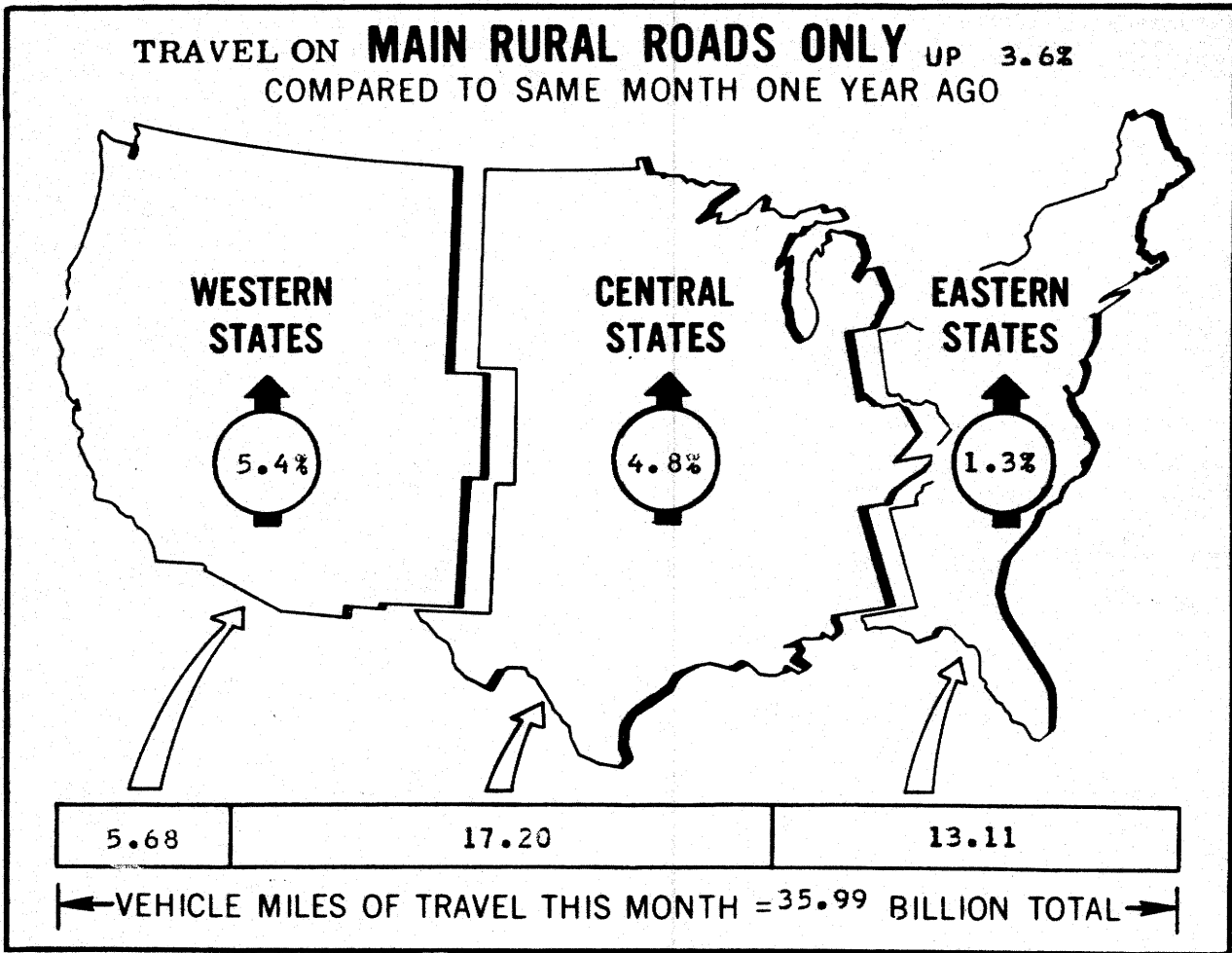


TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** UP 3.2%
COMPARED TO SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO

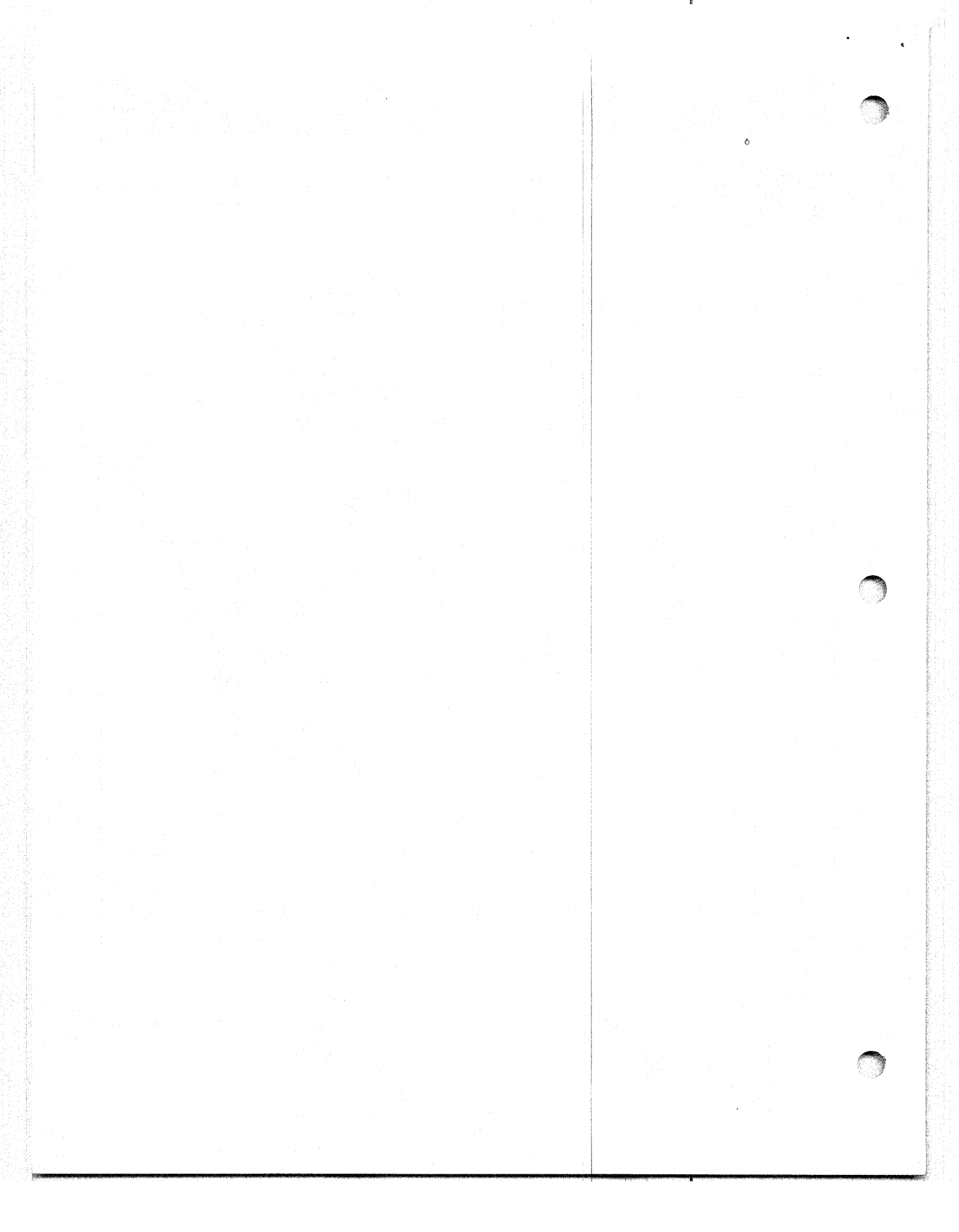


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NOTE: ALL VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL HAVE BEEN COMPUTED WITH 1976 VM-2 DATA AS A BASE.

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Traffic Volume Trends - February 1979

Based on preliminary reports from the state highway agencies, travel during February 1979 on all roads and streets in the nation increased by 3.2 percent as compared to February 1978, resulting in estimated travel for the month at 105,527 million vehicle miles. This total includes 36,207 million vehicle miles on main rural roads, 9,600 million vehicle miles on other rural roads, and 59,720 million vehicle miles on city streets.

Travel for the current month as well as the cumulative yearly total on main rural roads and for all roads and streets is shown below. Similar totals for each year since 1970 are also included.

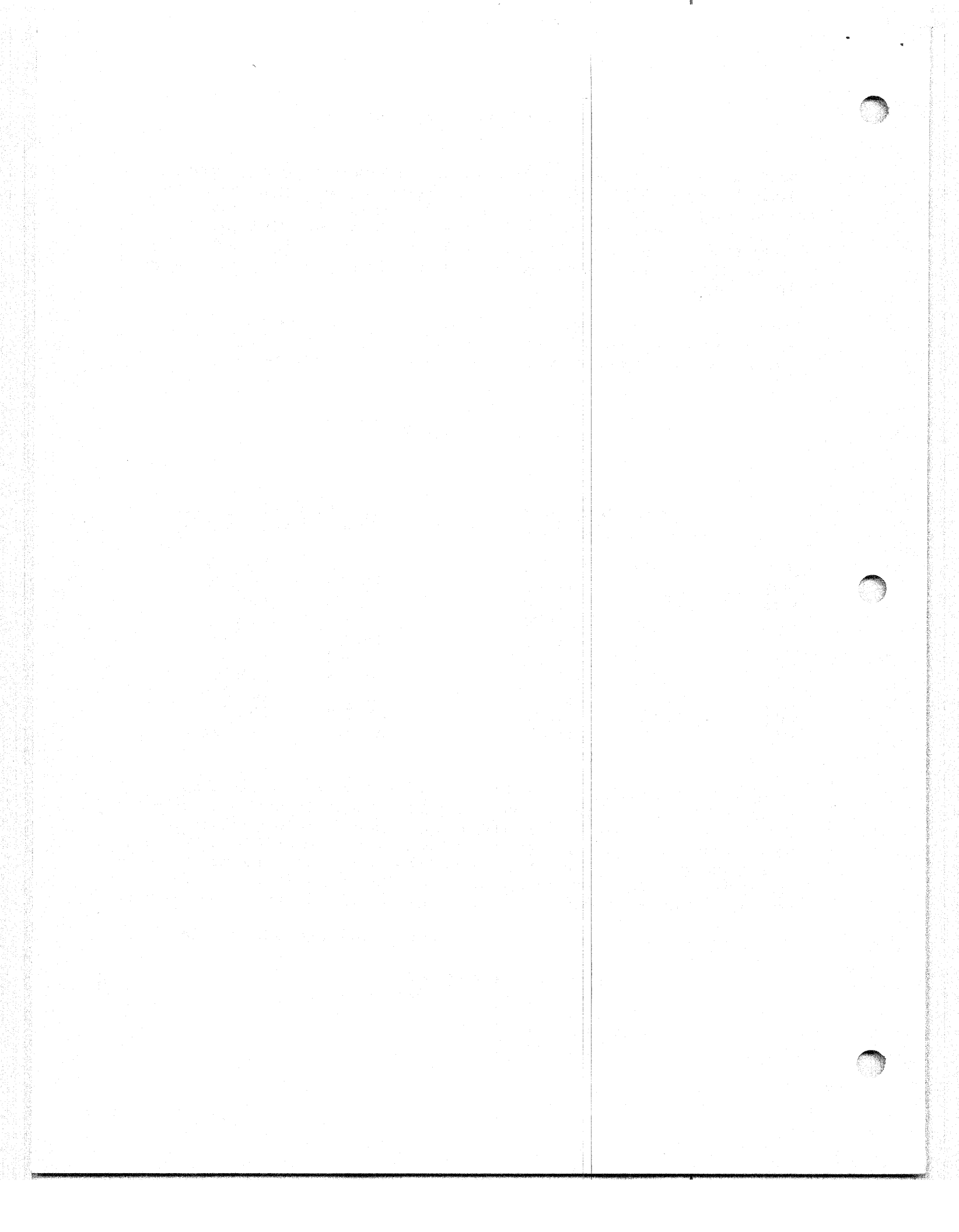
Travel in Millions

	Main Rural Roads		All Roads and Streets	
	February	Year to Date	February	Year to Date
1970	26,553	53,722	77,442	157,615
1971	27,421	56,611	80,118	165,454
1972	28,415	58,469	88,272	180,737
1973	30,706	62,501	92,567	189,231
1974	27,887	58,445	86,426	181,456
1975	30,215	62,364	91,303	189,645
1976	33,349	67,597	98,528	200,988
1977	34,591	68,461	102,416	204,861
1978	34,955	69,587	102,266	205,750
1979	36,207	72,493	105,527	213,359

Traffic Volume Trends is a monthly report prepared by the Planning Services Branch, Highway Statistics Division, 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 period in the previous year to obtain travel for the current period.

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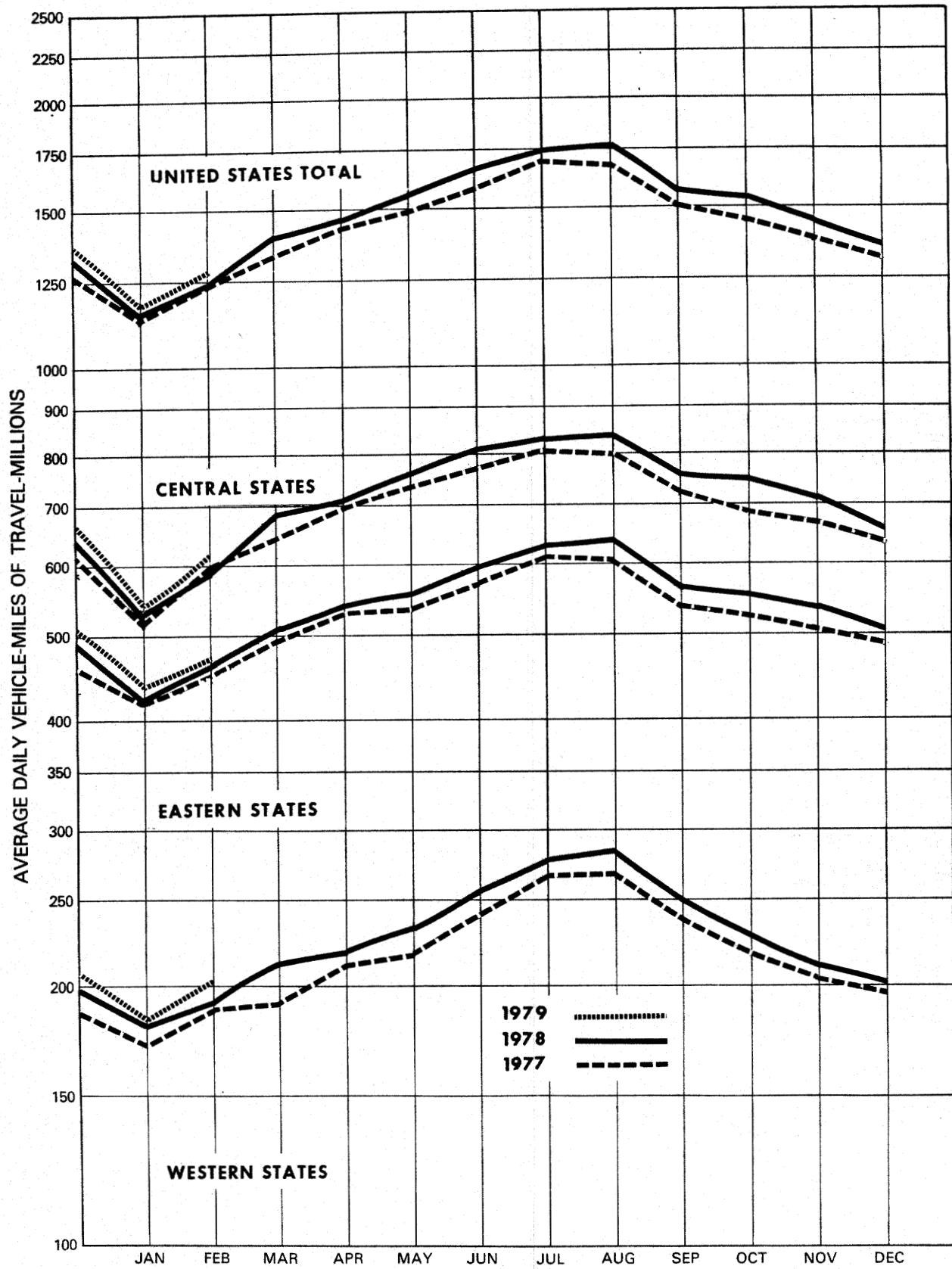
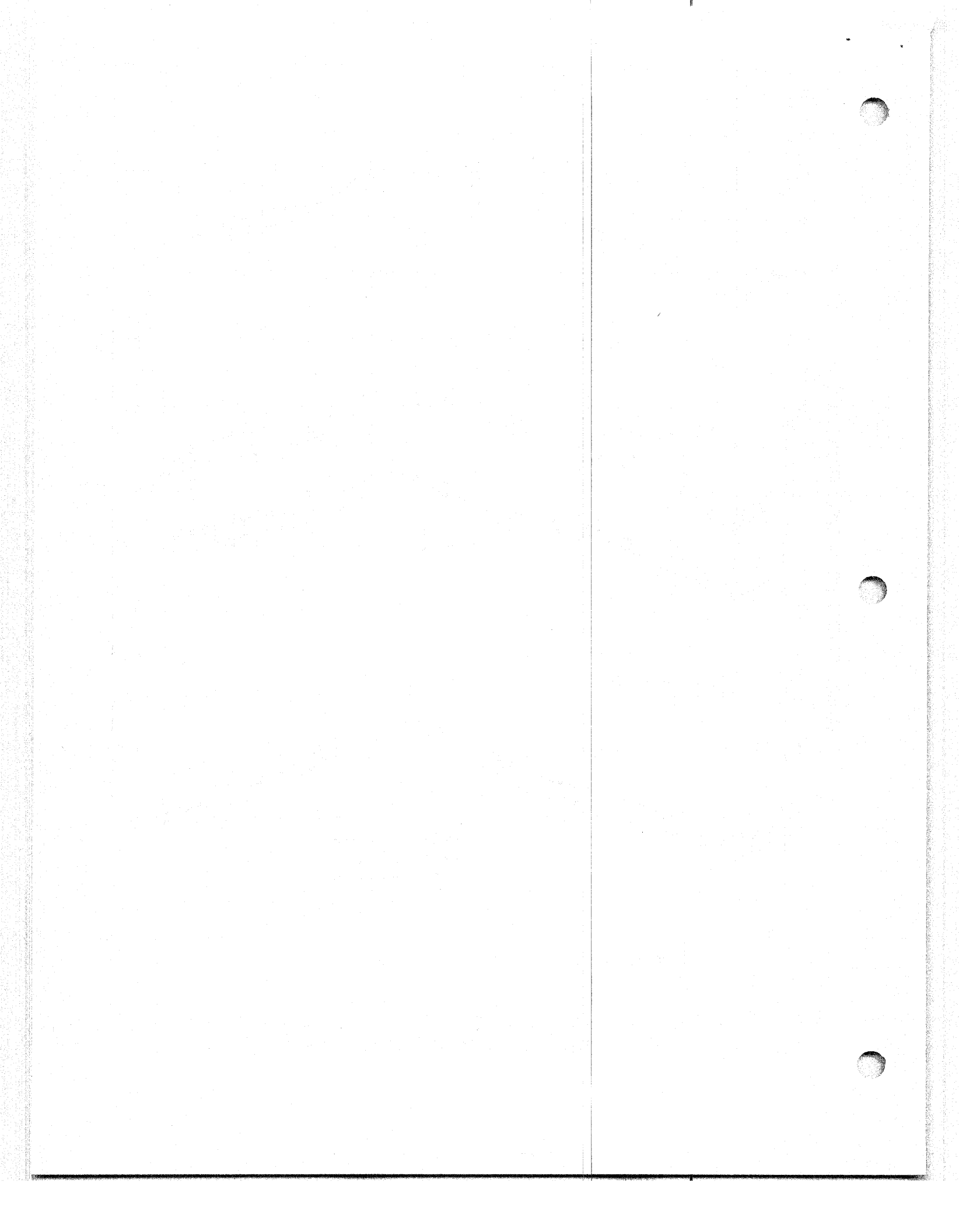


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS



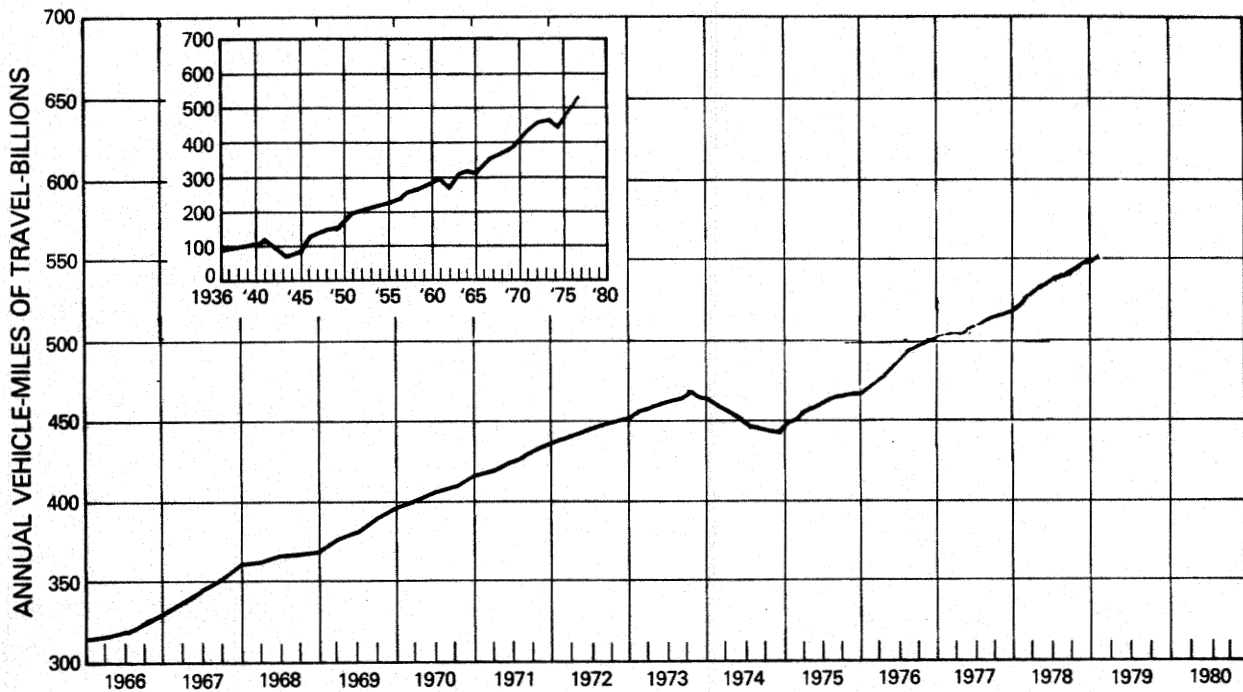


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

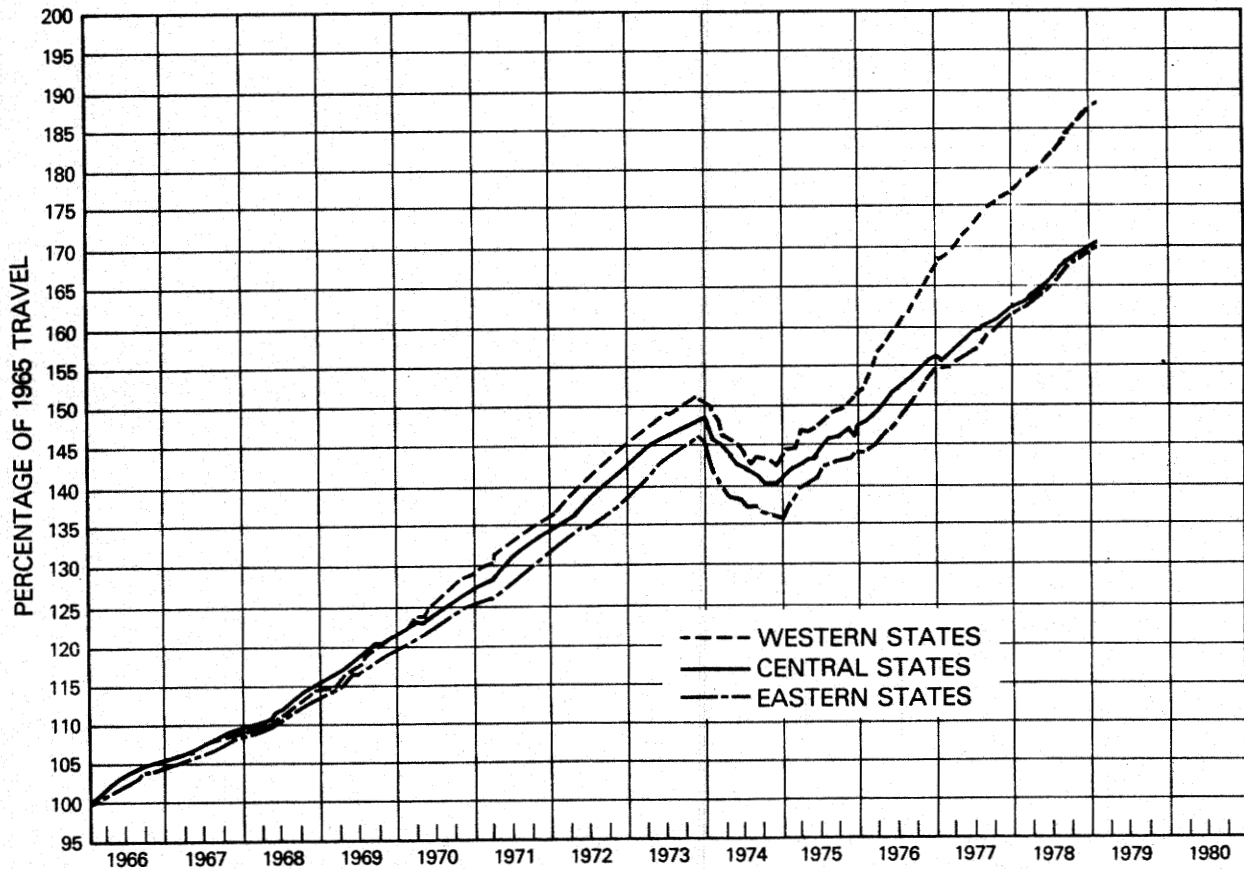


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

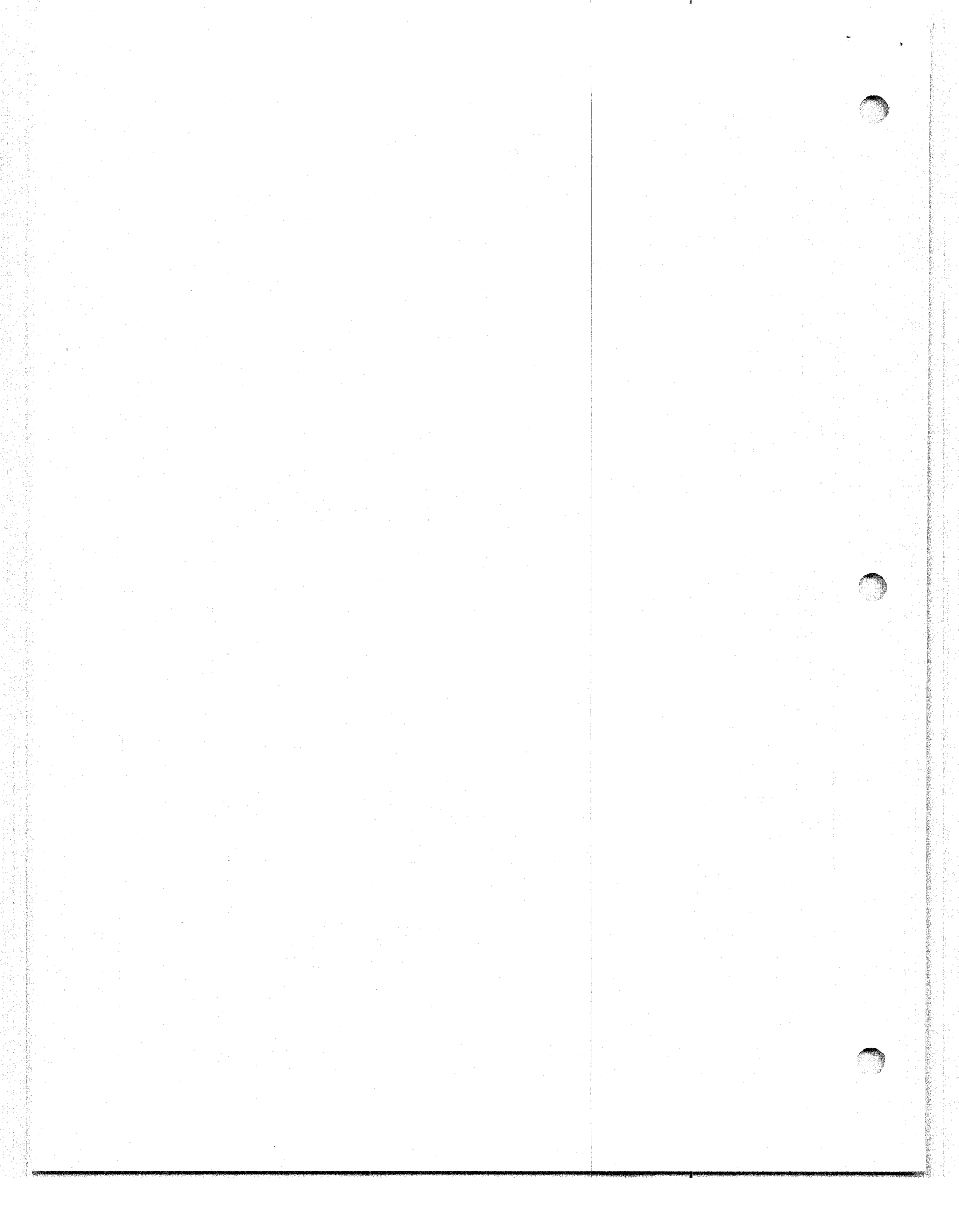


TABLE 1.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR FEBRUARY			REVISED DATA FOR JANUARY		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1979	1978		1979	1978	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	36,207	34,955	3.6	36,286	34,632	4.8
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	9,600	9,387	2.3	9,644	9,485	1.7
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	45,807	44,342	3.3	45,931	44,117	4.1
CITY STREETS.....	55,720	57,523	3.1	61,902	59,367	4.3
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	105,527	102,266	3.2	107,832	103,484	4.2
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	13,106	12,935	1.3	13,743	12,928	6.3
CENTRAL REGION.....	17,205	16,424	4.8	16,664	15,942	4.5
WESTERN REGION.....	5,680	5,390	5.4	5,663	5,549	2.0
TOTAL.....	25,991	34,749	3.6	36,070	34,419	4.8

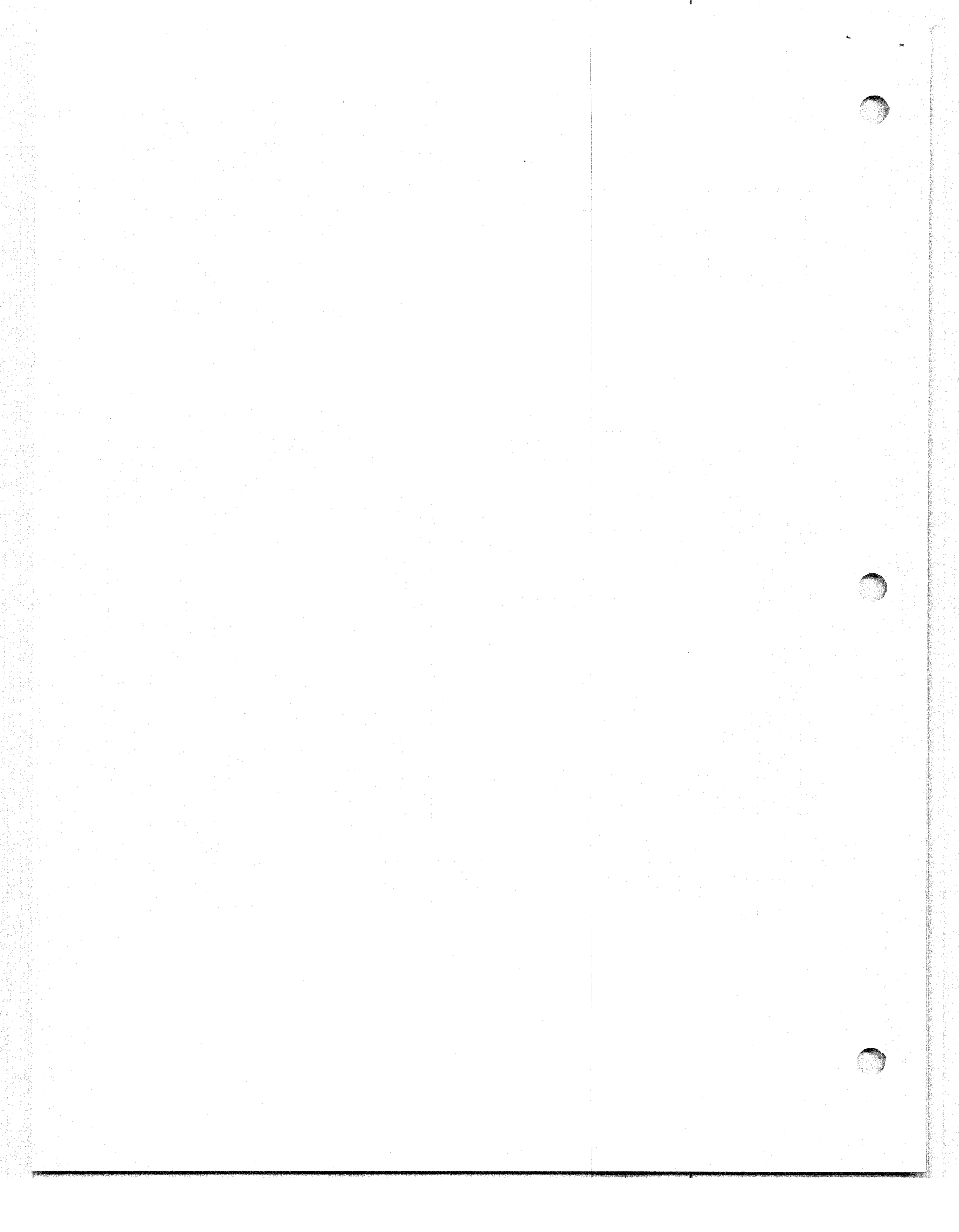
TABLE 2.-CHANGES IN MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	FEBRUARY (PRELIMINARY)		JANUARY (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	FEBRUARY (PRELIMINARY)		JANUARY (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.....	9	9.1	6	14.2	ALABAMA.....	53	2.4	54	11.4
MAINE.....	22	1.6	22	2.9	KENTUCKY.....	36	4.4	28	23.4
MASSACHUSETTS.....	8	12.2	8	7.1	MISSISSIPPI.....	42	4.8	18	7.9
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	57	7.1	56	8.3	TENNESSEE.....	26	4.2	21	8.4
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-					
VERMONT.....	36	3.6	37	8.8	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					IOWA.....	21	3.3	32	- 5.1
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	KANSAS.....	63	7.3	61	-13.6
NEW YORK.....	19	0.1	20	6.6	MINNESOTA.....	-	-	-	- 6.7
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	53	11.1	MISSOURI.....	-	-	72	- 4.8
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NEBRASKA.....	18	10.3	21	- 4.8
DELAWARE.....	12	- 5.5	13	3.8	NORTH DAKOTA.....	27	5.0	27	0.0
MARYLAND.....	32	- 4.8	28	10.1	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	33	4.1	-	-
VIRGINIA.....	-	4.7	-	5.1	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
WEST VIRGINIA.....	27	5.7	18	1.6	ARKANSAS.....	21	1.9	15	- 1.7
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					LOUISIANA.....	-	-	41	6.0
FLORIDA.....	8	5.3	16	2.0	OKLAHOMA.....	-	-	30	6.5
GEORGIA.....	-	-	24	3.2	TEXAS.....	116	8.3	117	5.2
NORTH CAROLINA.....	44	5.5	38	7.5	MOUNTAIN:				
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	10	- 4.2	13	2.3	ARIZONA.....	8	6.7	6	7.0
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					COLORADO.....	43	6.9	42	0.5
ILLINOIS.....	26	0.0	20	- 4.3	IDAHO.....	-	-	-	-
INDIANA.....	22	3.8	23	17.6	MONTANA.....	-	-	27	1.4
MICHIGAN.....	65	6.8	61	14.4	NEVADA.....	28	7.3	28	6.6
OHIO.....	-	-	21	9.0	NEW MEXICO.....	30	6.3	29	1.2
WISCONSIN.....	49	1.0	34	- 4.4	UTAH.....	47	2.3	47	- 0.2
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	WYOMING.....	37	6.3	36	3.3
HAWAII.....	3	5.7	-	-	PACIFIC:				
					CALIFORNIA.....	15	6.8	14	3.7
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	24	- 0.1	15	- 0.7

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

2-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS IS SHOWN AS A DASH AND A VALUE FOR PERCENTAGE CHANGE IS INDICATED, THE LATTER VALUE IS BASED ON A STATEWIDE ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY THE HIGHWAY AGENCY DETERMINED FROM EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SAMPLING SURVEYS.

3-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE ARE SHOWN AS DASHES, SUFFICIENT INFORMATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE AN ESTIMATE.



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TABLE 3.

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

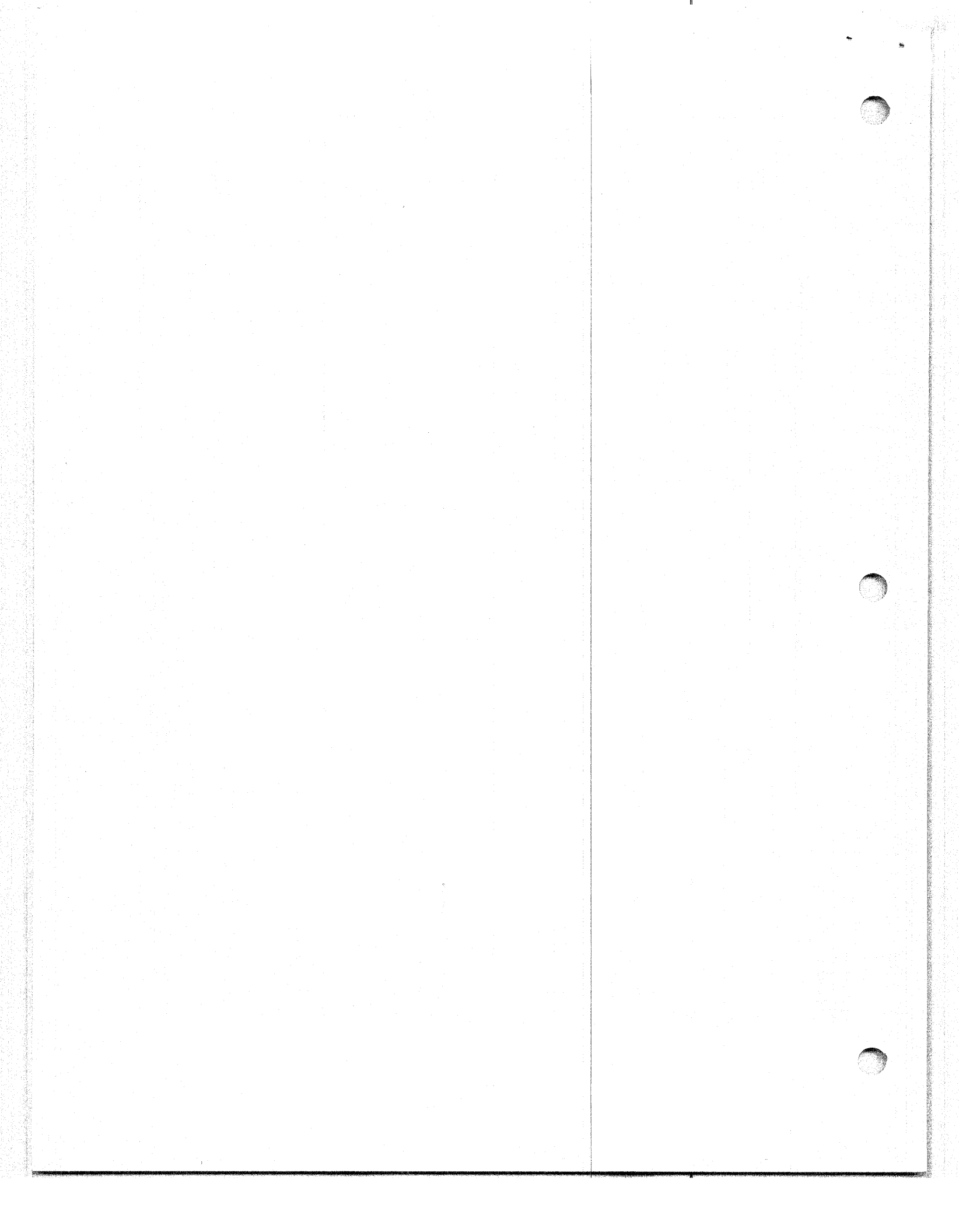
SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1978 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	34.6	35.0	44.2	44.3	48.5	50.3	54.3	55.0	47.4	48.0	44.0	42.8
LOCAL RURAL	9.5	9.4	11.2	12.3	13.6	13.6	14.4	14.4	13.2	13.4	12.0	11.1
URBAN	59.4	57.9	68.9	68.5	71.8	71.6	72.4	73.3	69.3	72.0	66.9	67.7
ALL SYSTEMS	103.5	102.3	124.4	125.0	133.9	135.4	141.2	142.7	129.9	133.4	122.8	121.6
1979 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	36.3	36.2										
LOCAL RURAL	9.6	9.6										
URBAN	61.9	59.7										
ALL SYSTEMS	107.8	105.5										
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1979 VS. 1978												
MAIN RURAL	4.8	3.6										
LOCAL RURAL	1.7	2.3										
URBAN	4.3	3.1										
ALL SYSTEMS	4.2	3.2										

* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1978 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

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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
1978 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	34.6	65.6	113.8	158.1	206.6	256.9	311.2	366.2	413.5	461.6	505.6	548.4
LOCAL RURAL	9.5	18.9	30.1	42.4	56.0	69.5	84.0	98.4	111.6	125.0	137.0	148.1
URBAN	59.4	117.3	186.2	254.7	326.5	398.1	470.5	543.8	613.1	685.1	752.0	819.6
ALL SYSTEMS	103.5	205.8	330.1	455.1	589.0	724.5	865.6	1008.3	1138.2	1271.7	1394.5	1516.1
1975 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	36.3	72.5										
LOCAL RURAL	9.6	19.2										
URBAN	61.9	121.6										
ALL SYSTEMS	107.8	213.4										
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1979 VS. 1978												
MAIN RURAL	4.8	4.2										
LOCAL RURAL	1.7	2.0										
URBAN	4.3	3.7										
ALL SYSTEMS	4.2	3.7										

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