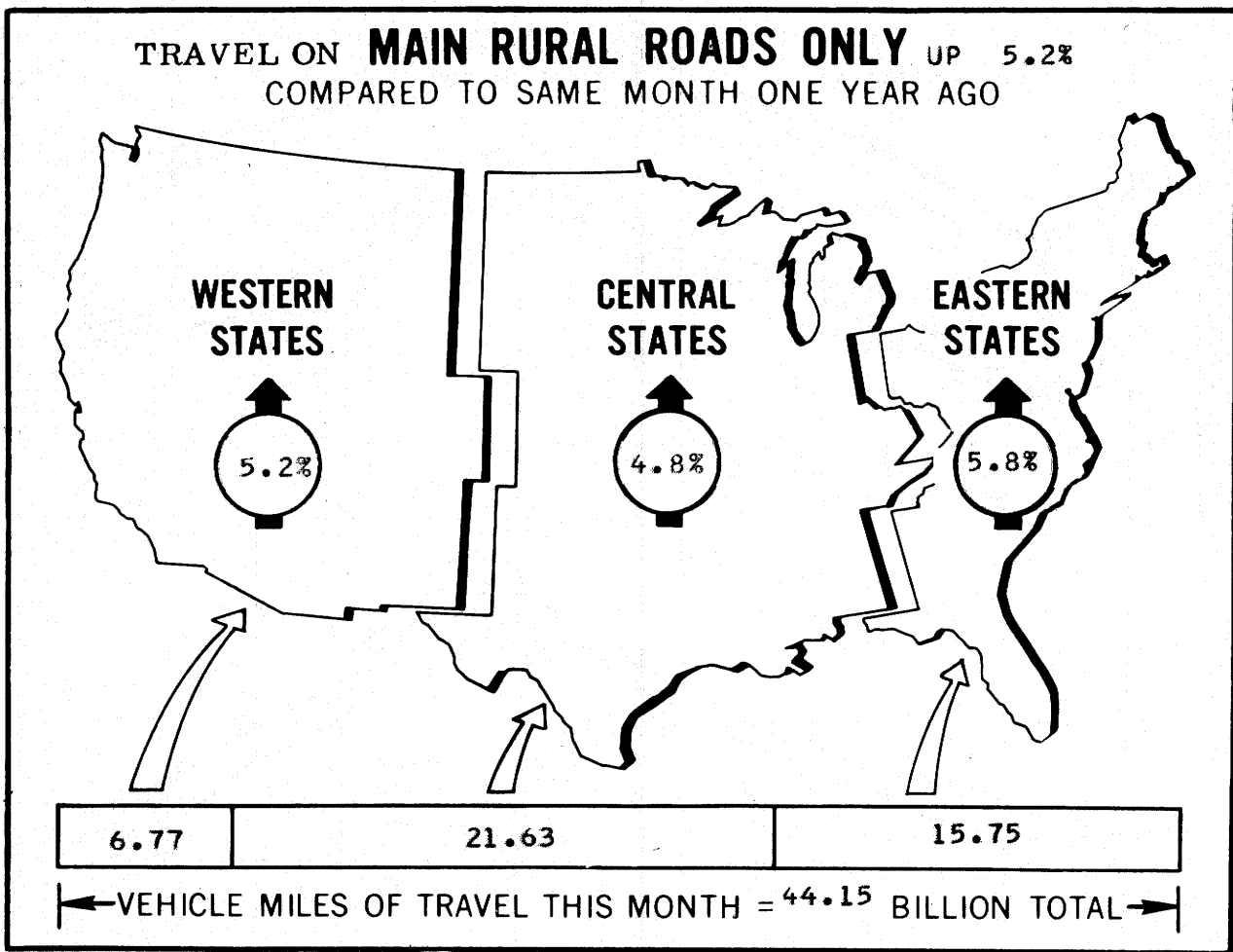


TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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SEPTEMBER 1977 \downarrow

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** UP 4.5%
COMPARED TO SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO



^{1/} 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 1975 VM-2 DATA AS A BASE.

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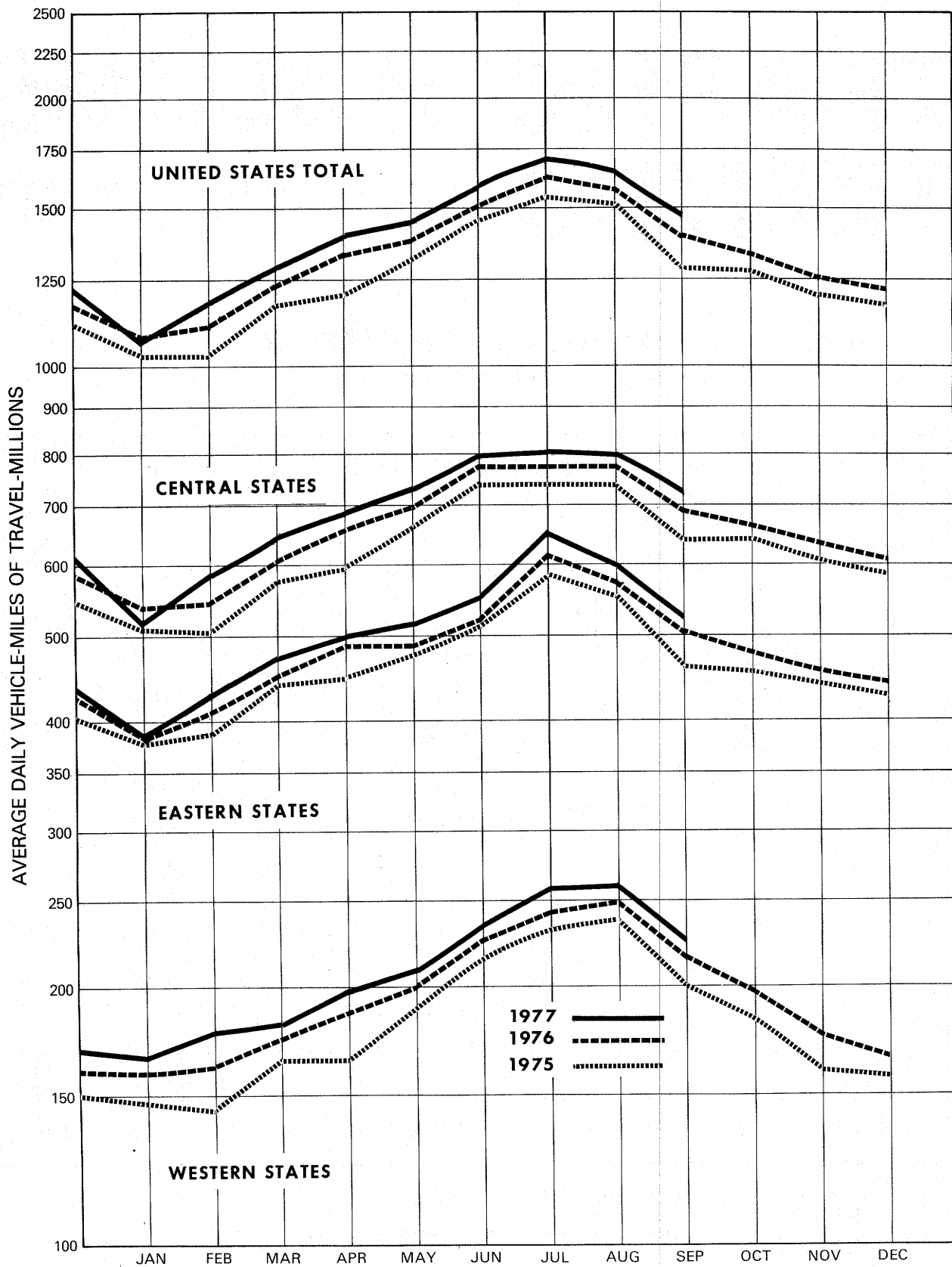


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

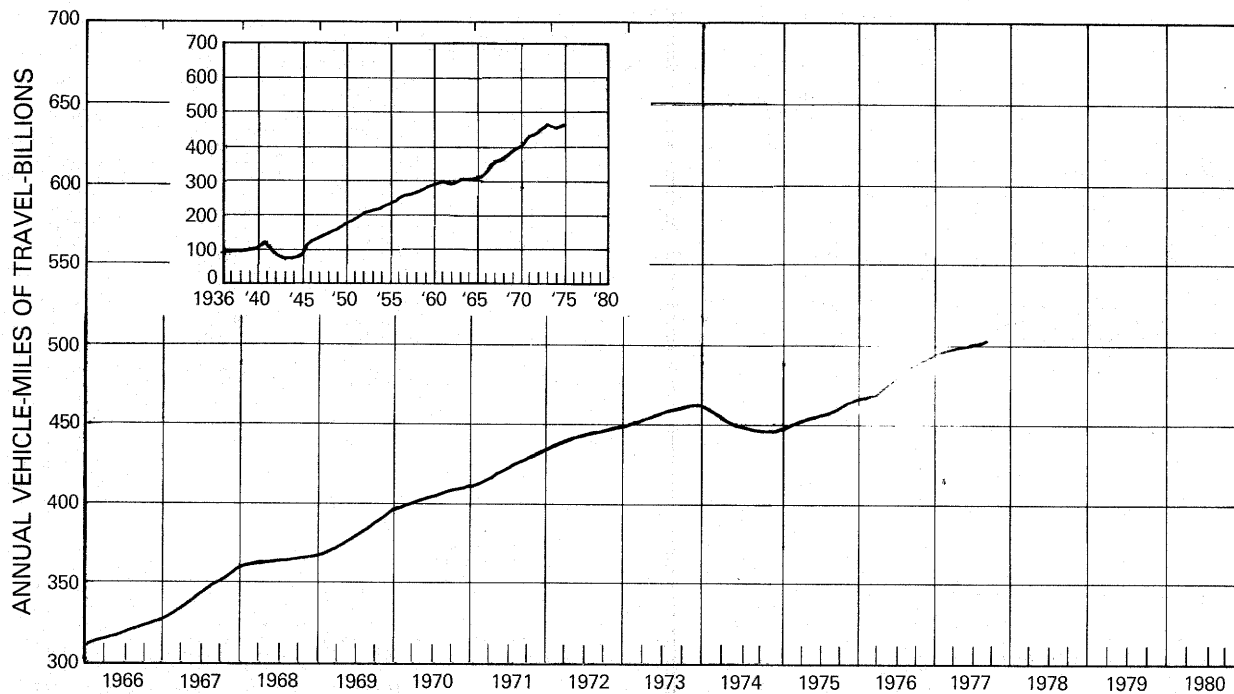


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

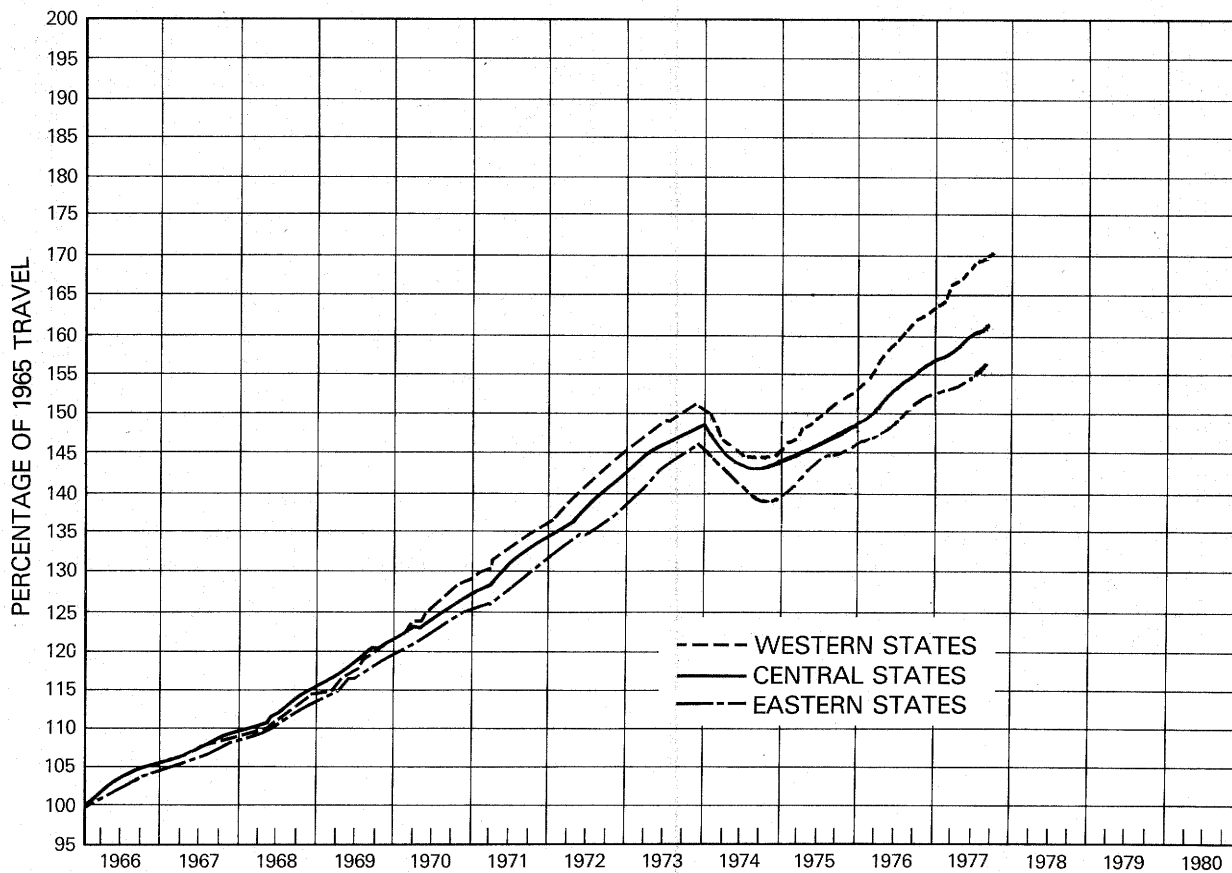


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

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

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR SEPTEMBER			REVISED DATA FOR AUGUST		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1977	1976		1977	1976	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	44,387	42,179	5.2	51,447	49,338	4.3
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	12,404	12,023	3.2	13,815	13,417	3.0
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	56,791	54,203	4.8	65,263	62,755	4.0
CITY STREETS.....	65,583	62,888	4.3	69,853	68,122	2.5
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	122,374	117,091	4.5	135,116	130,877	3.2
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	15,745	14,878	5.8	18,510	17,546	5.5
CENTRAL REGION.....	21,634	20,640	4.8	24,653	23,837	3.4
WESTERN REGION.....	6,769	6,435	5.2	8,004	7,687	4.1
TOTAL.....	44,148	41,953	5.2	51,167	49,070	4.3

TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	SEPTEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		AUGUST (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	SEPTEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		AUGUST (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.....	-	-	-	-	ALABAMA.....	-	-	48	5.3
MAINE.....	22	4.4	23	5.1	KENTUCKY.....	41	8.8	42	5.3
MASSACHUSETTS.....	-	-	-	-	MISSISSIPPI.....	41	7.0	42	6.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	54	4.4	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	22	1.6
RHODE ISLAND.....	8	5.3	8	6.6	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	43	0.3	42	1.5	IOWA.....	33	1.2	33	0.8
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	67	2.2	66	2.6
NEW JERSEY.....	6	3.7	17	2.6	MINNESOTA.....	39	3.1	35	2.6
NEW YORK.....	20	1.9	26	1.7	MISSOURI.....	64	4.2	56	2.9
PENNSYLVANIA.....	43	8.3	43	7.6	NEBRASKA.....	19	2.6	18	0.3
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	37	- 1.1	38	- 4.4
DELAWARE.....	-	-	9	3.9	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	35	6.1
MARYLAND.....	34	4.6	30	3.1	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	4.3	-	4.4	ARKANSAS.....	-	-	23	2.5
WEST VIRGINIA.....	1	7.6	16	5.0	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	24	2.4	23	4.7
FLORIDA.....	-	-	-	-	TEXAS.....	116	5.3	115	4.5
GEORGIA.....	22	5.9	24	5.2	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	43	3.7	42	4.6	ARIZONA.....	26	8.2	25	2.8
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	10	13.2	10	12.5	COLORADO.....	41	7.0	41	4.2
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	53	2.9	58	4.1
ILLINOIS.....	-	-	7	1.6	MONTANA.....	27	6.0	28	5.7
INDIANA.....	25	4.6	27	4.4	NEVADA.....	25	9.0	24	6.5
MICHIGAN.....	61	4.4	61	2.6	NEW MEXICO.....	30	5.6	32	5.4
OHIO.....	21	5.4	20	3.1	UTAH.....	-	-	46	3.0
WISCONSIN.....	33	5.3	42	4.8	WYOMING.....	37	6.4	37	6.1
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	7.7	3	5.0	CALIFORNIA.....	16	6.6	26	3.7
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	9	- 2.8	22	3.9

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.

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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
1976 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	33.4	32.4	38.4	39.9	42.9	45.8	50.6	49.3	42.2	41.6	38.0	37.8
LOCAL RURAL	9.7	9.6	10.6	11.7	12.5	12.6	13.4	13.4	12.0	12.4	11.2	11.1
URBAN	56.9	55.5	63.4	63.5	66.1	65.8	65.6	68.1	62.9	65.6	60.7	62.7
ALL SYSTEMS	100.0	97.4	112.4	115.2	121.5	124.2	129.6	130.9	117.1	119.5	109.9	111.7
1977 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	32.9	33.6	40.2	41.7	45.3	47.8	53.3	51.4	44.4			
LOCAL RURAL	9.7	9.9	11.0	12.1	13.1	13.0	13.9	13.8	12.4			
URBAN	57.9	57.9	66.9	65.9	68.7	68.6	68.2	69.9	65.6			
ALL SYSTEMS	100.5	101.3	118.1	119.7	127.1	129.4	135.3	135.1	122.4			
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1977 VS. 1976												
MAIN RURAL	-1.5	3.7	4.8	4.4	5.6	4.4	5.2	4.3	5.2			
LOCAL RURAL	-0.6	3.0	3.6	3.9	4.6	3.5	3.7	3.0	3.2			
URBAN	1.8	4.4	5.5	3.7	4.0	4.3	3.9	2.5	4.3			
ALL SYSTEMS	0.5	4.0	5.0	3.9	4.6	4.2	4.4	3.2	4.5			

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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
1976 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	33.4	65.8	104.2	144.1	187.0	232.8	283.4	332.8	374.9	416.5	454.5	492.4
LOCAL RURAL	9.7	19.3	29.9	41.6	54.1	66.7	80.0	93.5	105.5	117.8	129.0	140.1
URBAN	56.9	112.4	175.8	239.3	305.4	371.2	436.8	504.9	567.8	633.3	694.1	756.8
ALL SYSTEMS	100.0	197.5	309.9	425.0	546.5	670.6	800.2	931.1	1048.2	1167.7	1277.6	1389.3
1977 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	32.9	66.5	106.7	148.4	193.6	241.5	294.8	346.2	390.6			
LOCAL RURAL	9.7	19.6	30.5	42.7	55.7	68.7	82.6	96.4	108.8			
URBAN	57.9	115.8	182.7	248.6	317.3	385.9	454.0	523.9	589.5			
ALL SYSTEMS	100.5	201.8	319.9	439.6	566.7	696.1	831.4	966.5	1088.9			
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL: 1977 VS. 1976												
MAIN RURAL	-1.5	1.0	2.4	3.0	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.2			
LOCAL RURAL	-0.6	1.2	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2			
URBAN	1.8	3.1	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.8			
ALL SYSTEMS	0.5	2.2	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.9			

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