 | 145 | 152 | -5.0 | 3 | 136 | 144 | -5.3 |
| Wisconsin | 31 | 1,760 | 1,817 | -3.1 | 34 | 1,690 | 1,708 | -1.1 |
| | | 24,404 | 25,277 | -3.5 | | 23,749 | 24,109 | -1.5 |
| South Gulf | | | | | | | | |
| Alabama | - | 1,608 | 1,604 | 0.3 | - | 1,582 | 1,575 | 0.5 |
| Arkansas | 7 | 878 | 836 | 5.0 | 7 | 764 | 751 | 1.7 |
| Kentucky | 17 | 1,342 | 1,303 | 3.0 | 17 | 1,295 | 1,284 | 0.9 |
| Louisiana | 12 | 1,610 | 1,532 | 5.1 | 10 | 1,650 | 1,486 | 11.1 |
| Mississippi | 3 | 863 | 859 | 0.5 | 5 | 921 | 853 | 7.9 |
| Oklahoma | - | 1,519 | 1,514 | 0.3 | - | 1,560 | 1,522 | 2.5 |
| Tennessee | 4 | 2,635 | 2,580 | 2.1 | 4 | 2,550 | 2,446 | 4.2 |
| Texas | - | 10,339 | 9,877 | 4.7 | 24 | 10,238 | 10,001 | 2.4 |
| | | 20,794 | 20,105 | 3.4 | | 20,560 | 19,918 | 3.2 |
| West | | | | | | | | |
| Alaska | - | 144 | 137 | 5.1 | 40 | 136 | 137 | -0.7 |
| Arizona | - | 2,671 | 2,498 | 7.0 | 1 | 2,385 | 2,306 | 3.5 |
| California | 35 | 20,834 | 19,811 | 5.2 | 31 | 21,785 | 21,398 | 1.8 |
| Colorado | 4 | 2,104 | 2,168 | -3.0 | 5 | 1,877 | 1,818 | 3.3 |
| Hawaii | 9 | 437 | 452 | -3.3 | - | 398 | 392 | 1.3 |
| Idaho | - | 354 | 356 | -0.7 | - | 349 | 351 | -0.7 |
| Montana | - | 152 | 158 | -3.9 | - | 145 | 150 | -3.0 |
| Nevada | 16 | 891 | 867 | 2.8 | 15 | 847 | 817 | 3.7 |
| New Mexico | - | 654 | 677 | -3.4 | - | 590 | 574 | 2.8 |
| Oregon | 19 | 1,158 | 1,187 | -2.4 | 18 | 1,135 | 1,139 | -0.3 |
| Utah | 30 | 974 | 973 | 0.2 | 28 | 971 | 961 | 1.0 |
| Washington | - | 2,434 | 2,491 | -2.3 | 42 | 2,437 | 2,480 | -1.8 |
| Wyoming | - | 114 | 117 | -2.8 | - | 100 | 99 | 0.9 |
| | | 32,921 | 31,892 | 3.2 | | 33,155 | 32,622 | 1.6 |
| TOTALS | 778 | 121,733 | 121,422 | 0.3 | 961 | 120,163 | 119,348 | 0.7 |

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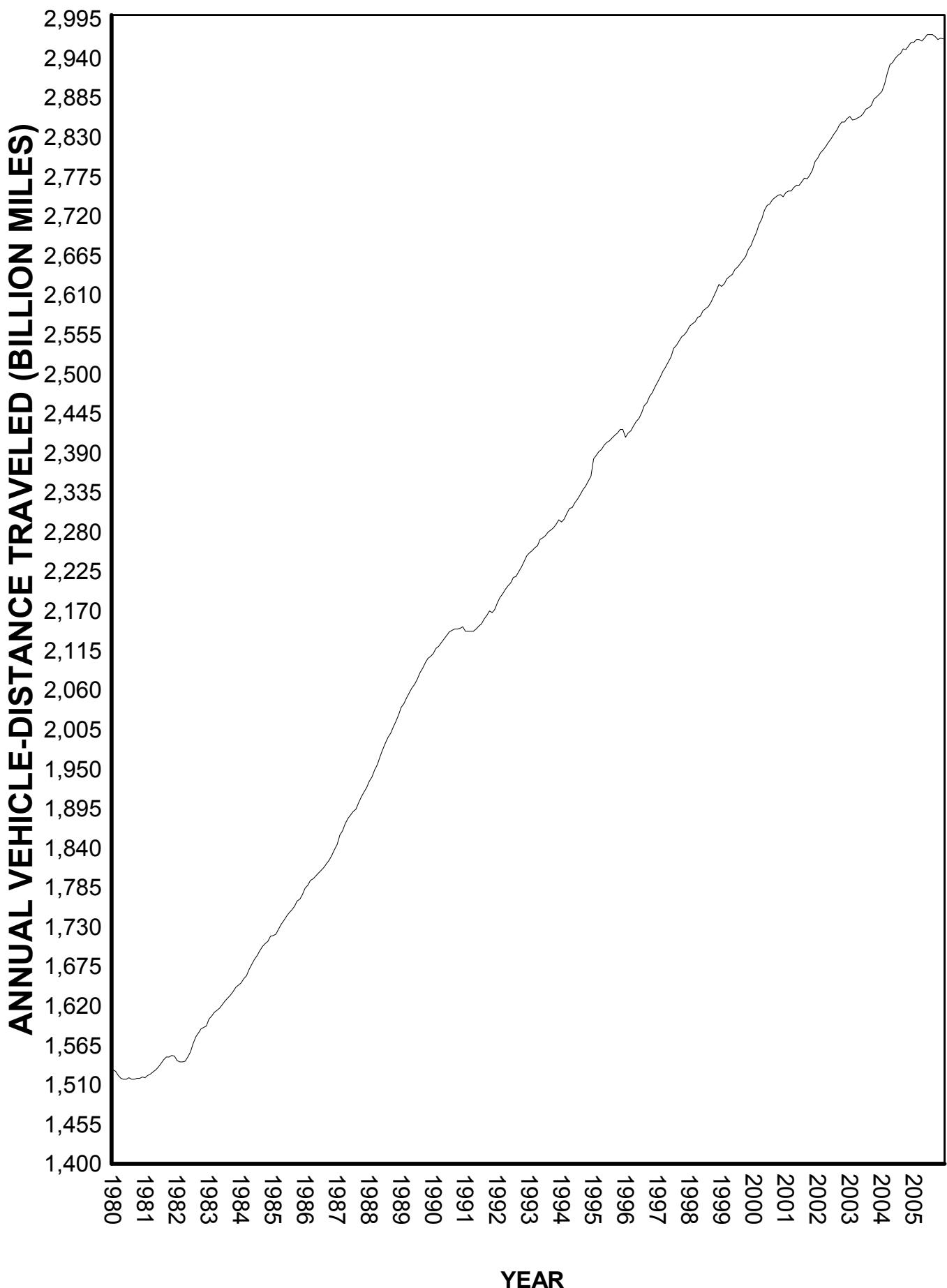
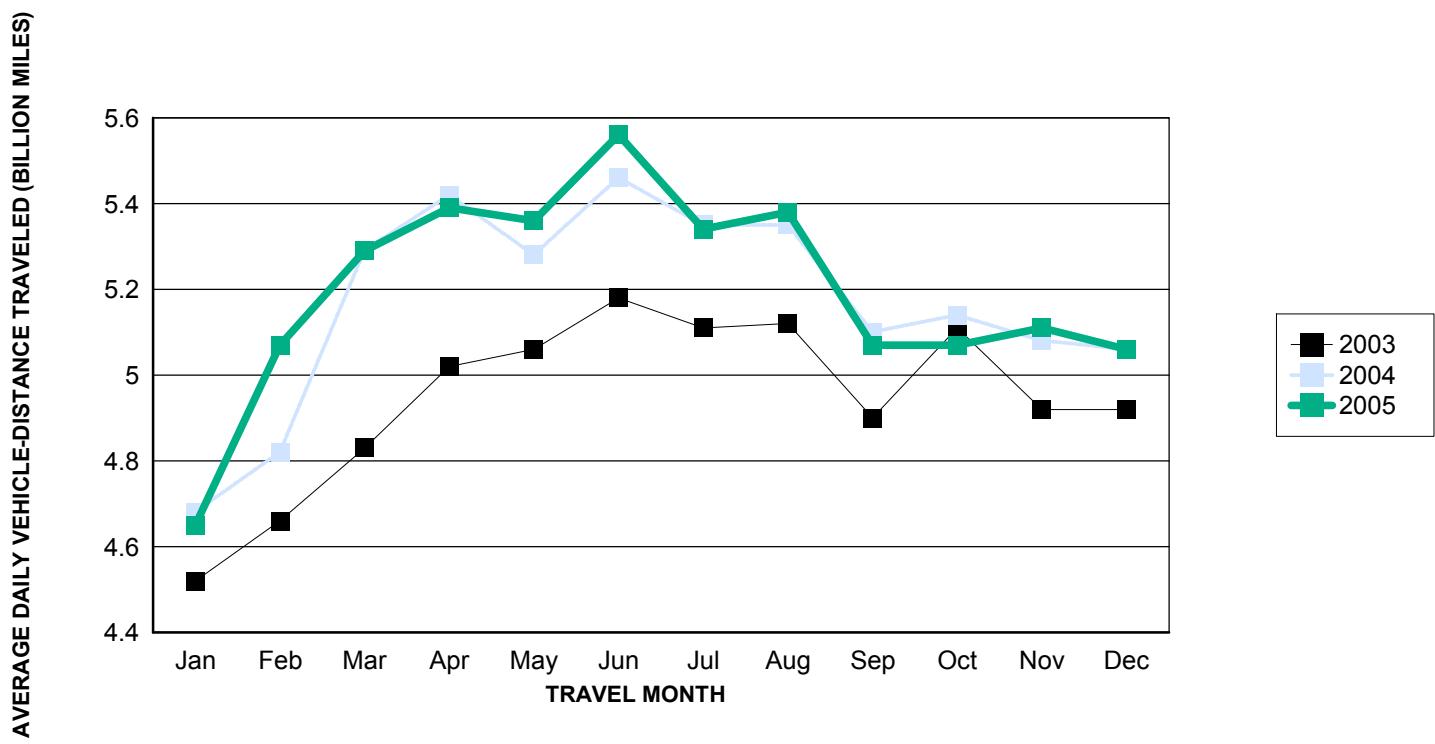
Figure - 1. Moving 12-Month Total on ALL Roads

Figure - 2. Travel on U.S. Highways by Month

Urban Highways



Rural Highways

