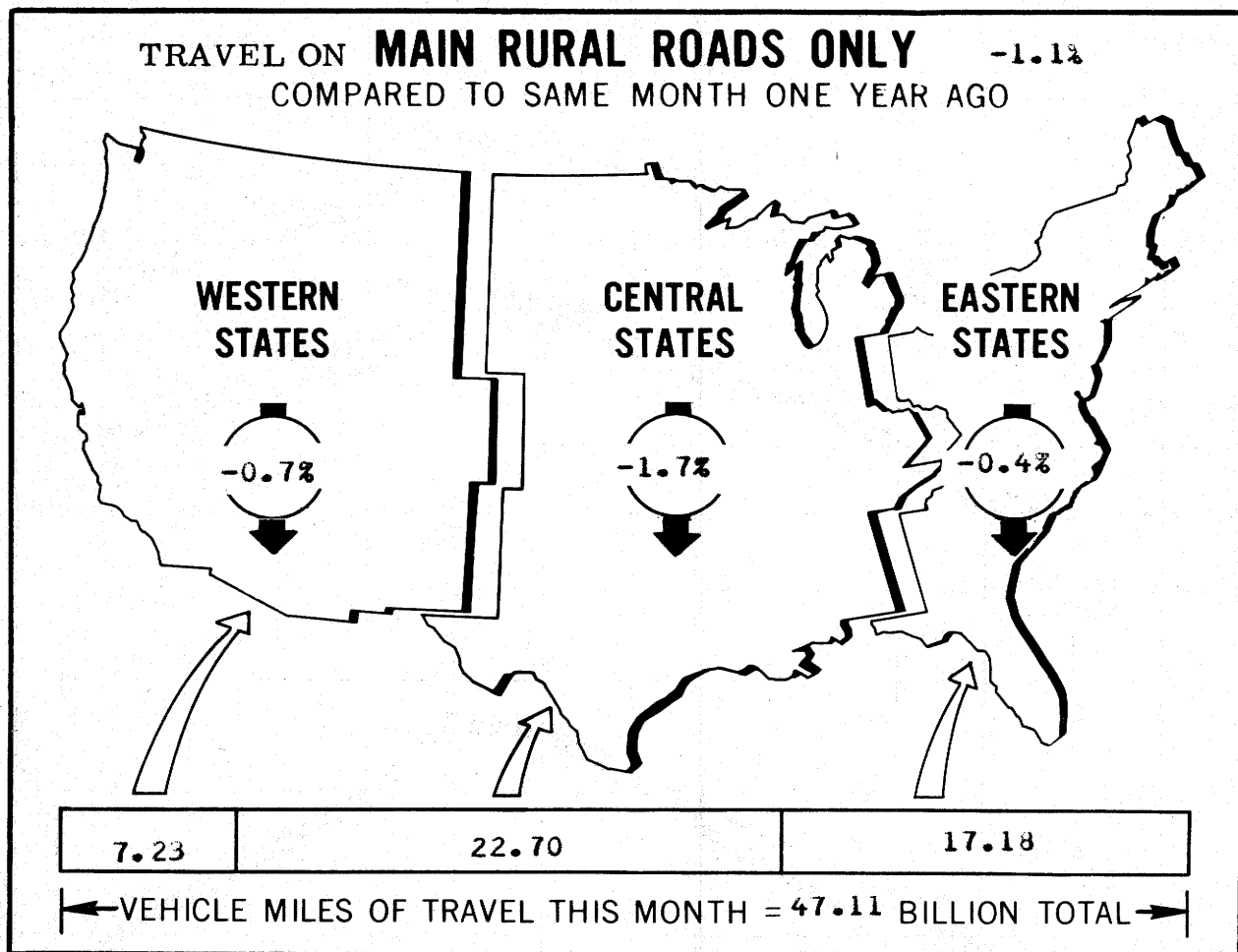


TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

AUGUST 1974 \downarrow

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** -0.8%
COMPARED TO SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO



^{1/} ALL DATA FOR THIS MONTH ARE PRELIMINARY, REVISED VALUES FOR PREVIOUS MONTH ARE SHOWN IN TABLES 1 and 2.

NOTE: ALL VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL HAVE BEEN COMPUTED WITH 1972 VM-2 DATA AS A BASE.

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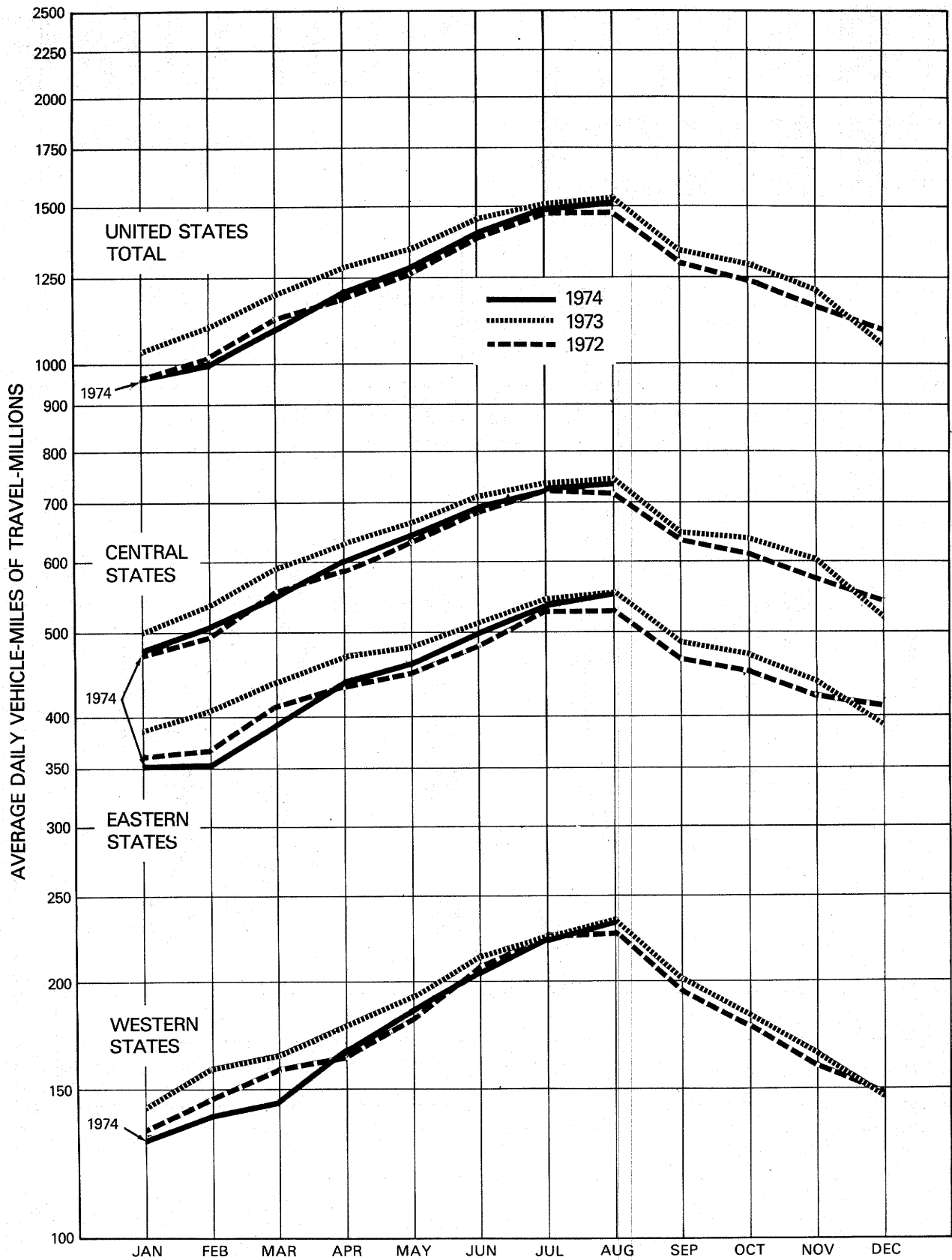


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

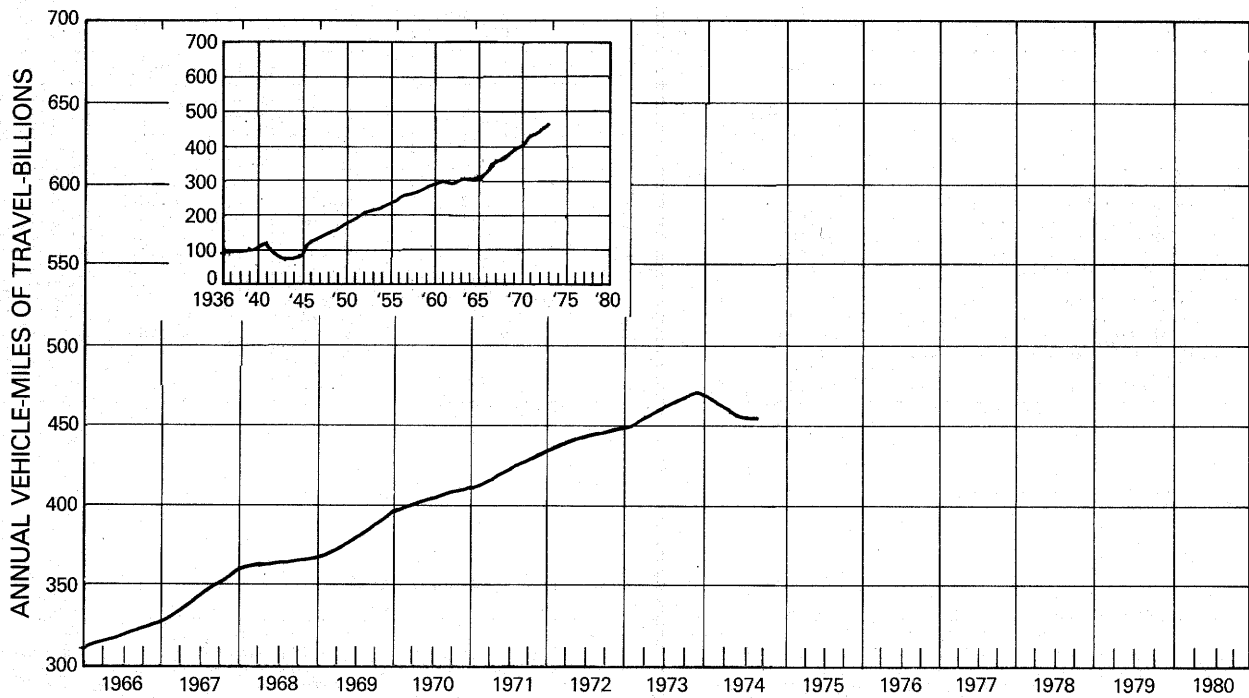


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

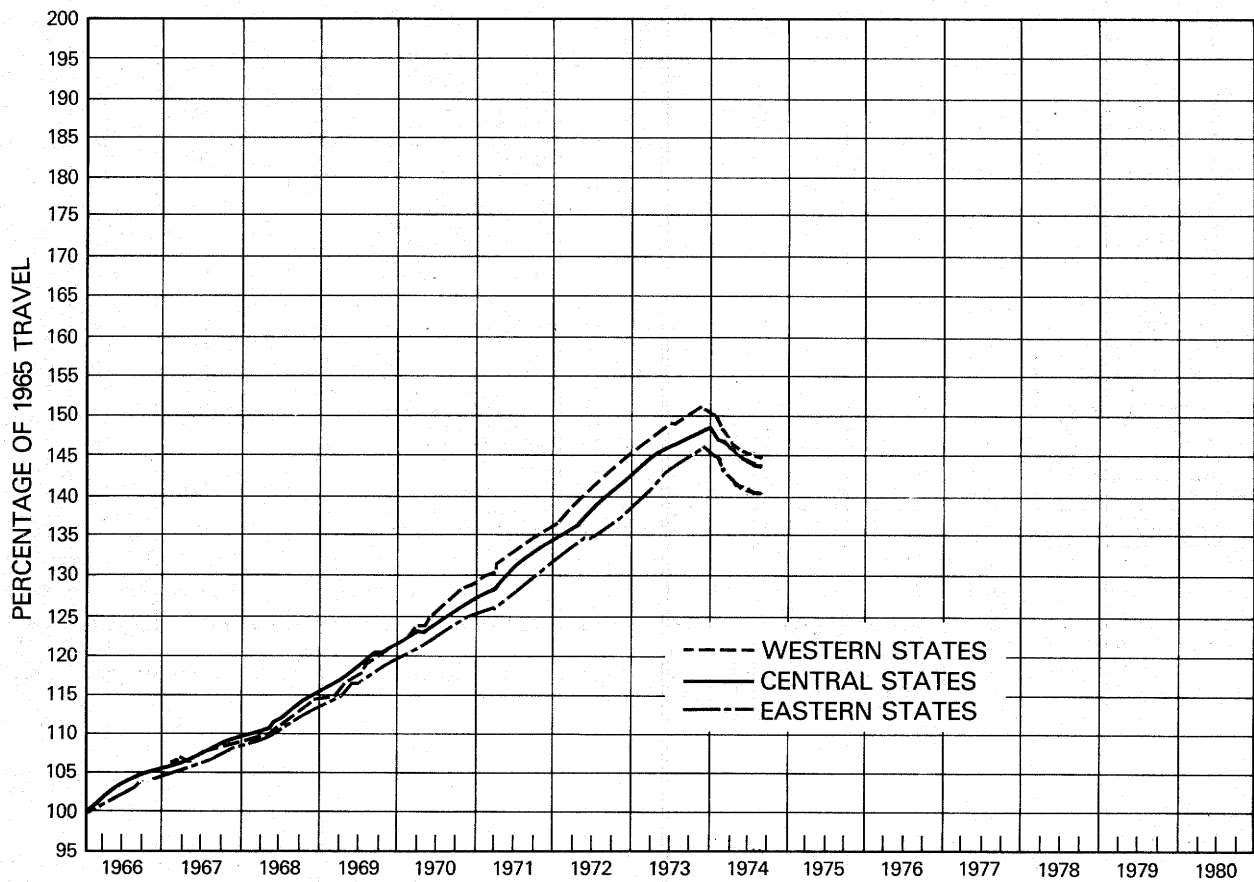


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

TABLE 1.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

| CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES: | PRELIMINARY DATA FOR AUGUST | | | REVISED DATA FOR JULY | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS) | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE | VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS) | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE |
| | 1974 | 1973 | | 1974 | 1973 | |
| MAIN RURAL ROADS..... | 47,337 | 47,841 | -1.1 | 46,114 | 46,838 | -1.5 |
| LOCAL RURAL ROADS..... | 13,812 | 13,971 | -1.1 | 13,482 | 13,491 | -0.1 |
| ALL RURAL ROADS..... | 61,150 | 61,812 | -1.1 | 59,596 | 60,329 | -1.2 |
| CITY STREETS..... | 61,502 | 61,839 | -0.5 | 60,259 | 60,877 | -1.0 |
| ALL ROADS AND STREETS..... | 122,652 | 123,651 | -0.8 | 119,855 | 121,206 | -1.1 |
| 48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY): | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION..... | 17,179 | 17,245 | -0.4 | 16,647 | 16,833 | -1.1 |
| CENTRAL REGION..... | 22,699 | 23,096 | -1.7 | 22,311 | 22,784 | -2.1 |
| WESTERN REGION..... | 7,228 | 7,280 | -0.7 | 6,916 | 6,995 | -1.1 |
| TOTAL..... | 47,106 | 47,621 | -1.1 | 45,874 | 46,612 | -1.6 |

TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

| DIVISION AND STATE | AUGUST (PRELIMINARY) | | JULY (REVISED) | | DIVISION AND STATE | AUGUST (PRELIMINARY) | | JULY (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 | -1.3 | ALABAMA..... | 55 | -0.8 | 55 | -1.2 |
| MAINE..... | 22 | -0.8 | 21 | -2.7 | KENTUCKY..... | 36 | -0.4 | 36 | -0.6 |
| MASSACHUSETTS..... | 5 | -1.5 | 3 | -2.8 | MISSISSIPPI..... | 44 | -3.1 | 43 | -1.4 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE..... | 57 | -1.1 | 56 | -4.5 | TENNESSEE..... | - | - | 21 | 0.4 |
| RHODE ISLAND..... | - | - | 1 | -4.5 | WEST NORTH CENTRAL: | | | | |
| VERMONT..... | 43 | -2.6 | 43 | -4.4 | IOWA..... | 31 | -5.2 | 30 | -5.8 |
| MIDDLE ATLANTIC: | | | | | KANSAS..... | 69 | -1.5 | 68 | -2.4 |
| NEW JERSEY..... | 20 | -2.4 | 19 | -1.5 | MINNESOTA..... | 36 | -5.2 | 36 | -4.7 |
| NEW YORK..... | 28 | -0.9 | 29 | -2.0 | MISSOURI..... | 55 | -4.2 | 60 | -1.0 |
| PENNSYLVANIA..... | 38 | -0.2 | 39 | 0.1 | NEBRASKA..... | 23 | -0.4 | 23 | -3.4 |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH): | | | | | NORTH DAKOTA..... | 34 | -1.1 | 34 | -3.5 |
| DELAWARE..... | 15 | -3.6 | 14 | -2.5 | SOUTH DAKOTA..... | 33 | -2.3 | 32 | -4.8 |
| MARYLAND..... | 30 | 1.5 | 31 | 1.1 | WEST SOUTH CENTRAL: | | | | |
| VIRGINIA..... | - | -0.7 | - | -0.5 | ARKANSAS..... | - | - | 29 | -2.2 |
| WEST VIRGINIA..... | 25 | 1.3 | 27 | 0.0 | LOUISIANA..... | - | - | 40 | -4.9 |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH): | | | | | OKLAHOMA..... | - | - | - | - |
| FLORIDA..... | - | - | 36 | 0.0 | TEXAS..... | 113 | -1.5 | 118 | -0.7 |
| GEORGIA..... | 30 | -3.1 | 29 | -2.3 | MOUNTAIN: | | | | |
| NORTH CAROLINA..... | - | - | 38 | -3.8 | ARIZONA..... | 20 | -5.3 | 19 | -6.2 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA..... | 7 | 2.3 | 7 | 4.6 | COLORADO..... | 40 | 4.8 | 41 | 5.4 |
| EAST NORTH CENTRAL: | | | | | IDAHO..... | 59 | 4.3 | 61 | 1.2 |
| ILLINOIS..... | 19 | -1.6 | 18 | -2.6 | MONTANA..... | 27 | 1.3 | 24 | 0.2 |
| INDIANA..... | 20 | -1.3 | 22 | -1.5 | NEVADA..... | 27 | -0.9 | 27 | -2.6 |
| MICHIGAN..... | - | - | 44 | -5.7 | NEW MEXICO..... | 34 | -2.1 | 35 | -2.9 |
| OHIO..... | 17 | 1.1 | 19 | 0.1 | UTAH..... | 44 | -3.3 | 45 | -3.2 |
| WISCONSIN..... | 18 | -2.2 | 23 | -3.0 | WYOMING..... | 36 | -0.8 | 36 | -6.7 |
| ALASKA..... | 17 | 10.0 | 18 | 3.1 | PACIFIC: | | | | |
| HAWAII..... | 4 | 2.5 | 2 | 8.0 | CALIFORNIA..... | 14 | -2.4 | 14 | -0.5 |
| | | | | | OREGON..... | 77 | 0.8 | 81 | -0.9 |
| | | | | | WASHINGTON..... | 22 | 0.7 | 31 | -2.0 |

NOTE: 1-RURAL MILEAGE OF EACH MAJOR TOLL ROUTE IS CONSIDERED AS ONE OR MORE STATIONS, DEPENDING ON STATES' METHOD OF REPORTING.

2-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS IS DASH AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IS SHOWN, THE STATES PREPARED TRAFFIC ESTIMATES, GENERALLY BASED ON EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SAMPLING SURVEYS.

3-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE FOR A STATE ARE DASHES, THE STATE REPORT HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT TIME OF PRINTING, OR NO COMPARABLE DATA WERE AVAILABLE.

TABLE 3.

ESTIMATED INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES***

| SYSTEM | MONTH | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC |
| 1973 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAIN RURAL | 32.3 | 31.1 | 37.2 | 38.4 | 41.7 | 43.5 | 46.8 | 47.8 | 40.4 | 40.3 | 36.5 | 32.9 |
| LOCAL RURAL | 10.5 | 9.9 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 13.2 | 13.1 | 13.5 | 14.0 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 11.7 | 10.5 |
| URBAN | 55.1 | 53.0 | 58.2 | 58.3 | 60.6 | 60.8 | 60.9 | 61.8 | 57.7 | 59.7 | 55.6 | 55.1 |
| ALL SYSTEMS | 97.8 | 94.0 | 107.5 | 108.9 | 115.5 | 117.3 | 121.2 | 123.7 | 110.8 | 112.7 | 103.8 | 98.4 |
| 1974 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAIN RURAL | 30.1 | 28.1 | 33.9 | 36.2 | 40.2 | 42.1 | 46.1 | 47.3 | | | | |
| LOCAL RURAL | 10.1 | 9.4 | 11.6 | 11.8 | 13.0 | 12.9 | 13.5 | 13.8 | | | | |
| URBAN | 53.5 | 48.6 | 53.7 | 55.9 | 58.9 | 59.3 | 60.3 | 61.5 | | | | |
| ALL SYSTEMS | 93.7 | 86.1 | 99.2 | 104.0 | 112.1 | 114.3 | 119.9 | 122.7 | | | | |
| PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1974 VS. 1973 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAIN RURAL | -6.6 | -9.6 | -9.0 | -5.7 | -3.6 | -3.2 | -1.5 | -1.1 | | | | |
| LOCAL RURAL | -3.8 | -5.1 | -4.0 | -2.4 | -1.3 | -1.4 | -0.1 | -1.1 | | | | |
| URBAN | -2.9 | -8.4 | -7.7 | -4.2 | -2.9 | -2.4 | -1.0 | -0.5 | | | | |
| ALL SYSTEMS | -4.2 | -8.5 | -7.7 | -4.5 | -3.0 | -2.6 | -1.1 | -0.8 | | | | |

* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1973 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

** TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1973 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.

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

TABLE 4.

ESTIMATED CUMULATIVE MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES***

| SYSTEM | MONTH | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC |
| 1973 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAIN RURAL | 32.3 | 63.4 | 100.6 | 139.0 | 180.7 | 224.2 | 271.0 | 318.8 | 359.2 | 399.6 | 436.1 | 469.0 |
| LOCAL RURAL | 10.5 | 20.4 | 32.4 | 44.6 | 57.7 | 70.8 | 84.3 | 98.3 | 111.0 | 123.7 | 135.4 | 145.8 |
| URBAN | 55.1 | 108.1 | 166.3 | 224.6 | 285.3 | 346.0 | 406.9 | 468.7 | 526.4 | 586.1 | 641.8 | 696.9 |
| ALL SYSTEMS | 97.8 | 191.8 | 299.3 | 408.2 | 523.7 | 641.0 | 762.2 | 885.9 | 996.7 | 1109.4 | 1213.3 | 1311.7 |

1974 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| MAIN RURAL | 30.1 | 58.2 | 92.1 | 128.3 | 168.5 | 210.6 | 256.7 | 304.1 | | | | |
| LOCAL RURAL | 10.1 | 19.5 | 31.1 | 42.9 | 55.9 | 68.8 | 82.3 | 96.1 | | | | |
| URBAN | 53.5 | 102.1 | 155.8 | 211.7 | 270.6 | 329.9 | 390.2 | 451.7 | | | | |
| ALL SYSTEMS | 93.7 | 179.8 | 278.9 | 382.9 | 495.0 | 609.4 | 729.2 | 851.9 | | | | |

PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1974 VS. 1973

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|--|--|--|
| MAIN RURAL | -6.6 | -8.1 | -8.4 | -7.7 | -6.7 | -6.0 | -5.3 | -4.6 | | | | |
| LOCAL RURAL | -3.8 | -4.4 | -4.3 | -3.7 | -3.2 | -2.8 | -2.4 | -2.2 | | | | |
| URBAN | -2.9 | -5.6 | -6.3 | -5.8 | -5.1 | -4.7 | -4.1 | -3.6 | | | | |
| ALL SYSTEMS | -4.2 | -6.3 | -6.8 | -6.2 | -5.5 | -4.9 | -4.3 | -3.8 | | | | |

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