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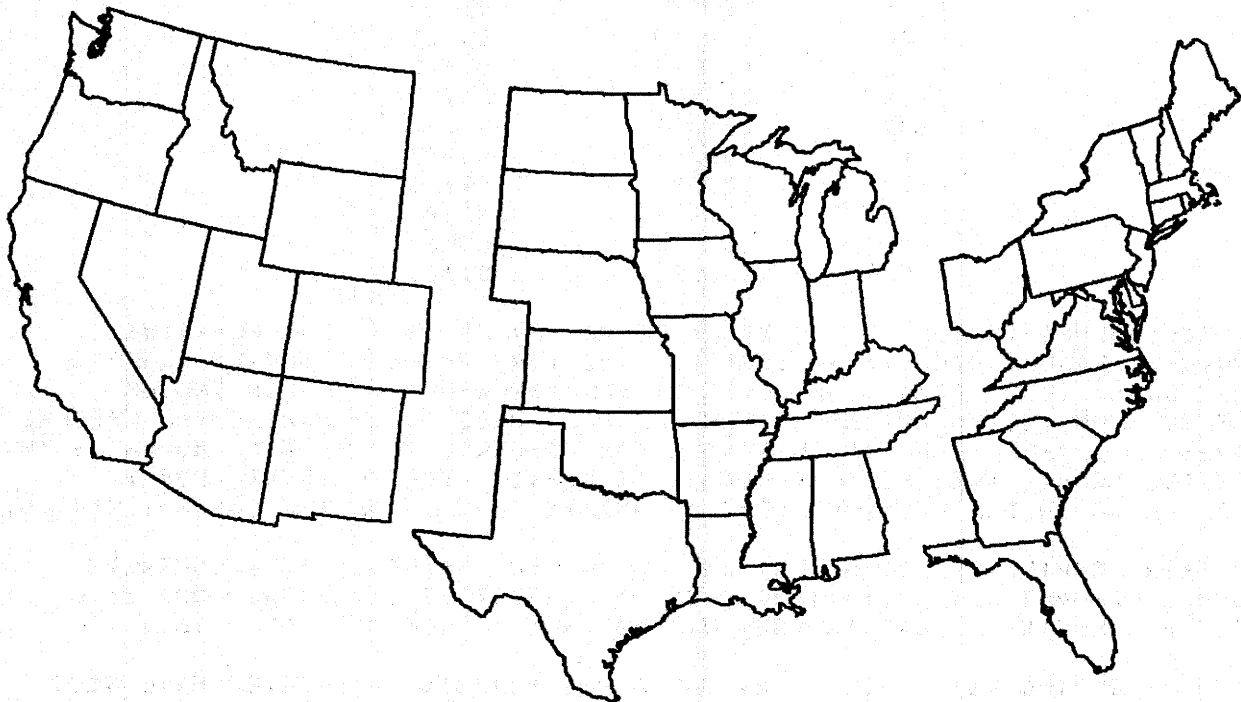
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HIGHWAY STATISTICS DIVISION

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

SEPTEMBER, 1982

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 1.6 PERCENT  
FOR SEPTEMBER 1982 AS COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 1981.**



**WESTERN**

**CENTRAL**

**EASTERN**

**ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - SEPTEMBER 1982**

**26.2 BILLION**

**57.8 BILLION**

**48.2 BILLION**

**PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR**

**+2.1**

**+0.8**

**+2.3**

**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 HAVE BEEN COMPUTED WITH 1980 VM-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 1982.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - SEPTEMBER 1982

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING SEPTEMBER 1982 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 1.6 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 1981, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 133016 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 60359 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 72657 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	
	SEPTEMBER	YEAR TO DATE
1970	95254	844416
1971	101290	892020
1972	108072	957690
1973	110332	991962
1974	109125	966911
1975	111399	999890
1976	119431	1061927
1977	124203	1101278
1978	131385	1166997
1979	127576	1150906
1980	127482	1140023
1981	130908	1169568
1982	133016	1181169

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

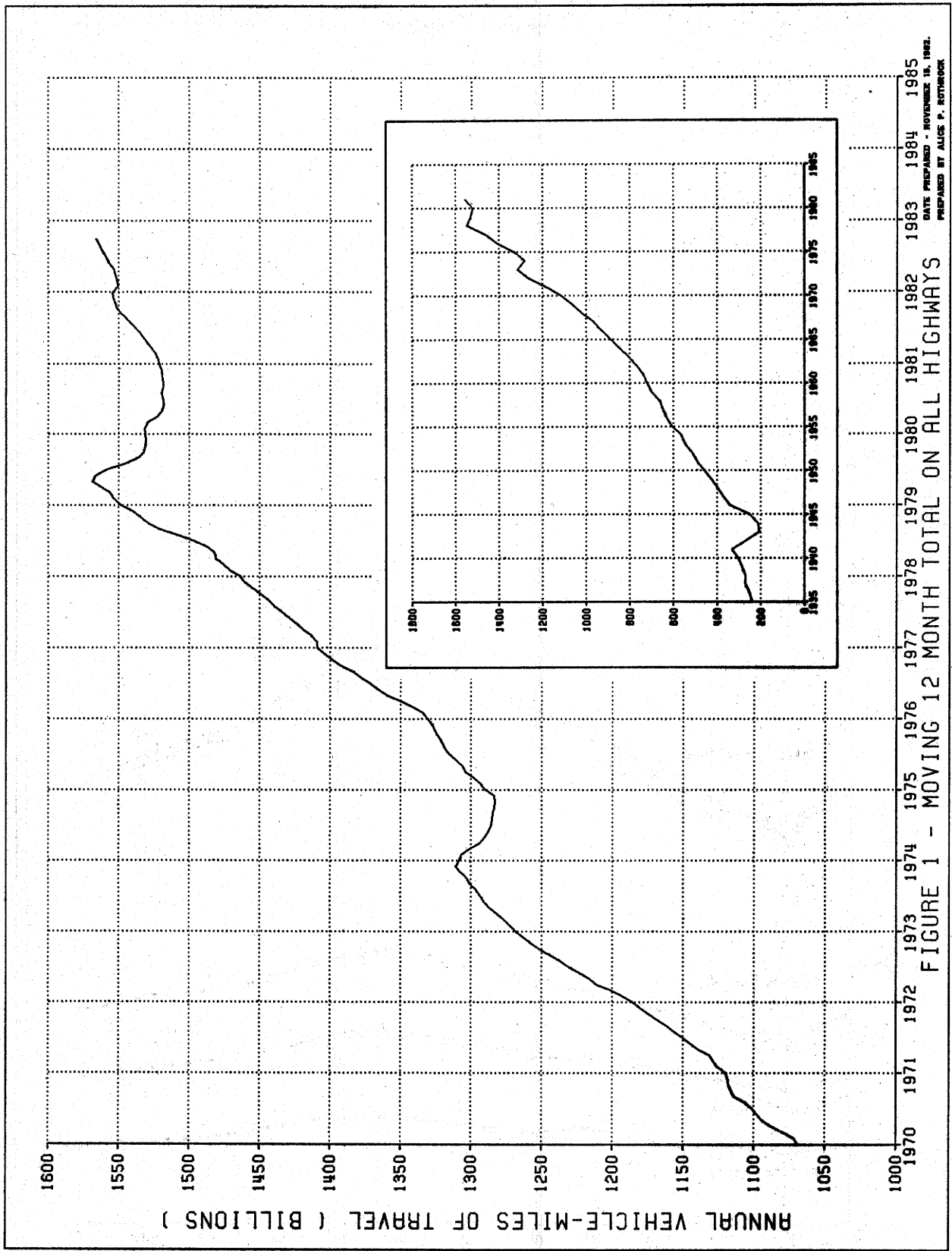


FIGURE 2-A - TRAVEL ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY MONTH

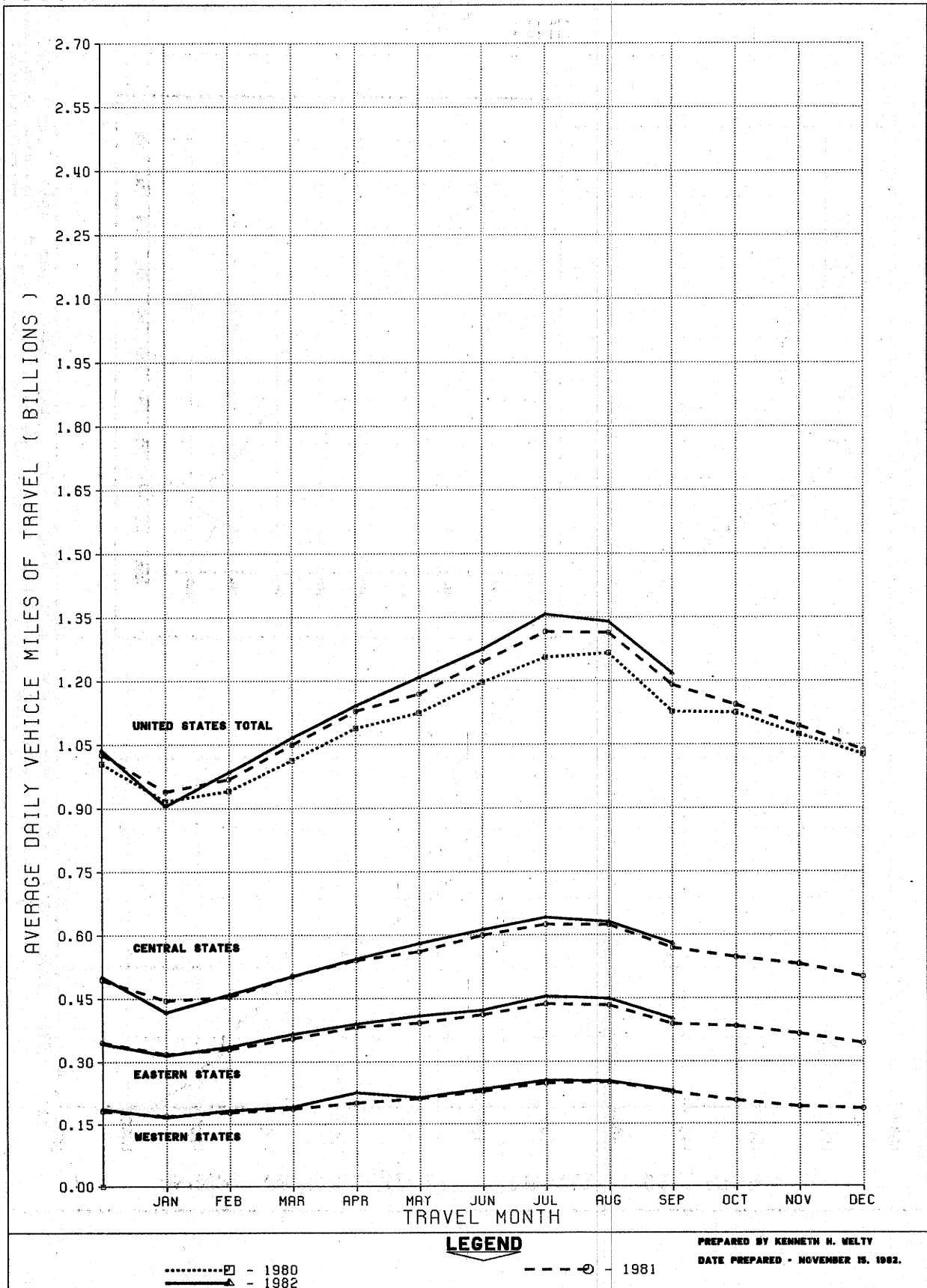
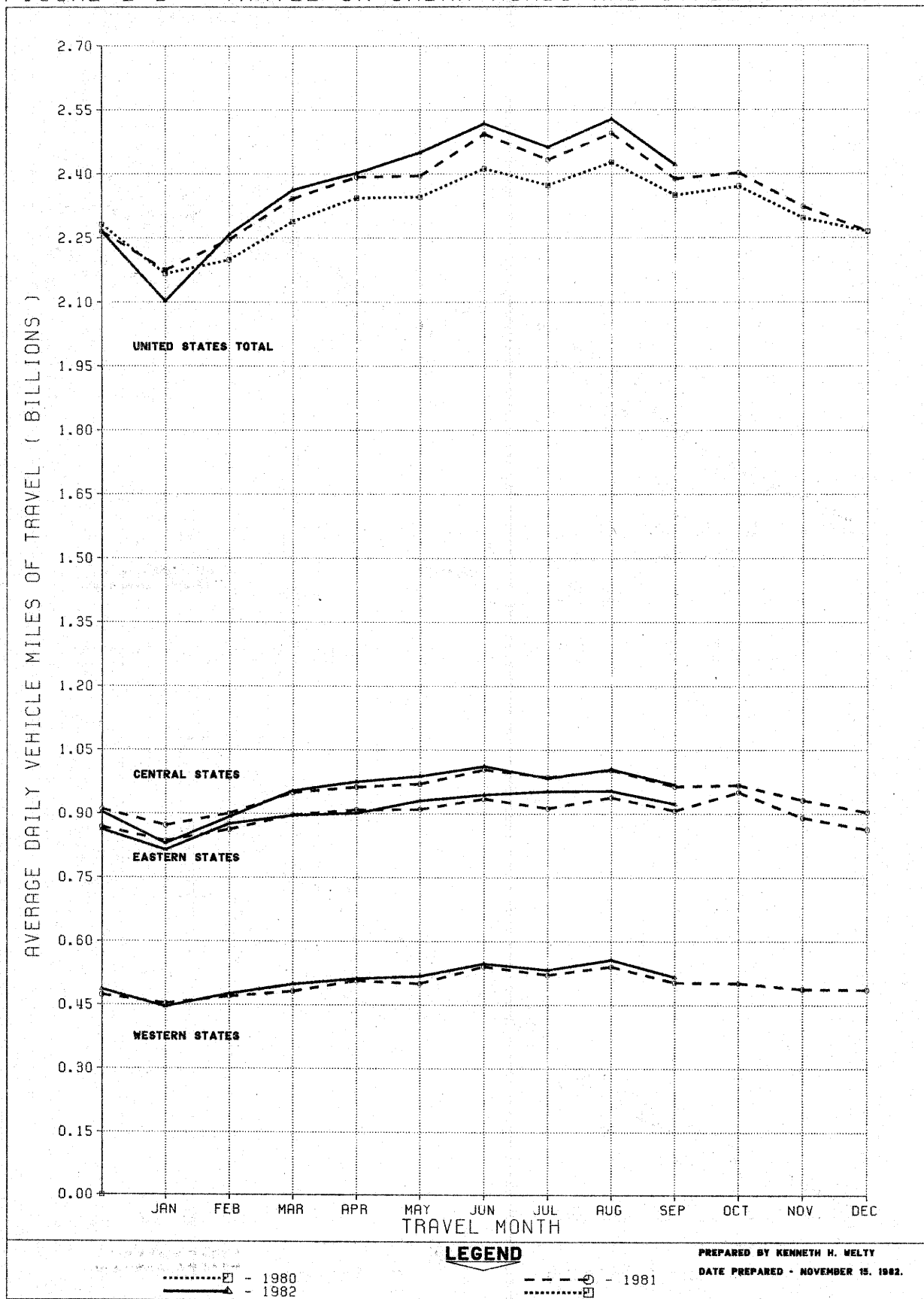


FIGURE 2-B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS BY MONTH



**LEGEND**

- 1980  
 - 1982  
 - 1981

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

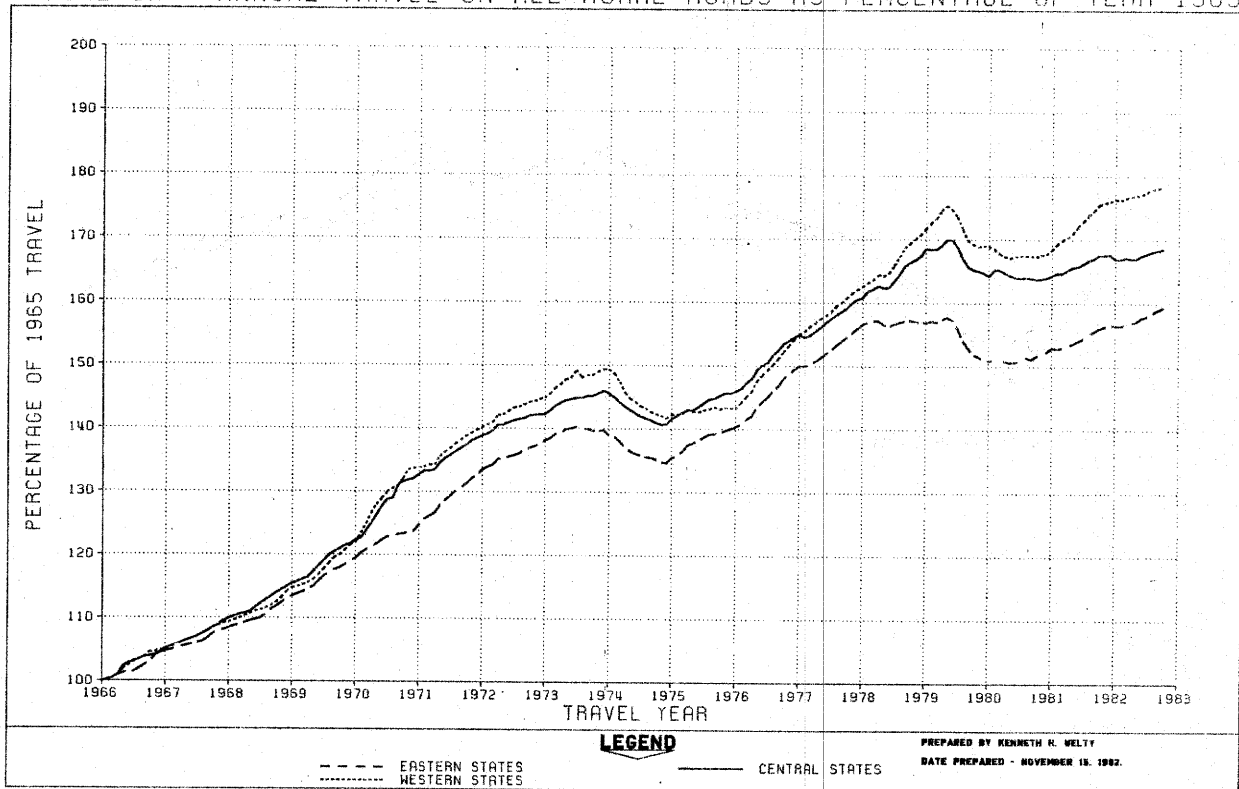


FIGURE 3B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

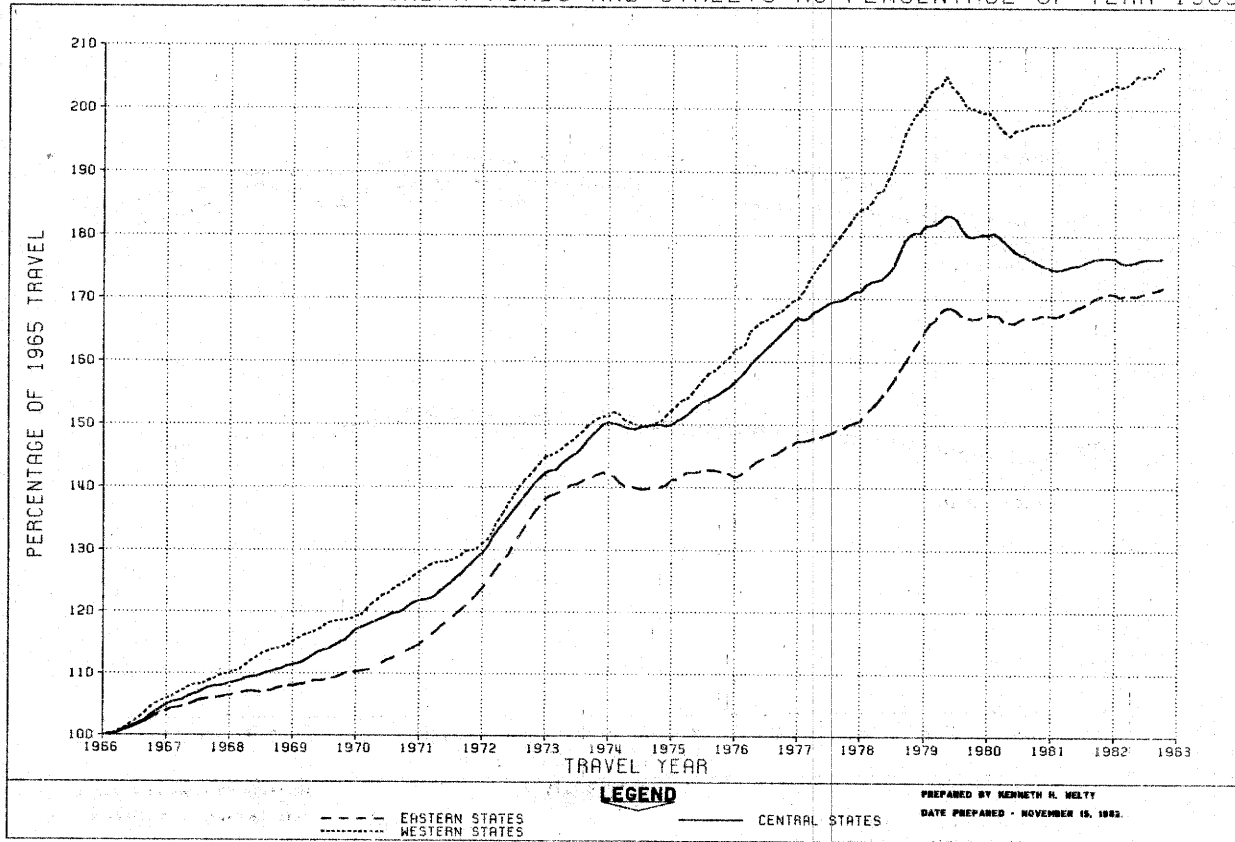


TABLE 1.—SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR SEPTEMBER			REVISED DATA FOR AUGUST		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1982	1981		1980	1981	
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	36,537	35,721	1.3	41,559	40,729	2.0
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	23,822	23,732	1.2	24,855	24,535	1.3
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	60,359	59,453	1.3	66,414	65,264	1.7
CITY STREETS.....	72,657	71,956	1.4	78,313	77,350	1.3
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	133,016	131,409	1.6	144,727	142,614	1.5
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	18,865	11,583	2.2	13,941	12,445	3.7
CENTRAL REGION.....	17,416	17,766	1.5	19,570	19,345	1.2
WESTERN REGION.....	6,887	6,798	1.3	7,841	7,765	1.3
TOTAL.....	36,363	35,567	1.2	41,362	40,634	2.3

TABLE 2.—CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL 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.....	-	-	5	5.7	ALABAMA.....	43	4.1	40	5.1
MAINE.....	-	-	23	6.9	KENTUCKY.....	36	2.6	36	2.1
MASSACHUSETTS.....	-	-	6	1.1	MISSISSIPPI.....	45	0.8	39	3.5
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	59	1.1	TENNESSEE.....	29	7.1	28	5.2
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	37	7.1	37	4.7	ILLINOIS.....	37	- 0.4	36	- 0.7
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					IOWA.....	64	1.3	60	1.6
NEW JERSEY.....	15	1.5	18	3.4	KANSAS.....	34	0.2	30	0.3
NEW YORK.....	26	3.6	15	3.7	MINNESOTA.....	73	2.1	72	0.2
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	41	2.7	MISSOURI.....	27	- 1.7	21	- 2.2
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NEBRASKA.....	27	1.4	30	1.2
DELAWARE.....	12	5.6	12	4.5	NORTH DAKOTA.....	35	0.1	36	0.6
MARYLAND.....	-	-	31	0.0	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	2.8	-	2.8	ARKANSAS.....	10	- 0.3	15	2.3
WEST VIRGINIA.....	24	0.3	25	1.5	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	28	7.3	28	1.8
FLORIDA.....	45	5.1	53	5.6	TEXAS.....	114	3.9	115	3.3
GEORGIA.....	22	0.5	22	7.6	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	44	3.4	47	5.2	ARIZONA.....	-	-	15	2.2
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	-	-	9	7.1	COLORADO.....	43	- 0.2	43	3.3
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	63	0.5	63	1.4
ILLINOIS.....	34	1.7	35	0.5	MONTANA.....	-	-	27	1.3
INDIANA.....	21	1.1	21	1.8	NEVADA.....	20	- 4.3	27	- 1.5
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	-	-
OHIO.....	15	- 0.2	10	- 2.9	UTAH.....	-	-	-	-
WISCONSIN.....	37	0.5	33	6.1	WYOMING.....	32	- 3.8	34	- 2.5
ALASKA.....	40	13.5	37	9.3	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	2	13.9	2	2.2	CALIFORNIA.....	14	2.9	15	1.3
					OREGON.....	-	-	14	- 3.6
					WASHINGTON.....	6	4.1	15	1.4

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 STATE-WIDE 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 DASH, 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
1981 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.1	27.1	32.5	33.9	36.2	31.4	40.8	40.7	35.7	35.4	32.8	32.2
OTHER RURAL	21.1	19.7	23.5	23.3	24.1	24.0	24.3	24.5	23.5	24.4	22.5	22.7
URBAN	67.4	62.9	72.6	71.8	74.3	74.8	75.4	77.4	71.7	74.5	69.7	70.2
ALL SYSTEMS	117.6	109.8	128.7	128.9	134.6	130.1	140.5	142.6	130.9	134.3	125.0	125.1

1982 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS\*\*

RURAL ARTERIAL	28.1	27.6	33.0	34.5	37.5	33.2	42.1	41.5	36.5			
OTHER RURAL	20.3	20.3	23.6	23.4	24.7	24.2	24.6	24.9	23.8			
URBAN	65.2	63.2	73.2	72.1	76.0	75.5	76.4	78.4	72.7			
ALL SYSTEMS	113.6	110.8	129.9	129.7	139.1	133.0	143.2	144.8	133.0			

PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1982 VS. 1981

RURAL ARTERIAL	-3.5	1.7	1.5	1.1	3.4	2.4	3.1	2.0	2.3			
OTHER RURAL	-3.2	1.3	1.4	0.4	2.6	1.1	2.2	1.3	1.2			
URBAN	-3.3	0.3	0.9	0.4	2.3	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.4			
ALL SYSTEMS	-3.4	1.5	1.0	-0.6	2.7	1.4	1.9	1.5	1.6			

\* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1981 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

\*\* TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1981 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.

\*\*\* SYSTEM ENTRIES MAY NOT ADD TO TOTAL 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
1981 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.1	56.2	86.8	122.6	158.9	196.3	237.1	277.8	313.5	349.0	381.8	413.9
OTHER RURAL	21.0	40.7	64.2	87.5	111.5	135.5	159.6	184.3	207.8	232.2	254.7	277.4
URBAN	67.4	130.3	203.0	274.7	349.0	423.6	499.2	576.6	648.2	722.7	792.4	862.7
ALL SYSTEMS	117.6	227.3	356.0	484.9	615.4	755.5	856.0	1038.7	1169.6	1303.9	1428.9	1554.
1982 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	28.1	55.7	88.7	123.0	160.4	191.7	248.7	282.3	318.6			
OTHER RURAL	20.3	40.3	63.9	87.3	112.0	136.2	161.0	185.9	209.7			
URBAN	65.2	128.4	201.7	273.7	345.7	425.2	511.6	580.0	652.6			
ALL SYSTEMS	113.6	224.4	354.3	484.0	622.1	769.1	933.4	1048.2	1181.2			
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1982 VS. 1981												
RURAL ARTERIAL	-3.5	-1.0	-0.1	0.2	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.7			
OTHER RURAL	-3.2	-1.0	-0.5	-0.2	0.4	.5	0.6	0.9	0.9			
URBAN	-3.3	-1.5	-0.6	-0.4	0.2	.3	0.5	0.6	0.7			
ALL SYSTEMS	-3.4	-1.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.4	.6	0.8	0.9	1.0			

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