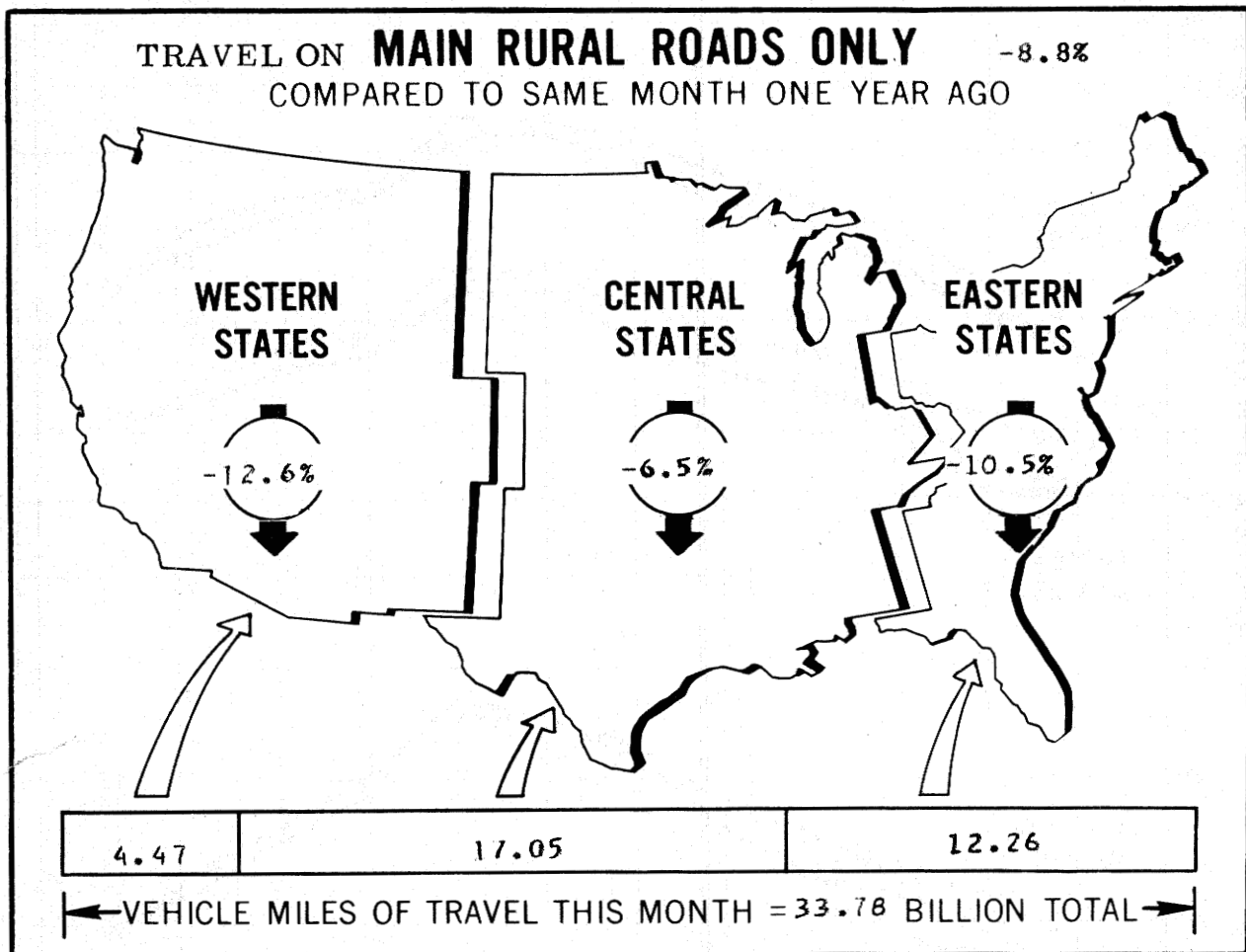


# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

MARCH 1974 <sup>1/</sup>

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** -7.7%  
COMPARED TO SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO



<sup>1/</sup> 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 TA1 DATA AS A BASE.

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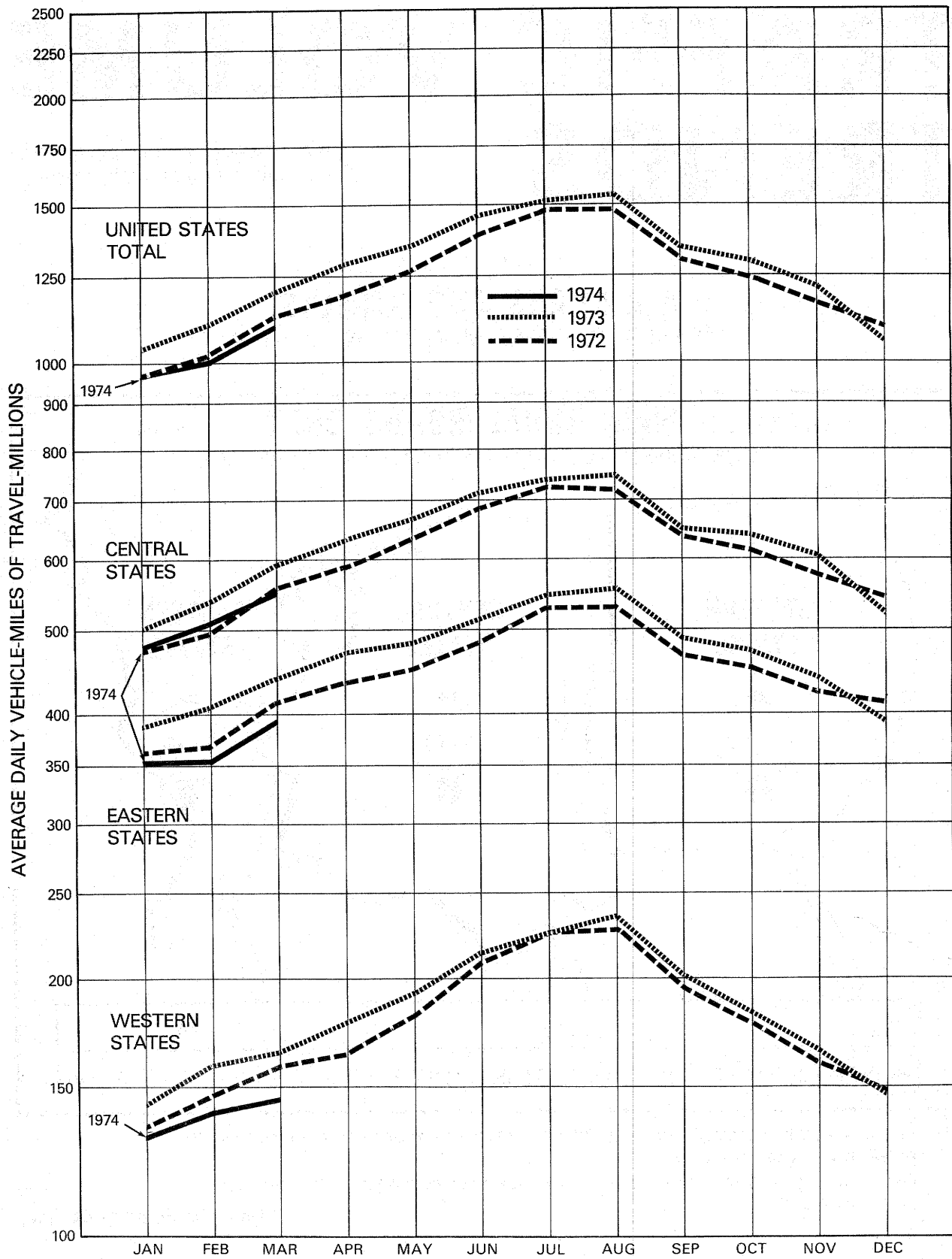


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

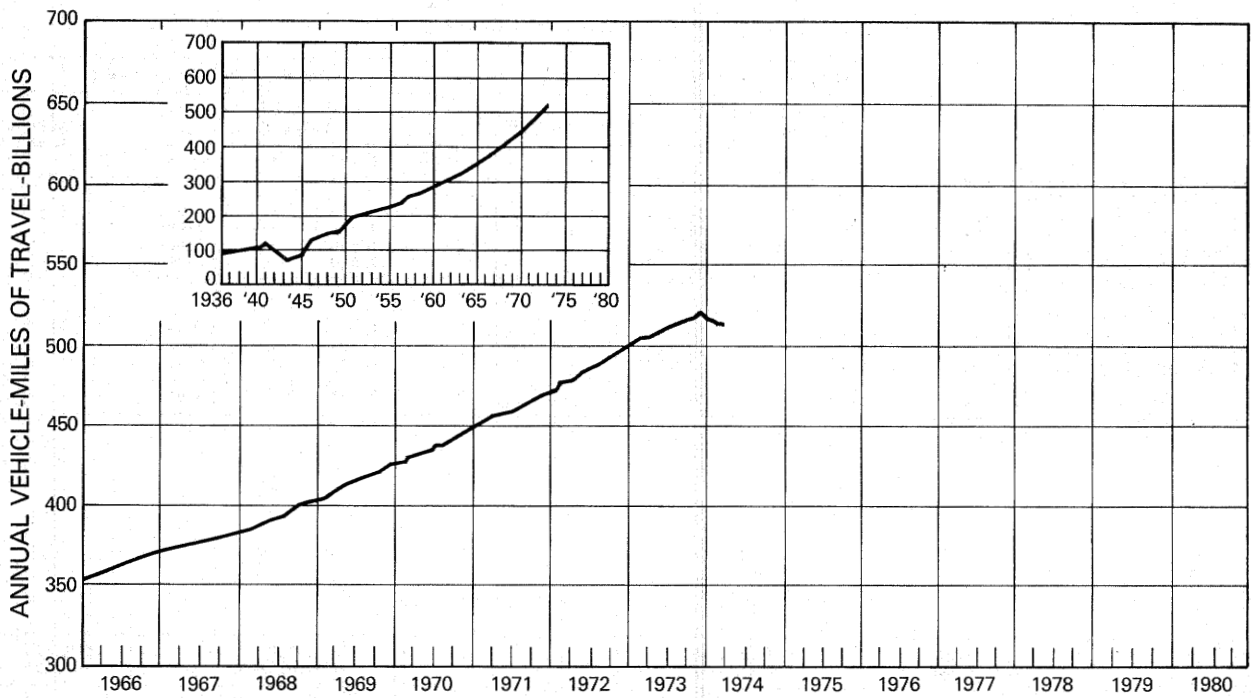


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

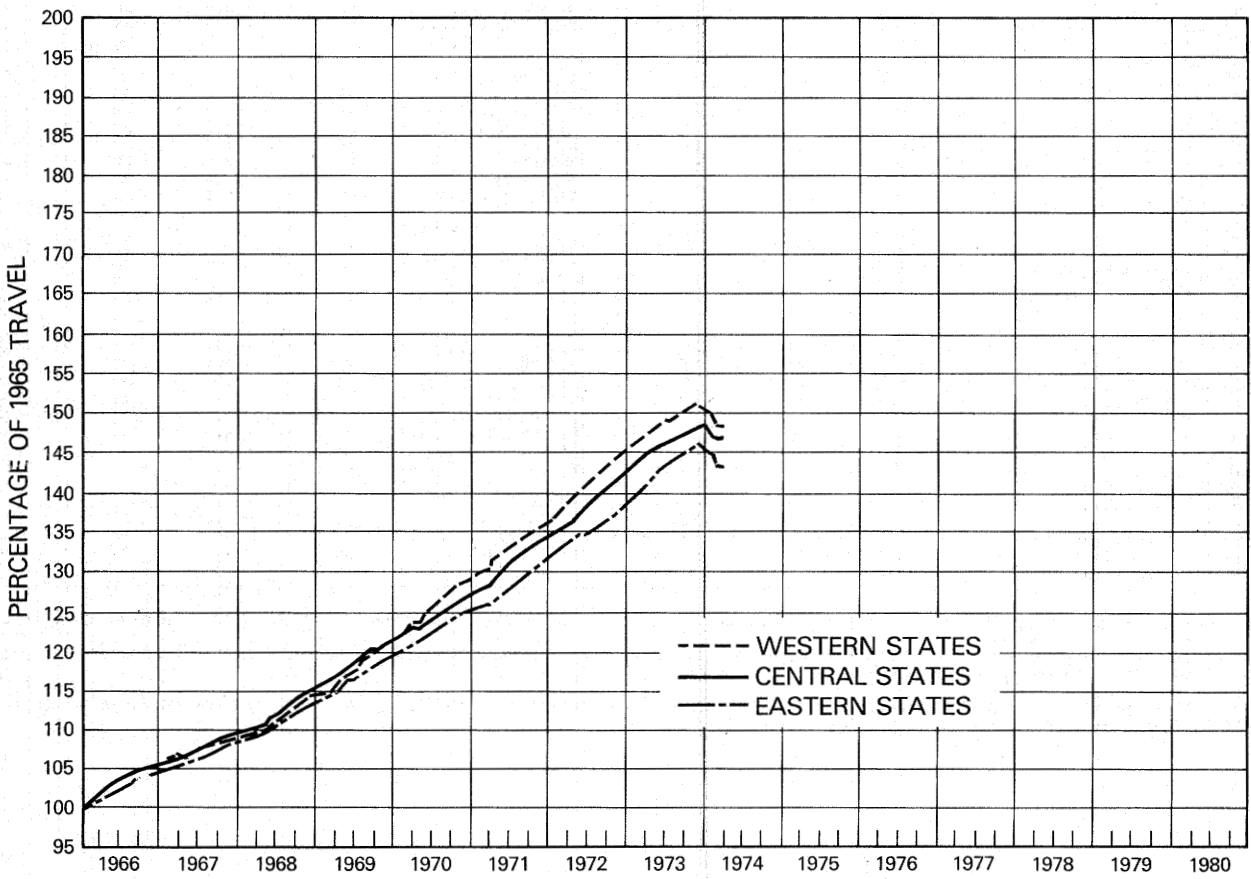


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

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

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR MARCH			REVISED DATA FOR FEBRUARY		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1974	1973		1974	1973	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	33,938	37,210	-8.8	28,074	31,063	-9.6
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	11,536	12,079	-4.5	9,394	9,898	-5.1
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	45,474	49,289	-7.7	37,468	40,961	-8.5
CITY STREETS.....	53,757	58,200	-7.6	46,590	53,045	-8.4
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	99,231	107,489	-7.7	86,058	94,006	-8.5
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	12,259	13,699	-10.5	9,934	11,432	-13.1
CENTRAL REGION.....	17,054	18,245	-6.5	14,108	15,088	-6.5
WESTERN REGION.....	4,469	5,114	-12.6	3,910	4,414	-11.4
TOTAL.....	33,782	37,058	-8.8	27,952	30,934	-9.6

TABLE 2.—CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	MARCH (PRELIMINARY)		FEBRUARY (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	MARCH (PRELIMINARY)		FEBRUARY (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.....	15	-12.1	15	-17.6	ALABAMA.....	54	-5.1	54	-5.2
MAINE.....	22	-9.4	20	-8.7	KENTUCKY.....	37	-8.8	36	-9.2
MASSACHUSETTS.....	6	-15.1	7	-19.5	MISSISSIPPI.....	43	-7.2	45	-5.2
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	58	-13.4	55	-18.7	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	20	-2.4
RHODE ISLAND.....	3	-11.9	1	-5.7	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	42	-17.6	33	-16.5	IOWA.....	30	-7.0	30	-8.3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	70	-3.6	69	-2.9
NEW JERSEY.....	18	-10.2	17	-18.2	MINNESOTA.....	37	-10.1	37	-7.4
NEW YORK.....	27	-18.6	27	-17.0	MISSOURI.....	66	-7.5	68	-7.4
PENNSYLVANIA.....	27	-4.8	28	-8.7	NEBRASKA.....	23	-6.8	20	-6.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	45	-6.6	46	-7.7
DELAWARE.....	13	-16.5	12	-16.3	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	30	-5.1	31	-4.6
MARYLAND.....	33	-14.2	29	-18.6	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	-4.0	-	-4.6	ARKANSAS.....	-	-	31	-5.4
WEST VIRGINIA.....	27	-5.3	26	-7.6	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	-	-	40	-8.7
FLORIDA.....	40	-12.3	42	-16.6	TEXAS.....	115	-6.2	114	-2.7
GEORGIA.....	-	-	32	-10.3	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	43	-11.8	40	-16.4	ARIZONA.....	19	-17.8	18	-22.6
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	9	-11.3	10	-8.8	COLORADO.....	41	-2.2	39	-5.9
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	43	-7.1	58	-5.9
ILLINOIS.....	20	-4.4	22	-5.4	MONTANA.....	-	-	25	-3.0
INDIANA.....	24	-7.1	25	-8.4	NEVADA.....	22	-12.0	23	-7.2
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	34	-4.8	36	-6.9
OHIO.....	16	-6.9	17	-8.2	UTAH.....	44	-6.4	42	-7.6
WISCONSIN.....	-	-	31	-13.5	WYOMING.....	-	-	-	-
ALASKA.....	14	9.5	15	-3.9	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	1	0.1	1	-5.7	CALIFORNIA.....	13	-15.2	17	-9.9
					OREGON.....	73	-16.2	65	-17.9
					WASHINGTON.....	10	-21.1	24	-19.7

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 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 MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES <sup>3/</sup>

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1973 MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS <sup>1/</sup>												
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 MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS <sup>2/</sup>												
MAIN RURAL	30.1	28.1	33.9									
LOCAL RURAL	10.1	9.4	11.5									
URBAN	53.5	48.6	53.8									
ALL SYSTEMS	93.7	86.1	99.2									
PERCENT CHANGE IN MONTHLY TRAVEL 1974 vs. 1973												
MAIN RURAL	-6.6	-9.6	-8.8									
LOCAL RURAL	-3.8	-5.1	-4.5									
URBAN	-2.9	-8.4	-7.6									
ALL SYSTEMS	-4.2	-8.5	-7.7									

<sup>1/</sup> These are preliminary estimates which will be revised to agree with final estimates of 1973 annual travel provided by State highway departments.

<sup>2/</sup> To be revised based on 1973 final travel estimates.

<sup>3/</sup> System entries may not add to total "All Systems" due to rounding.

TABLE 4

ESTIMATED CUMMULATIVE MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES <sup>3/</sup>

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1973 CUMMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS <sup>1/</sup>												
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	128.7	135.9	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 CUMMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS <sup>2/</sup>												
MAIN RURAL	30.1	58.2	92.2									
LOCAL RURAL	10.1	19.5	31.0									
URBAN	53.5	102.1	155.8									
ALL SYSTEMS	93.7	179.8	279.0									
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1974 vs. 1973												
MAIN RURAL	-6.6	-8.1	-8.4									
LOCAL RURAL	-3.8	-4.4	-4.4									
URBAN	-2.9	-5.6	-6.3									
ALL SYSTEMS	-4.2	-6.3	-6.8									

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