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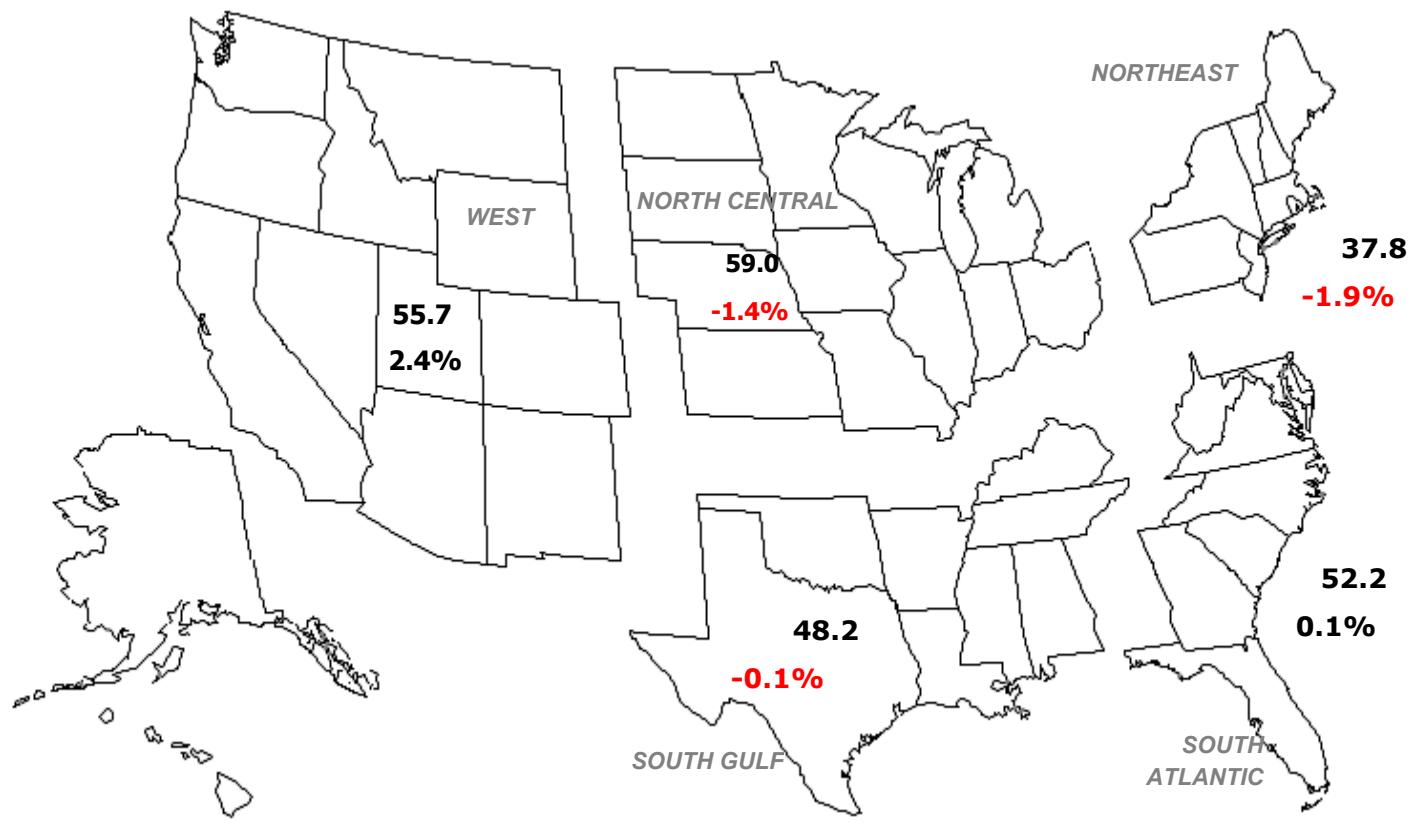
TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

May 2004

Travel on all roads and streets changed by **-0.1** percent for May 2004 as compared with May 2003. Travel for the month is estimated to be 252.9 billion vehicle miles.

Cumulative Travel for 2004 changed by **2.3** percent. The Cumulative estimate for the year is 1,172.4 billion vehicle miles of travel.

Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region - May 2004 - (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 2002 Table VM-2 as a base.

Compiled with data on hand as of July 16, 2004.

Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during May 2004 on all roads and streets in the nation changed by **-0.1** percent resulting in estimated travel for the month at **252.9**** billion vehicle-miles.

This total includes **102.6** billion vehicle-miles on rural roads and **150.3** billion vehicle-miles on urban roads and streets.

Cumulative Travel changed by **2.3** percent.

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			
All Roads and Streets			
Year	May	Year to Date	Moving 12-Month
1979	132,394	617,344	1,566,497,586
1980	131,269	605,946	1,517,735,231
1981	134,305	616,382	1,531,292,061
1982	140,283	615,579	1,549,465,699
1983	143,619	640,438	1,617,340,158
1984	151,046	669,693	1,678,362,517
1985	156,726	692,273	1,739,350,296
1986	160,459	718,443	1,800,932,686
1987	167,776	761,065	1,880,862,270
1988	178,042	803,309	1,966,571,674
1989	184,823	840,616	2,062,892,784
1990	189,247	864,210	2,130,634,292
1991	191,929	861,783	2,145,073,911
1992	196,725	894,428	2,204,858,249
1993	205,981	917,111	2,269,835,330
1994	206,594	933,949	2,313,542,762
1995	212,586	976,916	2,400,554,589
1996	218,676	988,128	2,433,987,023
1997	226,082	1,023,401	2,517,474,292
1998	227,899	1,044,079	2,581,050,804
1999	230,786	1,057,611	2,638,894,936
2000	242,556	1,105,944	2,727,791,628
2001	246,014	1,121,694	2,762,674,975
2002	252,681	1,149,008	2,824,601,046
2003	253,097	1,145,817	2,853,159,750
2004	252,887	1,172,445	2,905,197,614

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.

** System entries may not add to give "All Systems" total due to rounding for Page 2 to 8.

Table - 1. Estimated Individual Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel in the United States**

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2003 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel in Billions												
Rural Interstate	20.2	18.8	22.8	23.1	25.1	25.2	27.9	27.6	23.1	24.7	23.2	23.1
Rural Other Arterial	31.7	29.5	35.3	35.8	39.0	39.0	41.7	41.1	36.5	38.8	34.7	35.0
Other Rural	30.6	28.2	34.8	34.4	38.1	37.5	39.3	38.1	35.0	37.2	33.1	32.6
Urban Interstate	32.0	29.5	33.8	34.2	36.1	36.0	36.1	36.6	34.1	35.8	33.8	34.9
Urban Other Arterial	72.5	68.1	77.9	78.1	81.0	80.9	82.0	82.5	75.7	82.7	77.3	78.6
Other Urban	29.6	27.6	31.9	32.2	33.8	33.3	34.3	33.8	31.6	33.9	31.4	33.3
All Systems	216.6	201.7	236.5	237.8	253.1	251.9	261.2	259.6	236.0	253.1	233.4	237.6
2004 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel in Billions												
Rural Interstate	20.6	19.9	23.8	24.4	25.4							
Rural Other Arterial	32.1	30.9	36.9	37.2	39.0							
Other Rural	30.7	29.1	36.4	35.2	38.1							
Urban Interstate	32.0	30.5	35.5	35.4	36.5							
Urban Other Arterial	72.5	70.1	80.9	79.9	80.0							
Other Urban	29.7	28.5	33.6	33.5	33.8							
All Systems	217.7	209.0	247.2	245.7	252.9							
Percent Change In Individual Monthly Travel 2003 vs. 2004												
Rural Interstate	2.0	5.9	4.4	5.6	1.2							
Rural Other Arterial	1.3	4.7	4.5	3.9	0.0							
Other Rural	0.3	3.2	4.6	2.3	0.0							
Urban Interstate	0.0	3.4	5.0	3.5	1.1							
Urban Other Arterial	0.0	2.9	3.9	2.3	-1.2							
Other Urban	0.3	3.3	5.3	4.0	0.0							
All Systems	0.5	3.6	4.5	3.3	-0.1							

Table - 2. Estimated Cumulative Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel in the United States**

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2003 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel in Billions												
Rural Interstate	20.2	39.1	61.9	85.0	110.1	135.3	163.2	190.8	213.9	238.6	261.8	284.9
Rural Other Arterial	31.7	61.2	96.6	132.3	171.3	210.3	252.0	293.1	329.6	368.4	403.1	438.1
Other Rural	30.6	58.8	93.5	127.9	166.0	203.5	242.7	280.8	315.8	353.0	386.1	418.7
Urban Interstate	32.0	61.5	95.3	129.6	165.6	201.6	237.7	274.3	308.4	344.1	377.9	412.8
Urban Other Arterial	72.5	140.7	218.5	296.6	377.7	458.5	540.6	623.1	698.8	781.6	858.8	937.4
Other Urban	29.6	57.2	89.1	121.3	155.1	188.4	222.7	256.4	288.0	321.9	353.3	386.6
All Systems	216.6	418.4	654.9	892.7	1145.8	1397.7	1658.9	1918.5	2154.5	2407.6	2641.0	2878.6
2004 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel in Billions												
Rural Interstate	20.6	40.5	64.2	88.6	114.1							
Rural Other Arterial	32.1	63.0	99.9	137.1	176.1							
Other Rural	30.7	59.9	96.3	131.5	169.6							
Urban Interstate	32.0	62.5	98.0	133.4	170.0							
Urban Other Arterial	72.5	142.6	223.5	303.5	383.5							
Other Urban	29.7	58.3	91.9	125.4	159.2							
All Systems	217.7	426.7	673.9	919.6	1172.4							
Percent Change In Cumulative Monthly Travel 2003 vs. 2004												
Rural Interstate	2.0	3.6	3.7	4.2	3.6							
Rural Other Arterial	1.3	2.9	3.4	3.6	2.8							
Other Rural	0.3	1.9	3.0	2.8	2.2							
Urban Interstate	0.0	1.6	2.8	2.9	2.7							
Urban Other Arterial	0.0	1.4	2.3	2.3	1.5							
Other Urban	0.3	1.9	3.1	3.4	2.6							
All Systems	0.5	2.0	2.9	3.0	2.3							

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
		2004 (Preliminary)	2003			2004 (Revised)	2003	
Northeast								
Connecticut	4	179	172	3.7	4	162	155	3.9
Maine	-	516	544	-5.1	-	529	510	3.7
Massachusetts	-	509	549	-7.4	3	555	537	3.3
New Hampshire	-	369	390	-5.2	40	389	373	4.4
New Jersey	11	815	791	3.1	8	824	802	2.8
New York	-	1,705	1,703	0.1	24	1,514	1,450	4.4
Pennsylvania	31	2,729	2,702	1.0	31	2,557	2,518	1.6
Rhode Island	3	64	67	-5.6	3	62	61	0.9
Vermont	23	252	253	-0.3	23	233	224	3.8
		7,138	7,171	-0.5		6,825	6,630	2.9
South Atlantic								
Delaware	22	240	221	8.4	22	210	197	6.9
District of Columbia	-	0	0	0.0	-	0	0	0.0
Florida	-	2,756	2,755	0.0	90	2,978	2,813	5.9
Georgia	12	2,425	2,446	-0.8	11	2,654	2,549	4.1
Maryland	20	1,090	1,046	4.1	23	991	964	2.8
North Carolina	22	2,276	2,233	1.9	20	2,218	2,134	3.9
South Carolina	-	1,920	1,913	0.4	62	1,923	1,791	7.4
Virginia	83	2,286	2,222	2.9	85	2,093	2,004	4.5
West Virginia	11	761	752	1.2	12	788	750	5.1
		13,754	13,588	1.2		13,855	13,202	4.9
North Central								
Illinois	5	2,054	2,016	1.9	8	1,804	1,701	6.0
Indiana	14	1,738	1,726	0.7	13	1,723	1,659	3.9
Iowa	67	1,226	1,222	0.3	67	1,154	1,090	5.9
Kansas	58	960	979	-2.0	59	897	872	2.8
Michigan	51	2,006	2,068	-3.0	73	1,923	1,832	5.0
Minnesota	-	1,541	1,549	-0.5	12	1,454	1,375	5.7
Missouri	70	2,071	2,049	1.1	70	1,619	1,563	3.6
Nebraska	32	817	801	2.0	31	748	694	7.8
North Dakota	29	317	318	-0.4	29	317	295	7.6
Ohio	49	2,127	2,135	-0.4	51	2,041	1,998	2.2
South Dakota	31	429	435	-1.4	31	399	390	2.5
Wisconsin	-	2,047	2,061	-0.7	-	1,820	1,727	5.4
		17,333	17,359	-0.1		15,899	15,196	4.6
South Gulf								
Alabama	52	1,518	1,501	1.1	52	1,524	1,462	4.2
Arkansas	-	1,141	1,138	0.3	-	1,030	989	4.1
Kentucky	53	1,400	1,423	-1.6	60	1,327	1,303	1.8
Louisiana	-	1,173	1,176	-0.3	-	1,118	1,080	3.5
Mississippi	35	1,229	1,232	-0.3	39	1,229	1,192	3.1
Oklahoma	38	1,244	1,241	0.2	7	1,192	1,158	2.9
Tennessee	6	1,875	1,854	1.1	9	1,804	1,700	6.1
Texas	50	4,357	4,376	-0.4	50	4,351	4,180	4.1
		13,937	13,941	0.0		13,575	13,064	3.9
West								
Alaska	-	146	140	4.5	27	109	110	-0.8
Arizona	-	1,049	1,009	4.0	-	1,034	966	7.1
California	33	4,510	4,323	4.3	30	4,206	3,945	6.6
Colorado	18	1,092	1,095	-0.2	19	1,005	1,013	-0.7
Hawaii	2	144	141	1.6	1	136	130	4.1
Idaho	-	464	463	0.1	-	432	407	6.1
Montana	67	539	542	-0.4	65	485	463	4.7
Nevada	-	403	388	3.9	-	335	313	7.0
New Mexico	-	803	808	-0.5	-	770	747	3.1
Oregon	-	1,108	1,061	4.4	72	998	933	7.0
Utah	41	615	613	0.4	42	586	549	6.8
Washington	-	1,060	1,048	1.1	-	991	928	6.9
Wyoming	75	399	395	1.0	76	351	335	4.6
		12,332	12,026	2.5		11,438	10,839	5.5
TOTALS	1,118	64,494	64,085	0.6	1,454	61,592	58,931	4.5

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

Table - 4. Changes on Urban 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
		2004 (Preliminary)	2003			2004 (Revised)	2003	
Northeast								
Connecticut	14	1,943	1,946	-0.1	16	1,872	1,818	3.0
Maine	-	213	235	-9.5	-	225	220	2.3
Massachusetts	14	2,730	2,969	-8.0	16	2,890	2,826	2.3
New Hampshire	-	346	373	-7.0	21	358	349	2.6
New Jersey	37	3,821	3,835	-0.4	33	3,613	3,615	-0.1
New York	-	6,205	6,396	-3.0	29	6,004	5,855	2.6
Pennsylvania	17	3,881	3,969	-2.2	17	3,715	3,735	-0.5
Rhode Island	4	553	572	-3.2	4	500	510	-2.0
Vermont	5	109	110	-0.7	4	105	102	2.3
	19,801	20,405	-3.0		19,282	19,030	1.3	
South Atlantic								
Delaware	17	337	330	2.2	15	309	303	2.1
District of Columbia	-	245	242	1.2	-	229	224	2.5
Florida	-	6,880	6,959	-1.1	65	7,150	6,889	3.8
Georgia	14	3,823	3,844	-0.5	14	3,993	3,865	3.3
Maryland	16	2,824	2,814	0.4	22	2,663	2,624	1.5
North Carolina	17	2,767	2,846	-2.8	16	2,679	2,654	0.9
South Carolina	-	1,202	1,224	-1.8	15	1,247	1,210	3.1
Virginia	106	3,230	3,174	1.8	106	3,145	3,050	3.1
West Virginia	5	387	386	0.1	4	379	375	1.1
	21,695	21,819	-0.6		21,794	21,194	2.8	
North Central								
Illinois	11	5,141	5,317	-3.3	10	5,000	4,899	2.1
Indiana	14	2,307	2,375	-2.9	13	2,388	2,365	1.0
Iowa	29	756	773	-2.3	29	748	731	2.3
Kansas	6	857	864	-0.8	7	877	852	2.9
Michigan	40	4,231	4,347	-2.7	45	4,284	4,225	1.4
Minnesota	-	1,852	1,874	-1.2	6	1,854	1,816	2.1
Missouri	54	2,251	2,334	-3.5	53	2,005	1,997	0.4
Nebraska	10	465	490	-5.1	10	479	466	2.9
North Dakota	10	117	117	0.0	10	115	110	4.8
Ohio	74	4,242	4,264	-0.5	78	4,034	4,017	0.4
South Dakota	6	154	153	0.5	6	126	119	5.8
Wisconsin	-	1,485	1,541	-3.6	-	1,552	1,527	1.7
	23,858	24,449	-2.4		23,462	23,124	1.5	
South Gulf								
Alabama	22	1,612	1,641	-1.7	24	1,645	1,621	1.5
Arkansas	-	788	789	-0.1	-	763	747	2.2
Kentucky	39	1,408	1,415	-0.6	38	1,378	1,351	2.0
Louisiana	-	1,429	1,443	-1.0	-	1,389	1,371	1.3
Mississippi	15	664	695	-4.5	15	687	688	-0.2
Oklahoma	17	1,434	1,464	-2.1	-	1,397	1,366	2.3
Tennessee	4	2,673	2,496	7.1	6	2,612	2,451	6.6
Texas	29	10,164	10,213	-0.5	27	9,990	9,817	1.8
	20,172	20,156	0.1		19,861	19,412	2.3	
West								
Alaska	-	190	185	3.1	38	172	171	0.5
Arizona	-	2,396	2,327	2.9	-	2,519	2,394	5.2
California	33	19,357	18,784	3.0	33	19,381	18,396	5.4
Colorado	4	1,917	1,856	3.3	4	1,878	1,854	1.3
Hawaii	4	342	336	1.8	5	356	340	4.8
Idaho	-	347	349	-0.6	-	350	340	2.7
Montana	-	149	150	-0.5	-	151	145	4.2
Nevada	-	919	893	2.9	-	876	833	5.1
New Mexico	-	559	557	0.3	-	544	534	1.8
Oregon	-	1,124	1,090	3.1	15	1,060	1,020	3.9
Utah	26	925	931	-0.7	27	962	948	1.5
Washington	-	2,705	2,723	-0.7	-	2,585	2,489	3.9
Wyoming	30	118	117	0.8	31	112	109	3.2
	31,048	30,298	2.5		30,946	29,573	4.6	
TOTALS	743	116,574	117,127	-0.5	927	115,345	112,333	2.7

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

Table - 5. Changes on ALL* Estimated Roads by Region and State**

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Region and State	May				April			
	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change
		2004 (Preliminary)	2003			2004 (Revised)	2003	
Northeast								
Connecticut	20	2,749	2,744	0.2	22	2,633	2,555	3.1
Maine	-	1,221	1,291	-5.4	-	1,220	1,184	3.0
Massachusetts	14	4,184	4,539	-7.8	19	4,405	4,301	2.4
New Hampshire	-	1,002	1,061	-5.5	66	1,042	1,007	3.5
New Jersey	52	6,077	6,052	0.4	44	5,812	5,759	0.9
New York	-	11,555	11,779	-1.9	59	10,844	10,533	3.0
Pennsylvania	63	9,010	9,042	-0.4	63	8,627	8,548	0.9
Rhode Island	10	717	744	-3.5	10	655	666	-1.7
Vermont	33	1,317	1,323	-0.4	32	567	551	2.8
	37,832	38,575	-1.9			35,805	35,104	2.0
South Atlantic								
Delaware	63	859	821	4.6	61	770	737	4.5
District of Columbia	-	323	319	1.4	-	301	292	3.1
Florida	-	15,173	15,265	-0.6	162	15,839	15,188	4.3
Georgia	41	9,500	9,520	-0.2	38	9,738	9,401	3.6
Maryland	38	4,897	4,824	1.5	47	4,565	4,479	1.9
North Carolina	64	8,123	8,251	-1.5	60	7,900	7,769	1.7
South Carolina	-	4,338	4,361	-0.5	84	4,393	4,176	5.2
Virginia	205	7,191	6,985	2.9	207	6,863	6,570	4.5
West Virginia	24	1,755	1,750	0.3	22	1,736	1,691	2.7
	52,159	52,096	0.1			52,105	50,303	3.6
North Central								
Illinois	16	9,788	9,955	-1.7	18	9,193	8,909	3.2
Indiana	38	6,467	6,621	-2.3	34	6,494	6,322	2.7
Iowa	119	2,812	2,862	-1.8	119	2,675	2,569	4.1
Kansas	74	2,512	2,539	-1.1	76	2,399	2,337	2.6
Michigan	97	8,451	8,706	-2.9	124	8,346	8,129	2.7
Minnesota	-	4,767	4,853	-1.8	22	4,611	4,515	2.1
Missouri	137	6,227	6,324	-1.5	136	5,430	5,362	1.3
Nebraska	52	1,672	1,686	-0.8	51	1,603	1,521	5.4
North Dakota	43	644	656	-1.8	43	636	600	6.0
Ohio	137	9,745	9,599	1.5	143	9,222	8,892	3.7
South Dakota	45	791	802	-1.4	45	704	680	3.5
Wisconsin	-	5,117	5,226	-2.1	-	4,976	4,814	3.4
	58,993	59,829	-1.4			56,289	54,650	3.0
South Gulf								
Alabama	83	5,020	5,047	-0.6	84	5,158	5,039	2.4
Arkansas	-	2,695	2,692	0.1	-	2,509	2,440	2.8
Kentucky	120	4,261	4,325	-1.5	128	4,047	4,015	0.8
Louisiana	-	3,786	3,805	-0.5	-	3,642	3,559	2.3
Mississippi	55	3,270	3,287	-0.5	59	3,287	3,215	2.2
Oklahoma	62	4,057	4,074	-0.4	9	3,873	3,786	2.3
Tennessee	13	6,096	5,884	3.6	19	5,936	5,670	4.7
Texas	95	19,017	19,112	-0.5	94	18,813	18,346	2.5
	48,202	48,226	0.0			47,265	46,070	2.6
West								
Alaska	-	516	498	3.5	73	437	436	0.4
Arizona	-	4,744	4,599	3.2	-	4,835	4,574	5.7
California	66	28,911	27,991	3.3	63	28,583	27,073	5.6
Colorado	22	3,840	3,765	2.0	23	3,666	3,645	0.6
Hawaii	6	744	731	1.7	6	752	719	4.6
Idaho	-	1,235	1,238	-0.2	-	1,188	1,137	4.4
Montana	78	952	957	-0.5	76	928	891	4.2
Nevada	-	1,713	1,661	3.2	-	1,556	1,474	5.6
New Mexico	-	2,024	2,026	-0.1	-	1,916	1,870	2.5
Oregon	-	3,182	3,072	3.6	91	2,841	2,688	5.7
Utah	71	2,125	2,131	-0.3	74	2,148	2,069	3.8
Washington	-	4,926	4,926	0.0	-	4,662	4,437	5.1
Wyoming	134	789	777	1.6	136	711	691	3.0
	55,701	54,372	2.4			54,223	51,704	4.9
TOTALS	2,190	252,887	253,097	-0.1	2,742	245,685	237,828	3.3

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.

* All Estimated roads include travel from Table 3 and 4 plus remaining roads and streets.

Table - 6. Estimated Rural Vehicle Miles (Millions) and Percent Change from Same Period Previous Year**

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

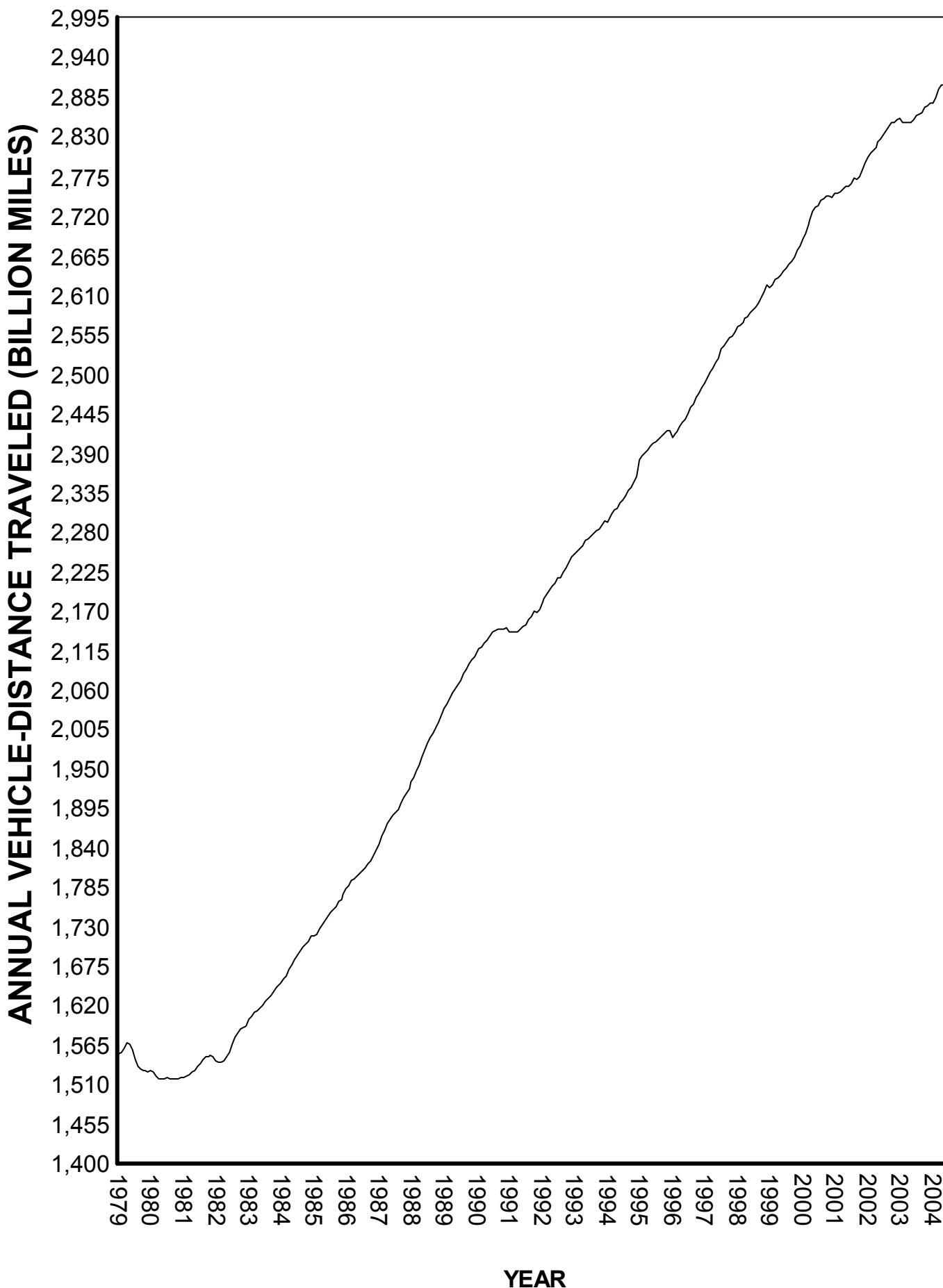
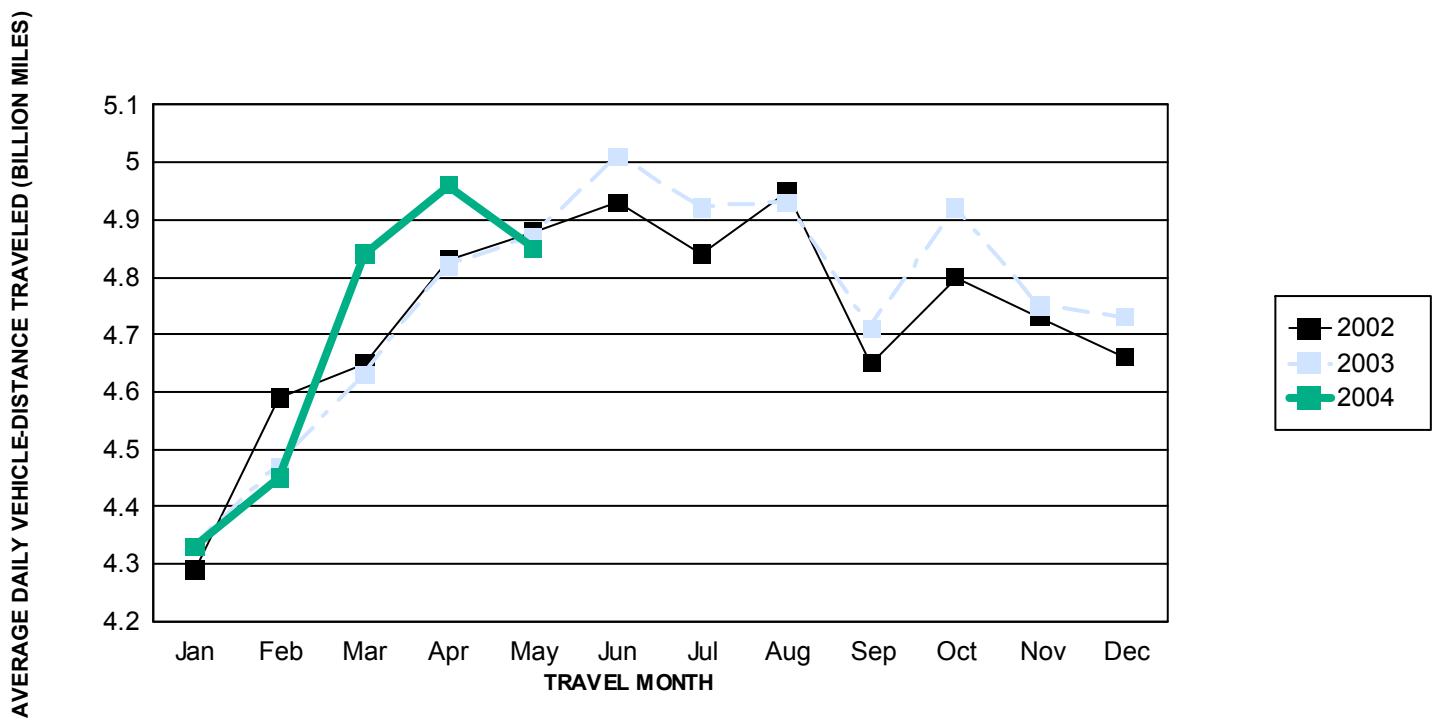


Figure - 2. Travel on U.S. Highways by Month

Urban Highways



Rural Highways

