



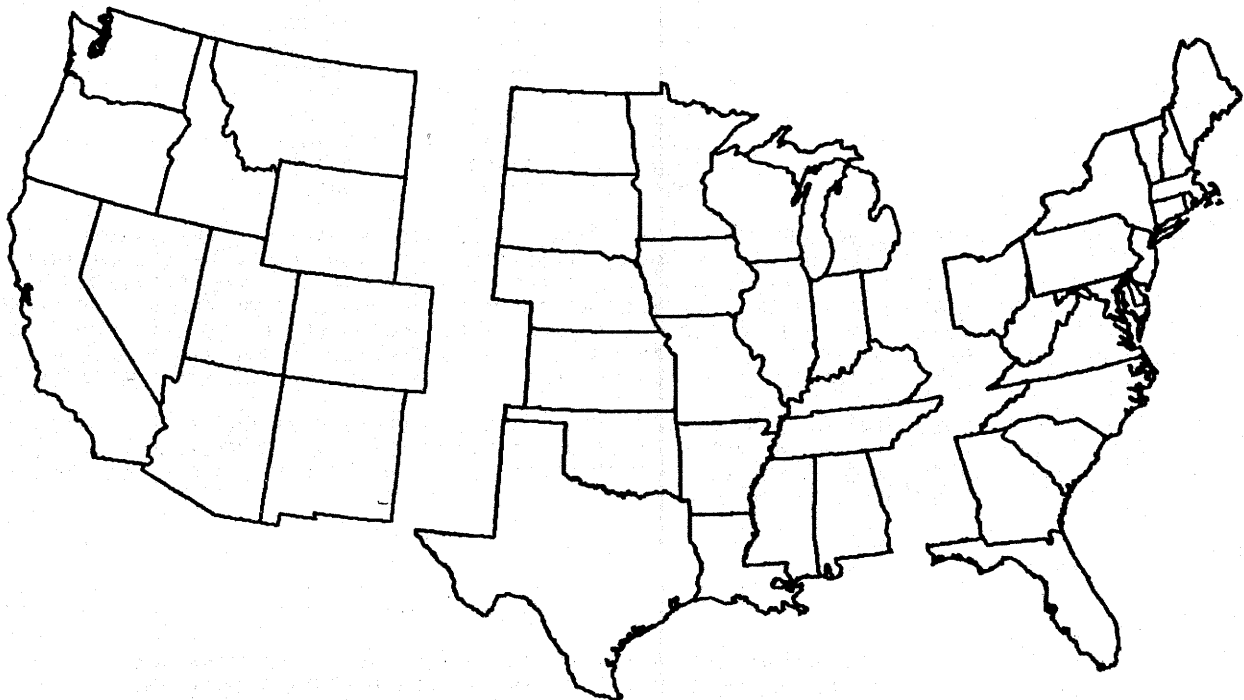
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HIGHWAY STATISTICS DIVISION

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

MARCH 1985

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 5.1 PERCENT
FOR MARCH 1985 AS COMPARED TO MARCH 1984.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - MARCH 1985.

28.9 BILLION

63.2 BILLION

51.3 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+3.0

+5.4

+5.9

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 1983 VM-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF MAY 20, 1985.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS MARCH 1985

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING MARCH 1985 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 5.1 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO MARCH 1984, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 144337 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 61468 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 82869 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	
	MARCH	YEAR TO DATE
1970	90223	247838
1971	92974	258428
1972	102926	283663
1973	107490	296721
1974	100736	282192
1975	106070	295715
1976	114284	315272
1977	119960	324821
1978	125035	341891
1979	131406	355410
1980	125179	348979
1981	127798	353612
1982	128182	345451
1983	132814	364078
1984	137393	378972
1985	144337	389991

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS IS A MONTHLY REPORT PREPARED BY THE TRAVEL MONITORING 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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SPECIAL NOTE

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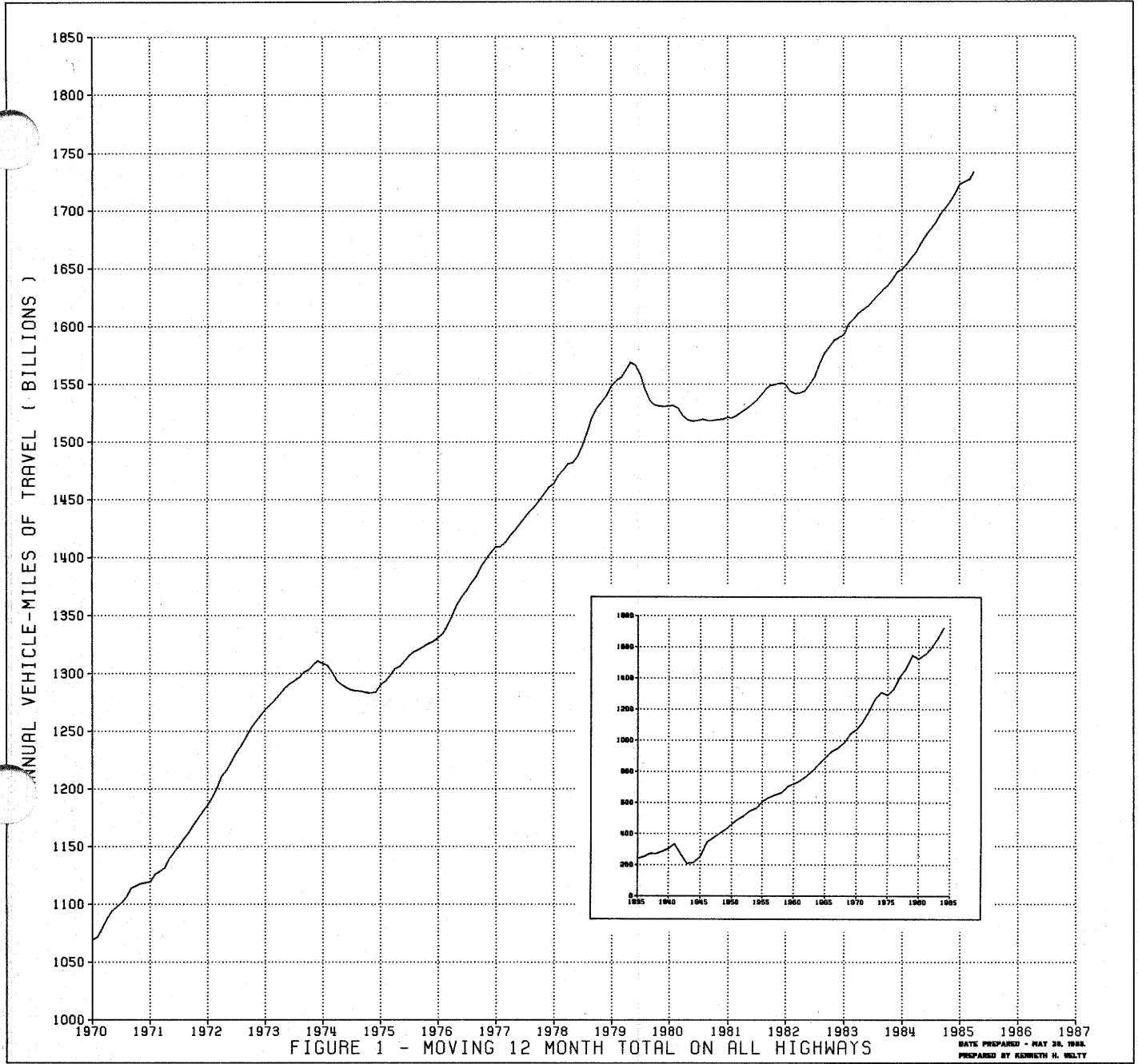
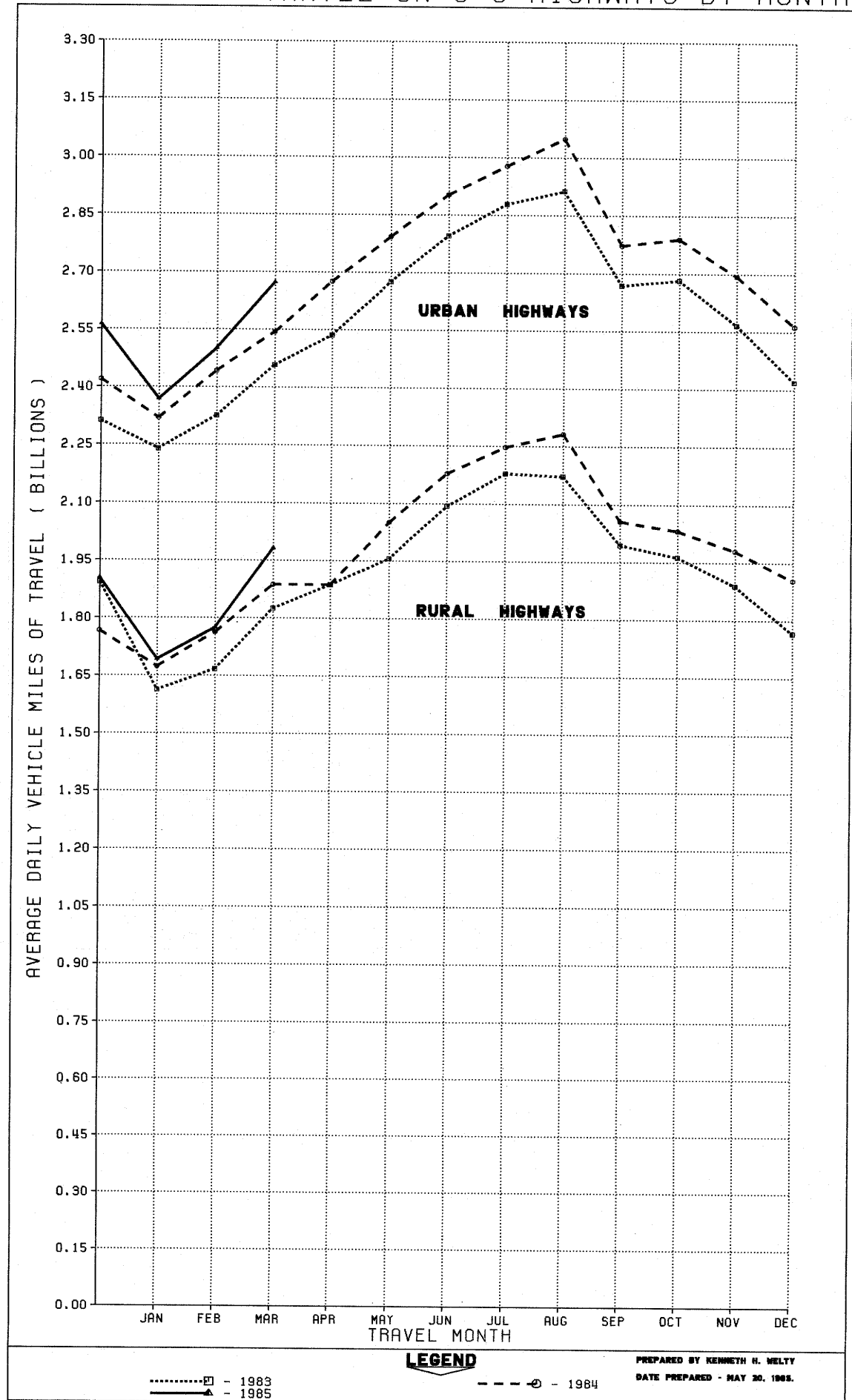


FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12 MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

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FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U S HIGHWAYS BY MONTH



LEGEND

- - 1983
- - 1984
- - 1985

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TABLE 1.

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

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1984 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.8	28.3	34.4	35.8	38.3	40.3	43.8	44.2	37.3	37.7	35.7	34.7
OTHER RURAL	22.1	21.0	24.1	24.5	25.3	25.1	25.9	26.5	24.4	25.3	23.7	24.3
URBAN	71.9	68.4	78.9	80.3	86.6	87.1	92.3	94.5	83.2	86.5	80.8	79.5
ALL SYSTEMS	123.8	117.8	137.4	140.6	150.2	152.5	162.0	165.3	144.9	149.5	140.2	138.5
1985 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	30.4	28.8	36.4									
OTHER RURAL	22.1	20.9	25.1									
URBAN	73.4	70.0	82.9									
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	119.7	144.3									
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.8	5.8									
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.8	3.9									
URBAN	2.1	2.4	5.1									
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.7	5.1									

* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1984 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

** TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1984 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.

*** SYSTEM ENTRIES MAY NOT ADD TO TOTAL "ALL SYSTEMS" DUE TO ROUNDING.
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TABLE 2.

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

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1984 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.8	58.1	92.5	128.4	166.6	206.9	250.7	294.9	332.2	369.9	405.6	440.4
OTHER RURAL	22.1	43.1	67.2	91.7	117.1	142.1	168.0	194.6	219.0	244.3	267.9	292.2
URBAN	71.9	140.3	219.2	299.5	386.1	473.2	565.5	660.0	743.2	829.7	910.5	990.0
ALL SYSTEMS	123.8	241.6	379.0	519.6	669.8	822.2	984.2	1149.5	1294.4	1443.9	1584.1	1722.6
1985 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	30.4	59.3	95.7									
OTHER RURAL	22.1	42.9	68.0									
URBAN	73.4	143.5	226.3									
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	245.7	390.0									
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.9	3.4									
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.5	1.1									
URBAN	2.1	2.2	3.3									
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.7	2.9									

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