

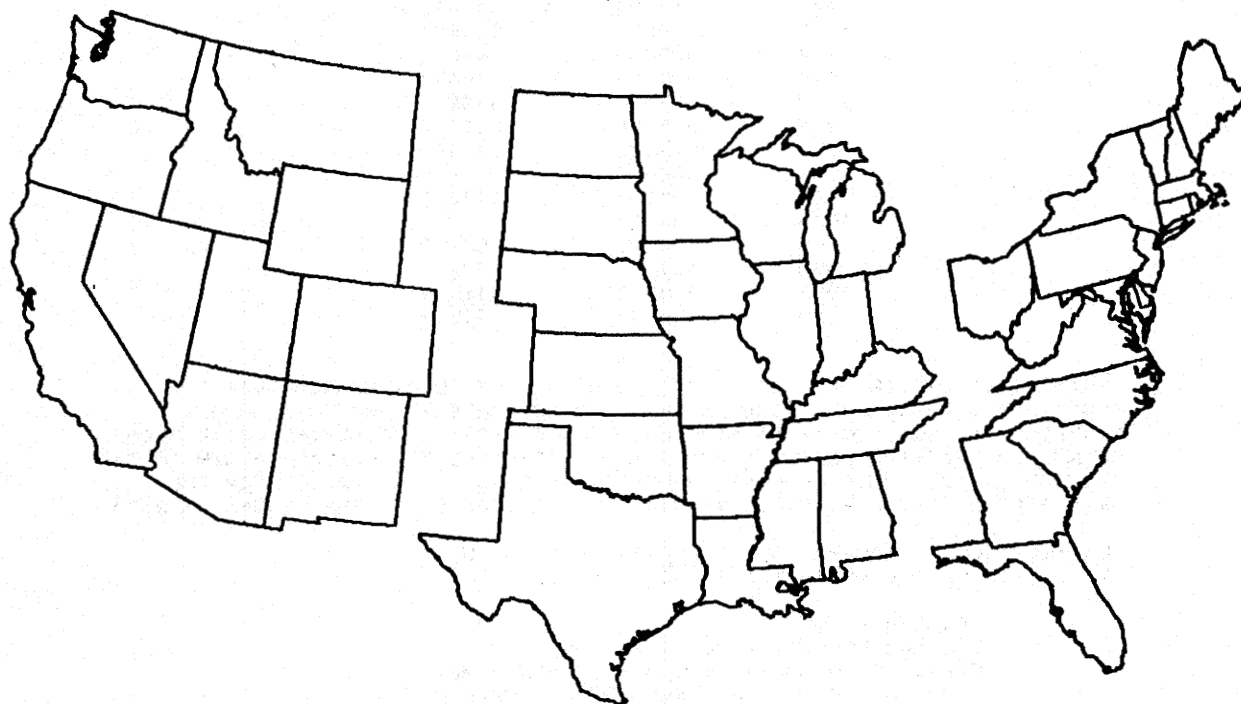


U.S. Department
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**Federal Highway
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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

MARCH 1989

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 3.3 PERCENT
FOR MARCH 1989 AS COMPARED TO MARCH 1988.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - MARCH 1989.

36.8 BILLION

71.9 BILLION

59.1 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+4.4

+2.9

+3.3

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 COMPUTED WITH 1987 TABLE VM-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF MAY 17, 1989.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - MARCH 1989

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING MARCH 1989 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 3.3 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO MARCH 1988, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 168794 MILLION VEHICLE-MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 68642 MILLION VEHICLE-MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 100153 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.

TRAVEL IN MILLIONS
ALL ROADS AND STREETS

YEAR	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	137307	377319
1985	144424	387913
1986	151183	407707
1987	157573	433487
1988	163366	448919
1989	168794	466619

"TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS" IS A MONTHLY REPORT 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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FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12-MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

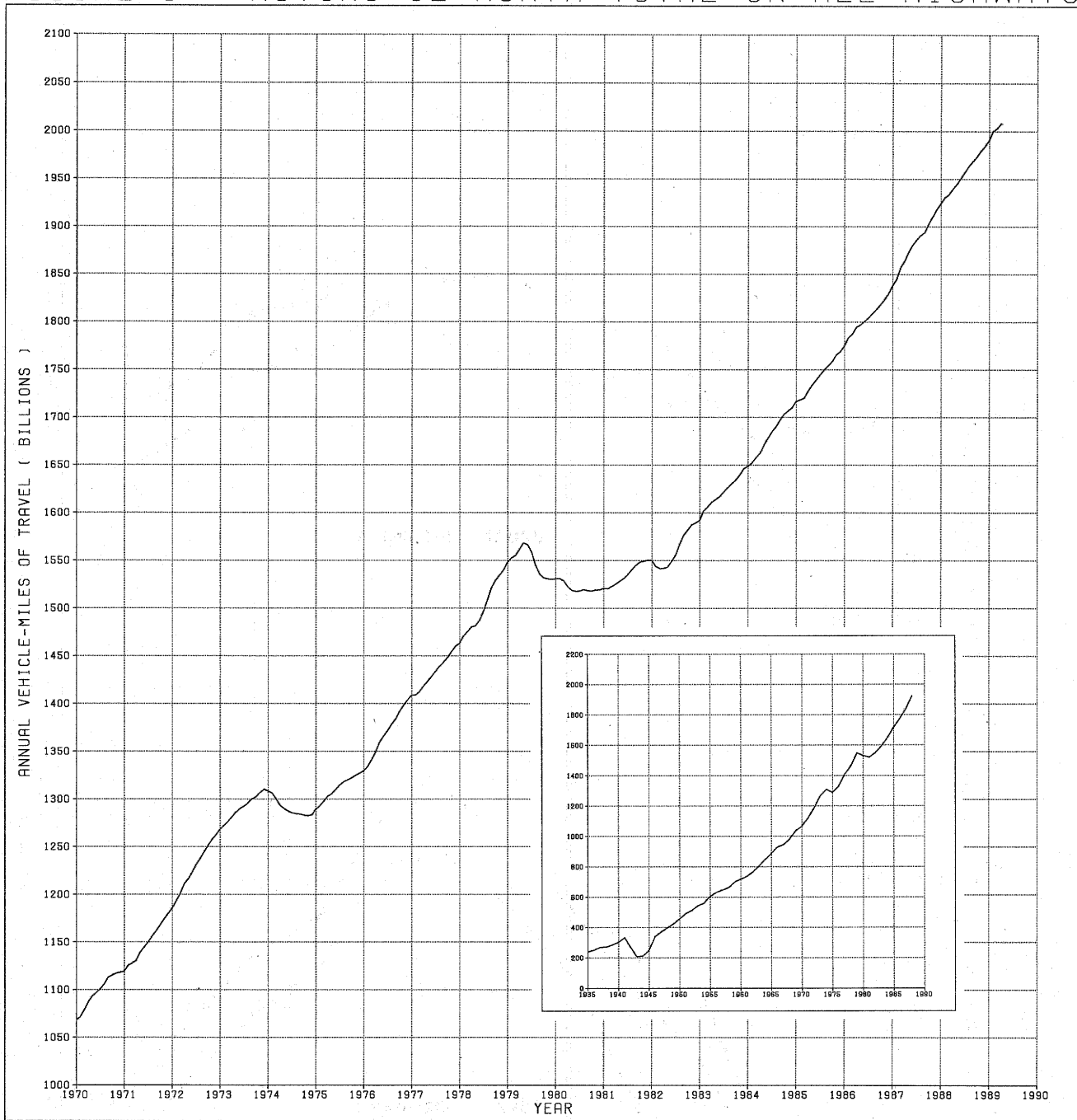
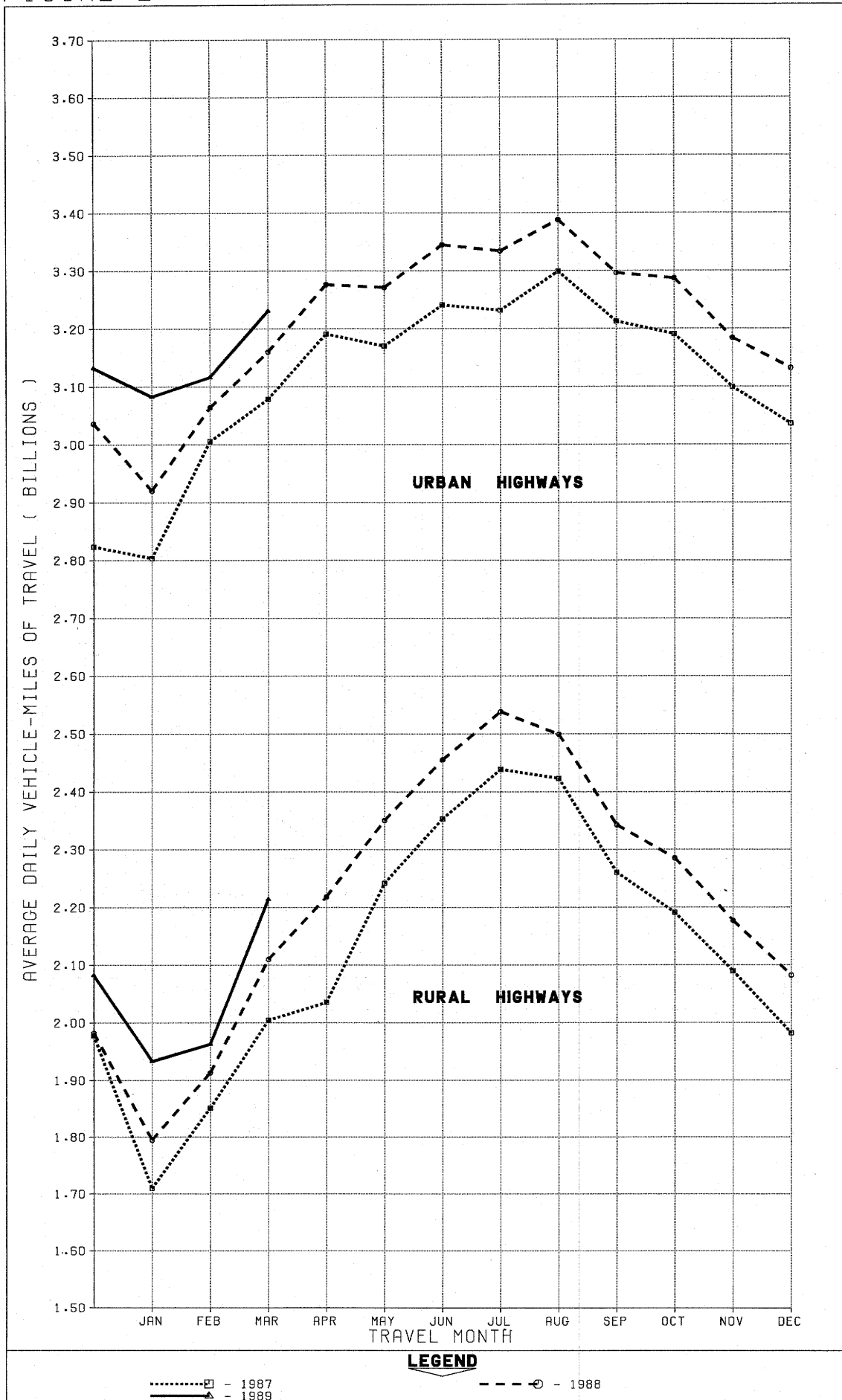


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U.S. HIGHWAYS BY MONTH



LEGEND

-□ - 1987
-○ - 1988
-△ - 1989

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
1988 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	33.7	32.3	39.7	40.6	43.9	44.7	48.6	47.8	42.9	43.5	40.1	39.7
OTHER RURAL	21.9	21.3	25.7	26.0	29.0	29.0	30.1	29.7	27.4	27.4	25.2	24.9
URBAN	90.5	85.8	98.0	98.3	101.4	100.4	103.4	105.0	98.9	101.9	95.5	97.1
ALL SYSTEMS	146.2	139.4	163.4	164.8	174.3	174.0	182.1	182.5	169.2	172.7	160.8	161.6
1989 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS***												
RURAL ARTERIAL	36.5	33.3	42.1									
OTHER RURAL	23.4	21.7	26.5									
URBAN	95.7	87.3	100.2									
ALL SYSTEMS	155.6	142.2	168.8									
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1989 VS. 1988												
RURAL ARTERIAL	8.2	3.0	5.9									
OTHER RURAL	6.9	2.0	3.4									
URBAN	5.7	1.7	2.2									
ALL SYSTEMS	6.4	2.0	3.3									

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
1988 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	33.7	66.0	105.8	146.3	190.2	234.9	283.5	331.3	374.2	417.6	457.8	497.4
OTHER RURAL	21.9	43.2	68.9	94.8	123.8	152.8	182.9	212.6	240.0	267.4	292.6	317.5
URBAN	90.5	176.3	274.3	372.6	474.0	574.4	677.7	782.7	881.6	983.5	1079.1	1176.2
ALL SYSTEMS	146.2	285.6	448.9	613.8	788.0	962.1	1144.1	1326.6	1495.8	1668.5	1829.4	1991.0
1989 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS***												
RURAL ARTERIAL	36.5	69.8	111.9									
OTHER RURAL	23.4	45.1	71.7									
URBAN	95.7	182.9	283.1									
ALL SYSTEMS	155.6	297.8	466.6									
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1989 VS. 1988												
RURAL ARTERIAL	8.2	5.7	5.8									
OTHER RURAL	6.9	4.5	4.1									
URBAN	5.7	3.7	3.2									
ALL SYSTEMS	6.4	4.3	3.9									

* SYSTEM ENTRIES MAY NOT ADD TO GIVE "ALL SYSTEMS" TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.
 ** THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1988 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.
 *** TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1989 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.
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TABLE 3.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR MARCH			REVISED DATA FOR FEBRUARY		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1989	1988		1989	1988	
CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:						
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	42,104	39,740	5.9	33,256	32,296	3.0
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	26,538	25,666	3.4	21,711	21,286	2.0
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	68,642	65,406	4.9	54,967	53,581	2.6
CITY STREETS.....	100,153	97,960	2.2	87,265	85,798	1.7
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	168,794	163,366	3.3	142,232	139,379	2.0
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	14,579	13,578	7.4	11,416	10,910	4.6
CENTRAL REGION.....	19,877	18,836	5.5	15,612	15,165	2.9
WESTERN REGION.....	7,486	7,169	4.4	6,098	6,095	0.0
TOTAL.....	41,942	39,583	6.0	33,126	32,170	3.0

TABLE 4.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL 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.....	10	4.4	11	5.7	ALABAMA.....	48	7.0	48	4.5
MAINE.....	-	-	-	-	KENTUCKY.....	28	6.2	28	4.7
MASSACHUSETTS.....	10	3.9	11	2.3	MISSISSIPPI.....	10	8.0	9	4.2
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	-	-	TENNESSEE.....	11	4.1	11	0.6
RHODE ISLAND.....	8	7.8	6	5.1	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	-	-	28	6.3	IOWA.....	54	4.4	54	3.0
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	62	4.4	61	- 1.1
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	MINNESOTA.....	41	15.3	43	3.5
NEW YORK.....	17	4.0	18	4.5	MISSOURI.....	43	2.1	44	2.7
PENNSYLVANIA.....	34	5.3	34	5.8	NEBRASKA.....	26	6.3	26	1.4
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	28	- 4.6
DELAWARE.....	-	-	15	2.1	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	26	1.8	26	- 0.3
MARYLAND.....	-	-	29	2.0	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	-	-	-	ARKANSAS.....	13	8.2	14	4.5
WEST VIRGINIA.....	-	-	5	6.0	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	-	-	32	- 2.3
FLORIDA.....	35	11.4	36	9.6	TEXAS.....	82	1.6	81	- 2.9
GEORGIA.....	-	-	-	-	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	17	8.5	18	- 1.8	ARIZONA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	9	9.2	10	4.3	COLORADO.....	-	-	31	- 0.6
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	57	2.9	55	- 5.0
ILLINOIS.....	-	-	20	4.8	MONTANA.....	-	-	-	-
INDIANA.....	26	6.3	25	6.1	NEVADA.....	15	4.9	15	- 4.9
MICHIGAN.....	46	6.0	46	9.1	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	-	-
OHIO.....	13	6.5	18	7.1	UTAH.....	-	-	-	-
WISCONSIN.....	48	5.8	48	5.4	WYOMING.....	-	-	38	- 5.6
ALASKA.....	20	- 3.1	18	- 4.2	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	2	7.3	2	7.7	CALIFORNIA.....	-	5.3	-	3.0
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	36	2.0	-	-

NOTE: 1-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.

2-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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