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# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

## JANUARY 1983

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 7.4 PERCENT  
FOR JANUARY 1983 AS COMPARED TO JANUARY 1982.**



WESTERN	CENTRAL	EASTERN
<b>ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - JANUARY 1983</b>		
<b>23.5 BILLION</b>	<b>52.8 BILLION</b>	<b>43.7 BILLION</b>
<b>PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR</b>		
<b>+6.8</b>	<b>+7.5</b>	<b>+7.7</b>

**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 HAVE BEEN COMPUTED WITH 1981 VM-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF MARCH 21, 1983.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - JANUARY 1983

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING JANUARY 1983 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 7.4 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO JANUARY 1982, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 120553 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 50944 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 69609 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS.

TRAVEL FOR THE CURRENT MONTH AS WELL AS THE CUMULATIVE YEARLY TOTAL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS SHOWN BELOW. SIMILAR TOTALS FOR EACH YEAR SINCE 1970 ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

YEAR	TRAVEL IN MILLIONS ALL ROADS AND STREETS	
	JANUARY	YEAR TO DATE
1970	80173	80173
1971	85336	85336
1972	92465	92465
1973	96664	96664
1974	95030	95030
1975	98342	98342
1976	102460	102460
1977	102445	102445
1978	109838	109838
1979	114354	114354
1980	116462	116462
1981	116049	116049
1982	112215	112215
1983	120553	120553

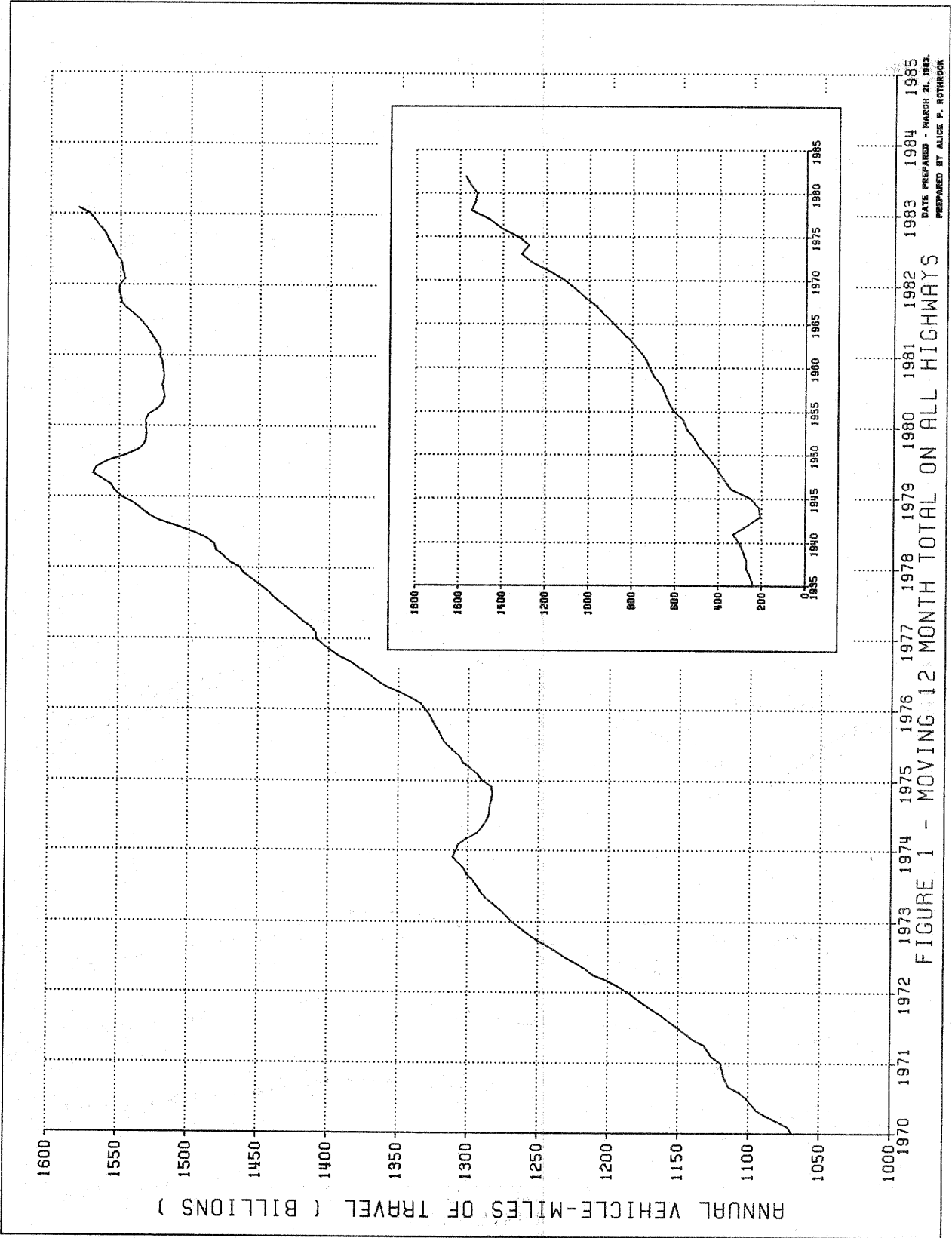
TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS IS A MONTHLY REPORT PREPARED BY THE PLANNING SERVICES BRANCH, HIGHWAY STATISTICS DIVISION, BASED ON HOURLY TRAFFIC COUNT DATA. THESE DATA, COLLECTED AT APPROXIMATELY 4000 CONTINUOUS TRAFFIC COUNTING LOCATIONS NATIONWIDE, ARE USED TO DETERMINE THE PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC FOR THE 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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NOTE: BEGINNING WITH 1980 DATA, THE RURAL HIGHWAY CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM MAIN RURAL ROADS AND LOCAL RURAL ROADS TO RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS AND OTHER RURAL ROADS. ALTHOUGH THE RURAL COMPONENTS OF THE REVISED DATA SERIES BEGINNING IN 1980 ARE NOT DIRECTLY COMPARABLE WITH THE SERIES PRIOR TO 1980, THE TOTAL RURAL, TOTAL URBAN AND ALL SYSTEM CATEGORIES ARE CONSISTENT.

THE CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY WITH OTHER FHWA DATA SERIES AND TO ALLOW A MORE REPRESENTATIVE INDICATOR OF INTER-CITY TRAVEL PATTERNS. THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE APPROXIMATE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE FORMER AND REVISED SYSTEM CATEGORIES:

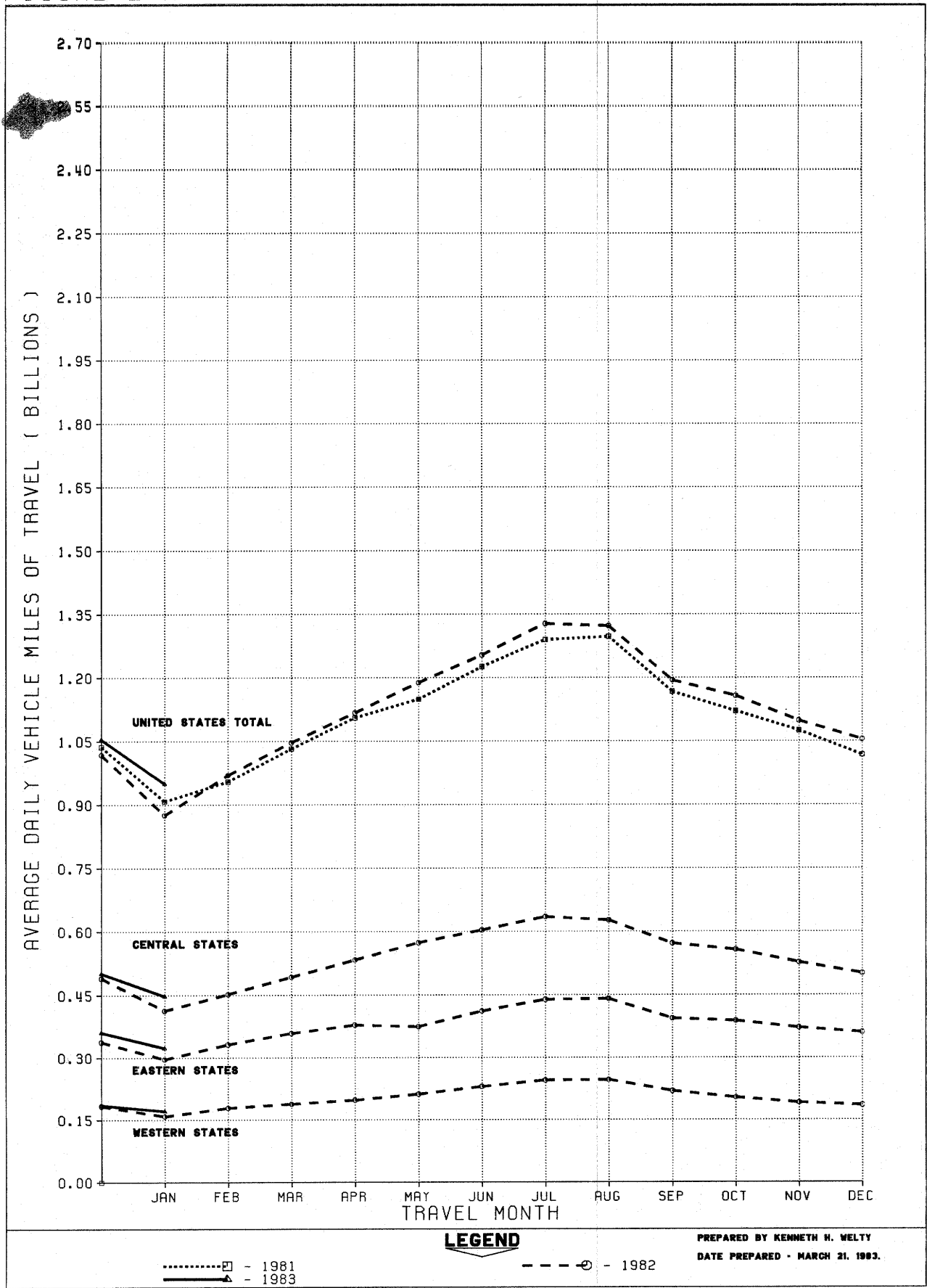
	REVISED CATEGORIES			FORMER CATEGORIES		
	RURAL ARTERIAL	OTHER RURAL ROADS	TOTAL RURAL	MAIN RURAL	LOCAL RURAL	TOTAL RURAL
PERCENT OF TOTAL RURAL MILEAGE	8.2	91.8	100.0	19.0	81.0	100.0
PERCENT OF TOTAL RURAL TRAVEL	59.5	40.5	100.0	78.5	21.5	100.0



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FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12 MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

FIGURE 2-A - TRAVEL ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY MONTH



LEGEND

- 1981  



 - 1982  



 - 1983

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FIGURE 2-B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS BY MONTH

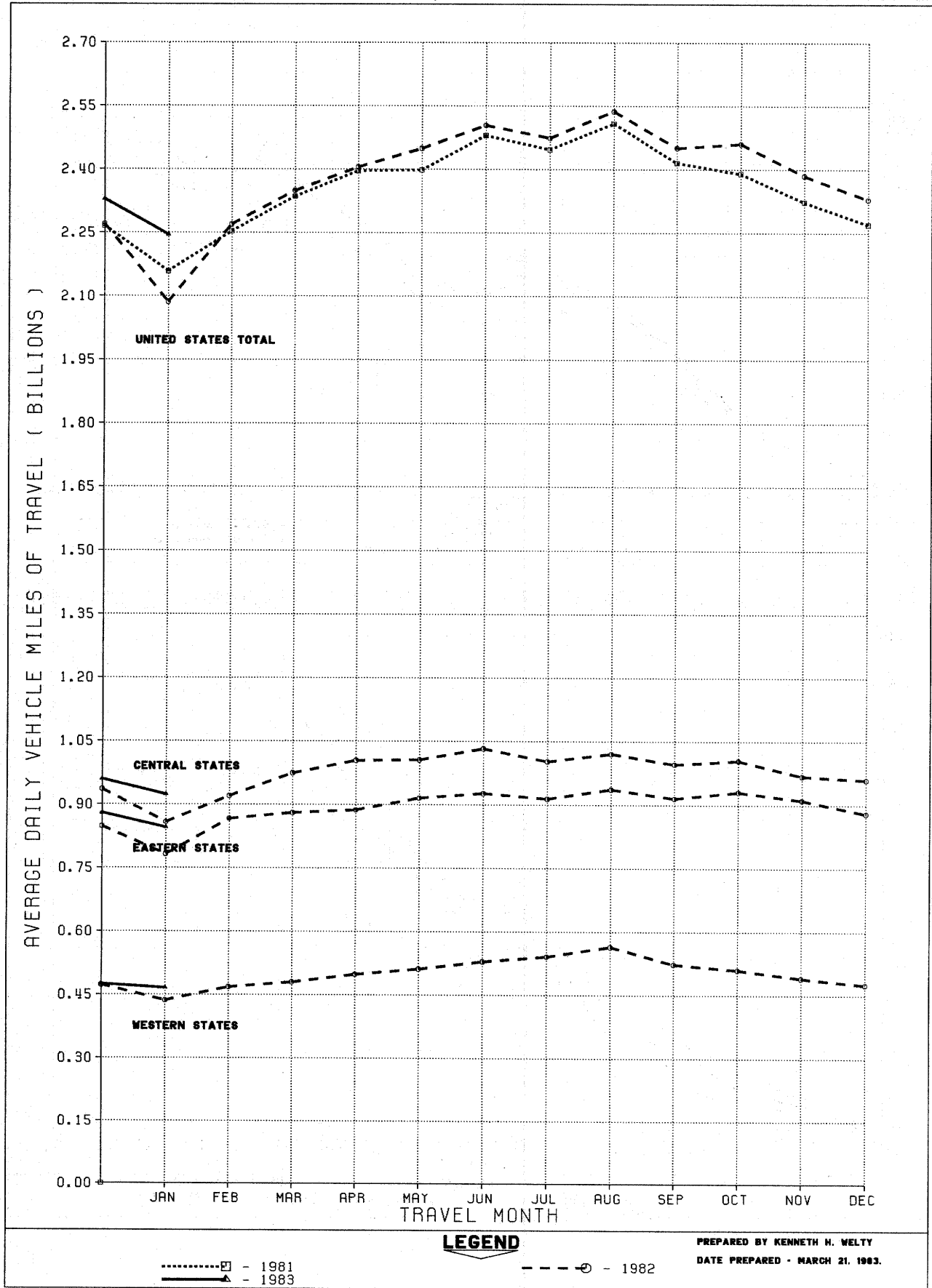


FIGURE 3A - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

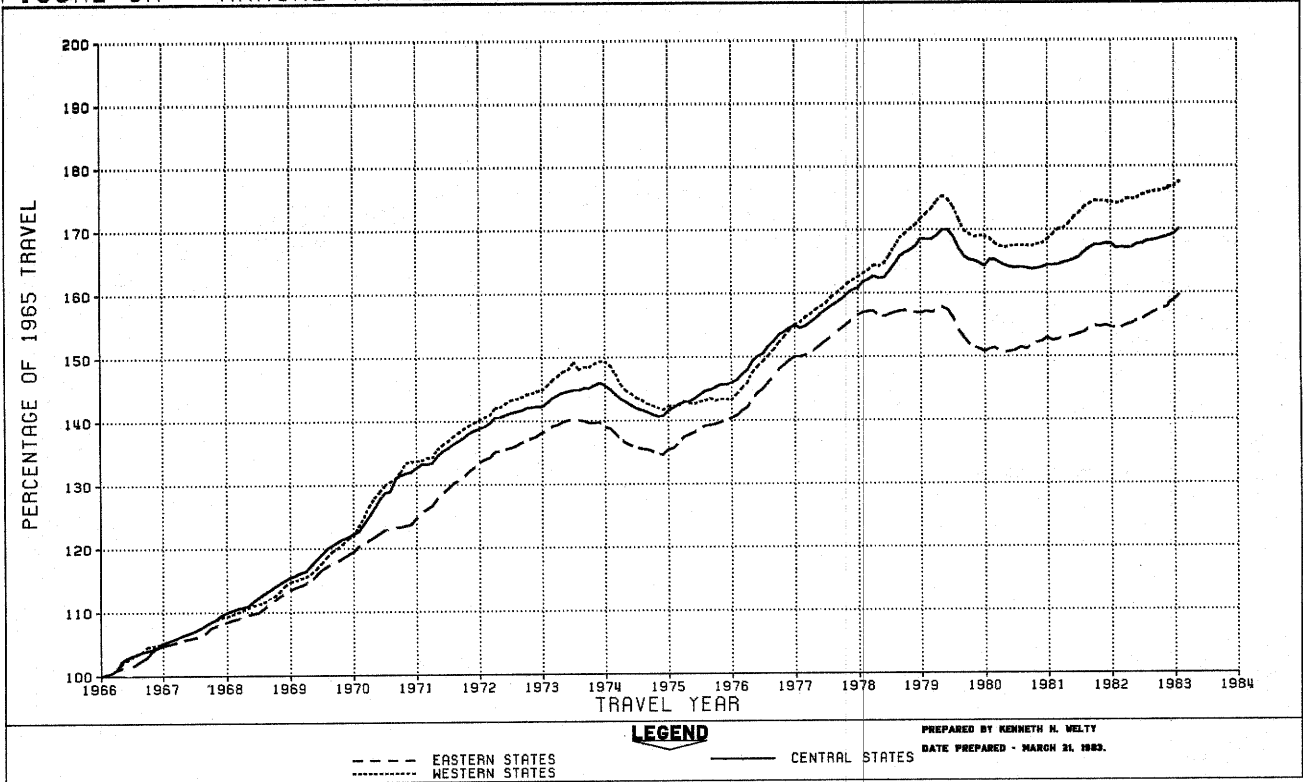


FIGURE 3B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

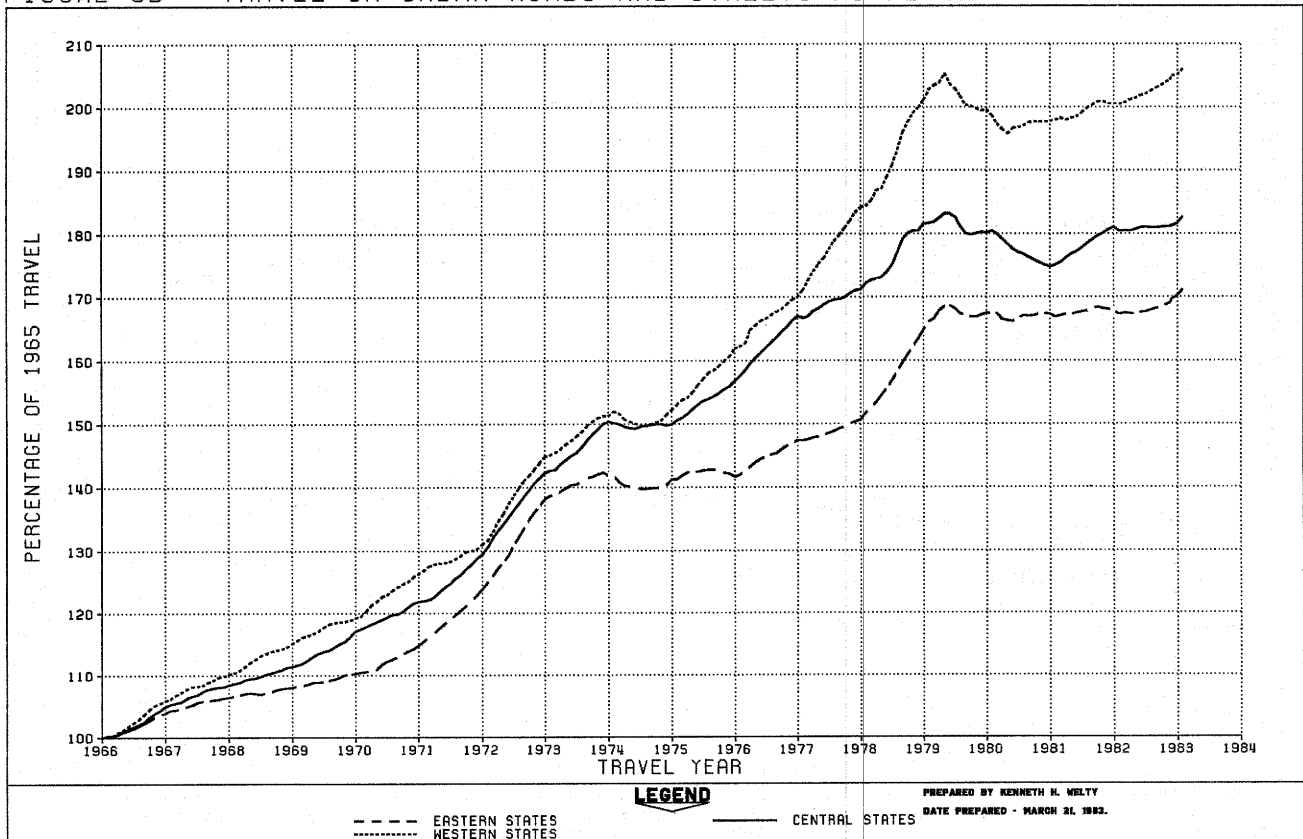


TABLE 1.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR JANUARY			REVISED DATA FOR DECEMBER		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1983	1982		1982	1981	
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	29,442	27,146	8.5	32,699	31,563	3.6
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	21,501	20,391	5.4	23,038	22,471	2.5
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	50,944	47,538	7.2	55,737	54,035	3.1
CITY STREETS.....	69,609	64,678	7.6	72,207	70,386	2.6
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	120,553	112,215	7.4	127,944	124,421	2.8
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	10,031	5,195	9.1	11,194	10,481	6.8
CENTRAL REGION.....	13,884	12,434	8.2	15,556	15,203	2.3
WESTERN REGION.....	5,324	4,930	8.0	5,750	5,693	1.0
TOTAL.....	29,239	26,559	8.5	32,500	31,377	3.6

TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	JANUARY (PRELIMINARY)		DECEMBER (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	JANUARY (PRELIMINARY)		DECEMBER (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.....	-	-	2	10.0	ALABAMA.....	41	11.4	41	5.8
MAINE.....	21	12.4	23	10.6	KENTUCKY.....	-	10.0	37	3.9
MASSACHUSETTS.....	6	9.7	3	7.0	MISSISSIPPI.....	43	5.5	35	2.1
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	49	8.4	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	28	5.3
RHODE ISLAND.....	2	5.1	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	34	8.4	35	9.9	IOWA.....	-	-	54	- 1.8
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	70	4.6	67	- 0.5
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	MINNESOTA.....	25	17.8	32	- 0.1
NEW YORK.....	1	10.6	24	5.9	MISSOURI.....	69	11.7	70	4.9
PENNSYLVANIA.....	41	12.0	40	6.2	NEBRASKA.....	20	9.5	21	- 2.2
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	18	12.2	30	2.8
DELAWARE.....	11	17.2	11	8.2	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	18	14.6	35	2.5
MARYLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	2.1	-	3.0	ARKANSAS.....	-	-	18	1.1
WEST VIRGINIA.....	23	5.9	23	5.7	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	26	- 2.2	27	- 2.7
FLORIDA.....	55	6.9	60	13.4	TEXAS.....	114	6.1	120	2.2
GEORGIA.....	31	9.4	22	4.3	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	43	11.8	44	5.7	ARIZONA.....	-	-	28	- 4.1
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	13	12.6	13	4.8	COLORADO.....	42	5.1	43	- 3.7
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	-	-	22	- 2.8
ILLINOIS.....	-	-	36	2.4	MONTANA.....	21	18.3	31	0.0
INDIANA.....	22	13.1	22	6.0	NEVADA.....	27	5.7	28	- 2.4
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	33	2.4	33	0.0
OHIO.....	16	8.3	14	2.2	UTAH.....	-	-	-	-
WISCONSIN.....	-	-	42	1.7	WYOMING.....	26	2.5	37	-10.5
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	8.1	3	7.8	CALIFORNIA.....	16	8.3	15	6.2
					OREGON.....	-	-	11	- 0.8
					WASHINGTON.....	19	16.5	23	1.7

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 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 AS DETERMINED FROM EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SAMPLING SURVEYS  
 3-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE ARE SHOWN AS DASHES, INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WAS 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
1982 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	27.1	27.2	32.5	33.5	36.8	37.6	41.2	41.0	35.8	35.5	33.0	32.7
OTHER RURAL	20.4	20.1	23.5	23.5	25.0	24.5	25.9	25.8	23.9	25.0	23.2	23.0
URBAN	64.7	63.6	72.8	72.2	75.9	75.1	76.7	78.7	73.5	76.3	71.6	72.2
ALL SYSTEMS	112.2	110.8	128.8	129.2	137.8	137.3	143.7	145.5	133.3	137.2	127.7	127.9

1983 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS\*\*

RURAL ARTERIAL	29.4											
OTHER RURAL	21.5											
URBAN	69.6											
ALL SYSTEMS	120.6											

PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1983 VS. 1982

RURAL ARTERIAL	8.5											
OTHER RURAL	5.4											
URBAN	7.6											
ALL SYSTEMS	7.4											

\* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1982 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

\*\* TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1982 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.

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

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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
1982 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	27.1	54.3	86.8	120.3	157.1	194.7	235.9	276.9	312.7	348.6	381.6	414.2
OTHER RURAL	20.4	40.5	63.9	87.4	112.5	137.0	162.9	188.7	212.6	237.7	260.5	283.9
URBAN	64.7	128.2	201.1	273.2	345.2	424.3	501.0	579.6	653.2	729.5	801.0	873.2
ALL SYSTEMS	112.2	223.0	351.8	480.9	618.7	756.0	899.8	1045.2	1178.5	1315.7	1443.5	1571.4
1983 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.4											
OTHER RURAL	21.5											
URBAN	69.6											
ALL SYSTEMS	120.6											
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1983 VS. 1982												
RURAL ARTERIAL	8.5											
OTHER RURAL	5.4											
URBAN	7.6											
ALL SYSTEMS	7.4											

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# 1981 REVISED TRAVEL ESTIMATES

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1981 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	28.2	26.7	32.0	33.2	35.6	36.8	40.0	40.2	35.0	34.8	32.3	31.6
OTHER RURAL	21.0	19.9	23.4	23.4	24.3	24.4	25.4	25.5	23.7	24.4	22.8	22.5
URBAN	66.3	63.1	72.4	71.9	74.4	74.4	75.9	77.8	72.5	74.1	69.7	70.4
ALL SYSTEMS	116.0	109.8	127.8	128.5	134.3	135.5	141.3	143.5	131.2	133.2	124.8	124.4
1981 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	28.2	54.9	86.9	120.1	155.7	192.5	232.4	272.7	307.7	342.4	374.7	406.3
OTHER RURAL	21.0	40.9	64.3	87.7	112.0	136.4	161.8	187.3	211.0	235.3	258.2	280.6
URBAN	66.9	130.0	202.4	274.3	348.7	423.1	499.0	576.7	649.2	723.3	793.8	863.4
ALL SYSTEMS	116.0	225.8	353.6	482.1	616.4	751.9	893.2	1036.6	1167.8	1301.0	1425.8	1550.3

THESE ESTIMATES HAVE BEEN REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1981

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