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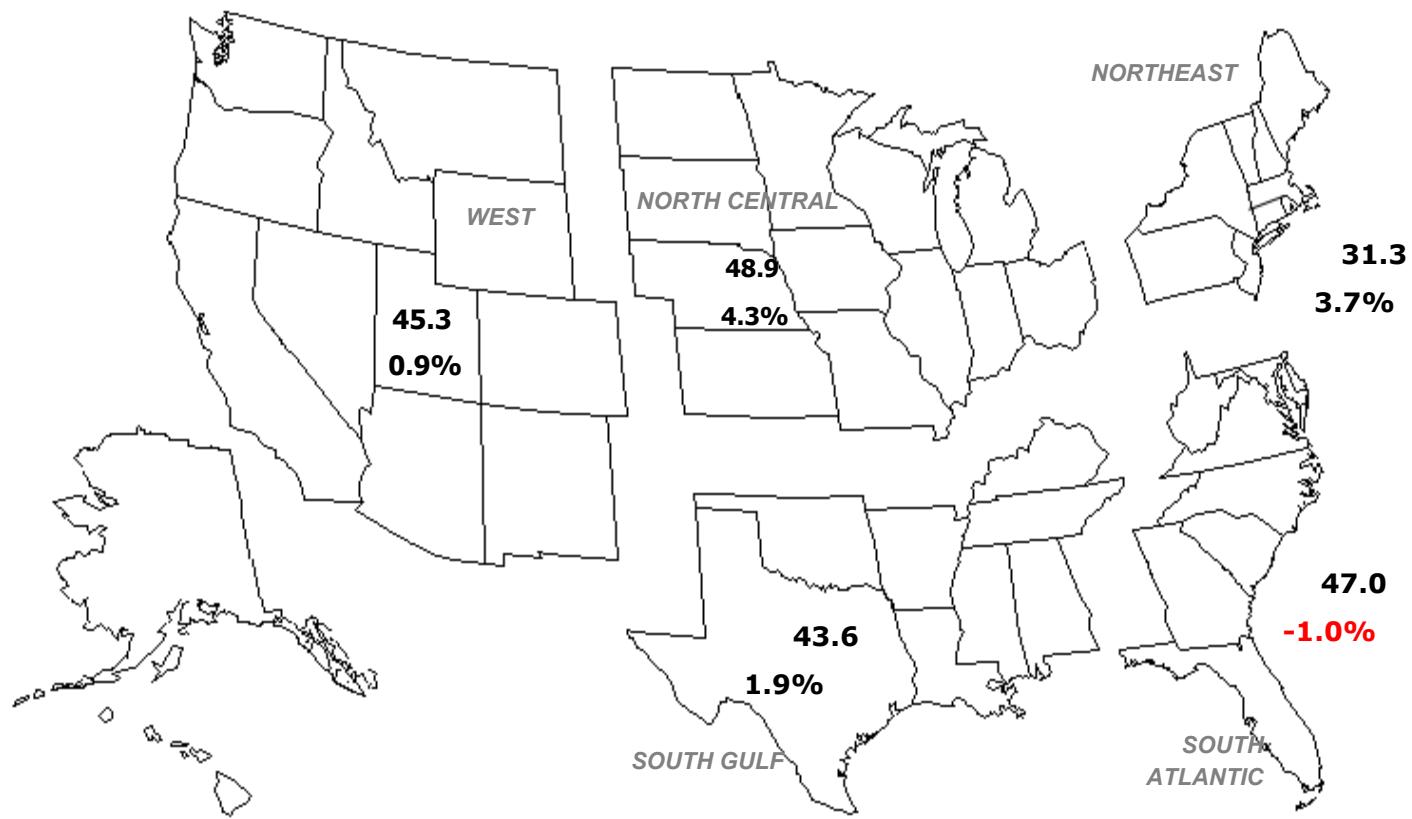
TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

February 2012

Travel on all roads and streets changed by **+1.8%** (3.9 billion vehicle miles) for February 2012 as compared with February 2011. Travel for the month is estimated to be 216.1 billion vehicle miles.

Cumulative Travel for 2012 changed by **+1.7%** (7.4 billion vehicle miles). The Cumulative estimate for the year is 440.9 billion vehicle miles of travel.

Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region - February 2012 - (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 2010 Table VM-2 as a base.

Compiled with data on hand as of April 12, 2012.

Some historical data were revised based on HPMS and amended TTV data as of December 2009.

For information on total licensed drivers in the U.S. visit <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hss/hsspubs.htm>.

Select the year of interest then Section III (Driver Licensing).

For information on total registered motor vehicles in the U.S., visit <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hss/hsspubs.htm>

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Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during February 2012 on all roads and streets in the nation changed by **+1.8** percent (3.9 billion vehicle miles) resulting in estimated travel for the month at **216.1**** billion vehicle-miles.

This total includes **68.5** billion vehicle-miles on rural roads and **147.5** billion vehicle-miles on urban roads and streets.

Cumulative Travel changed by **+1.7** percent (7.4 billion vehicle miles).

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 1987 are also included.

Travel in Millions of Vehicle Miles

All Roads and Streets

Year	February	Year to Date	Moving 12-Month
1987	135,996	275,914	1,857,631
1988	141,748	290,627	1,939,041
1989	146,732	306,482	2,041,441
1990	153,559	317,159	2,117,716
1991	153,351	311,240	2,141,582
1992	160,204	327,856	2,188,830
1993	162,844	334,524	2,253,820
1994	166,444	335,758	2,297,939
1995	171,053	364,891	2,386,720
1996	176,562	360,027	2,417,911
1997	183,950	374,076	2,496,251
1998	187,167	384,037	2,570,334
1999	191,485	385,067	2,626,392
2000	199,261	402,703	2,697,095
2001	200,876	410,562	2,754,784
2002	208,237	423,452	2,808,501
2003	203,677	422,211	2,854,268
2004	213,709	436,159	2,904,170
2005	219,970	444,042	2,972,672
2006	220,730	454,032	2,999,419
2007	219,221	453,020	3,013,360
2008	221,728	455,197	3,033,301
2009	218,031	442,871	2,964,202
2010	210,931	431,071	2,944,963
2011	212,221	433,534	2,968,949
2012	216,096	440,900	2,938,020

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. Because of the limited sample sizes, caution should be used with these estimates. The Highway Performance Monitoring System provides more accurate information on an annual basis.

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

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

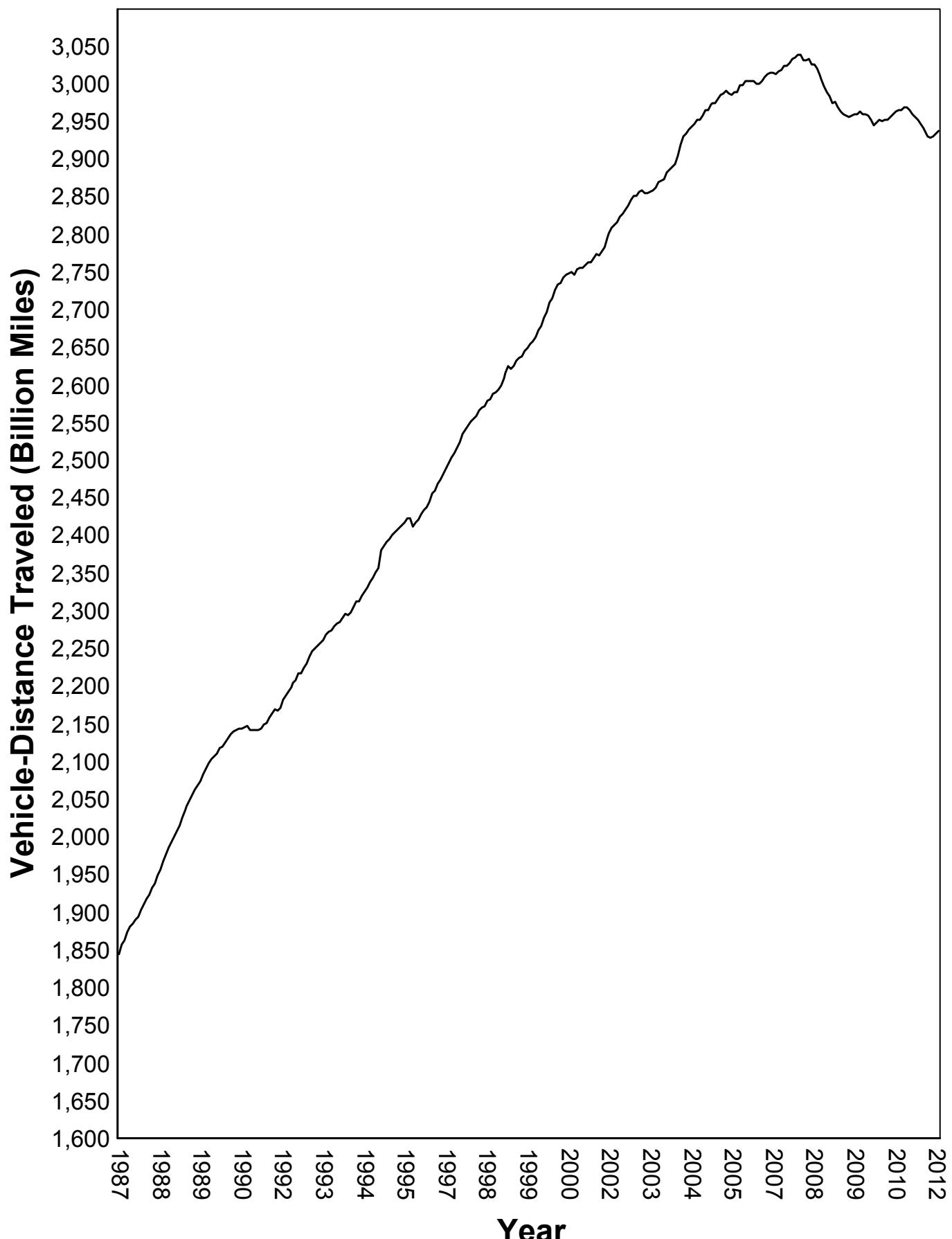
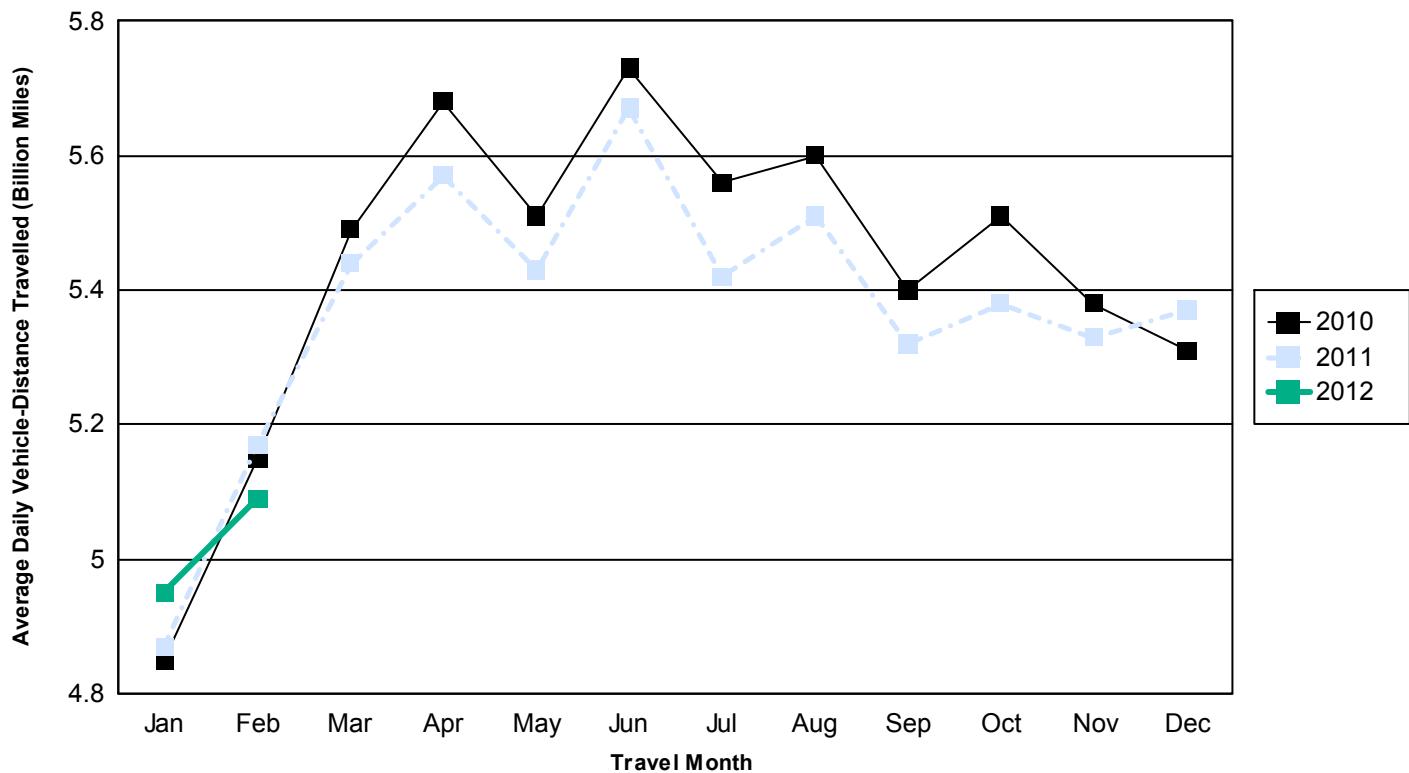


Figure - 2. Travel on U.S. Highways by Month**Urban Highways****Rural Highways**