



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

SEPTEMBER 1985

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 2.1 PERCENT
FOR SEPTEMBER 1985 AS COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 1984.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - SEPTEMBER 1985.

29.1 BILLION

64.8 BILLION

53.2 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+2.2

+1.4

+2.8

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 NOVEMBER 21, 1985.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - SEPTEMBER 1985

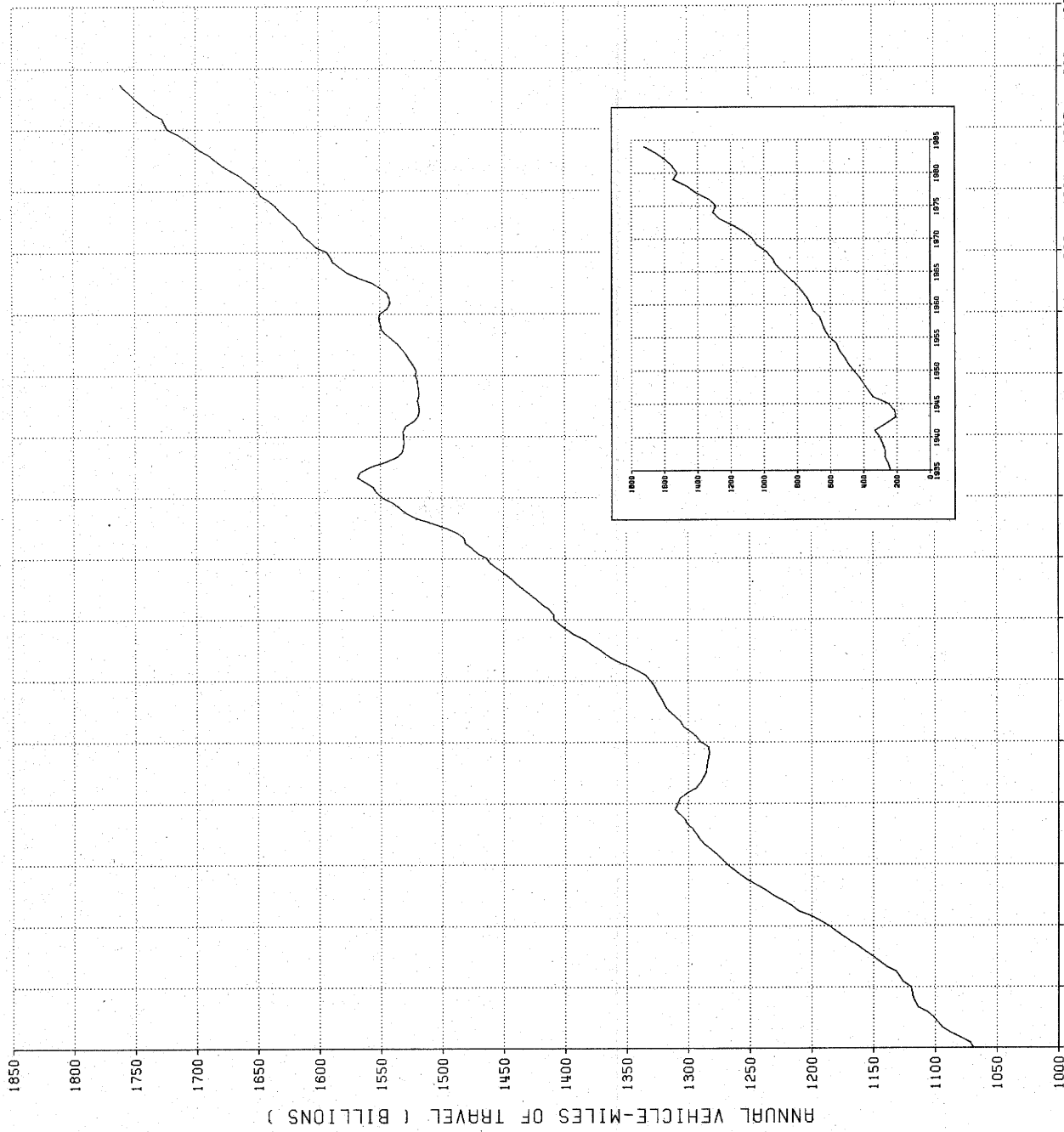
BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING SEPTEMBER 1985 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 2.1 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 1984, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 147898 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 63087 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 84811 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	131185	1167829
1982	136311	1199501
1983	139938	1241586
1984	144890	1294396
1985	147898	1333206

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.

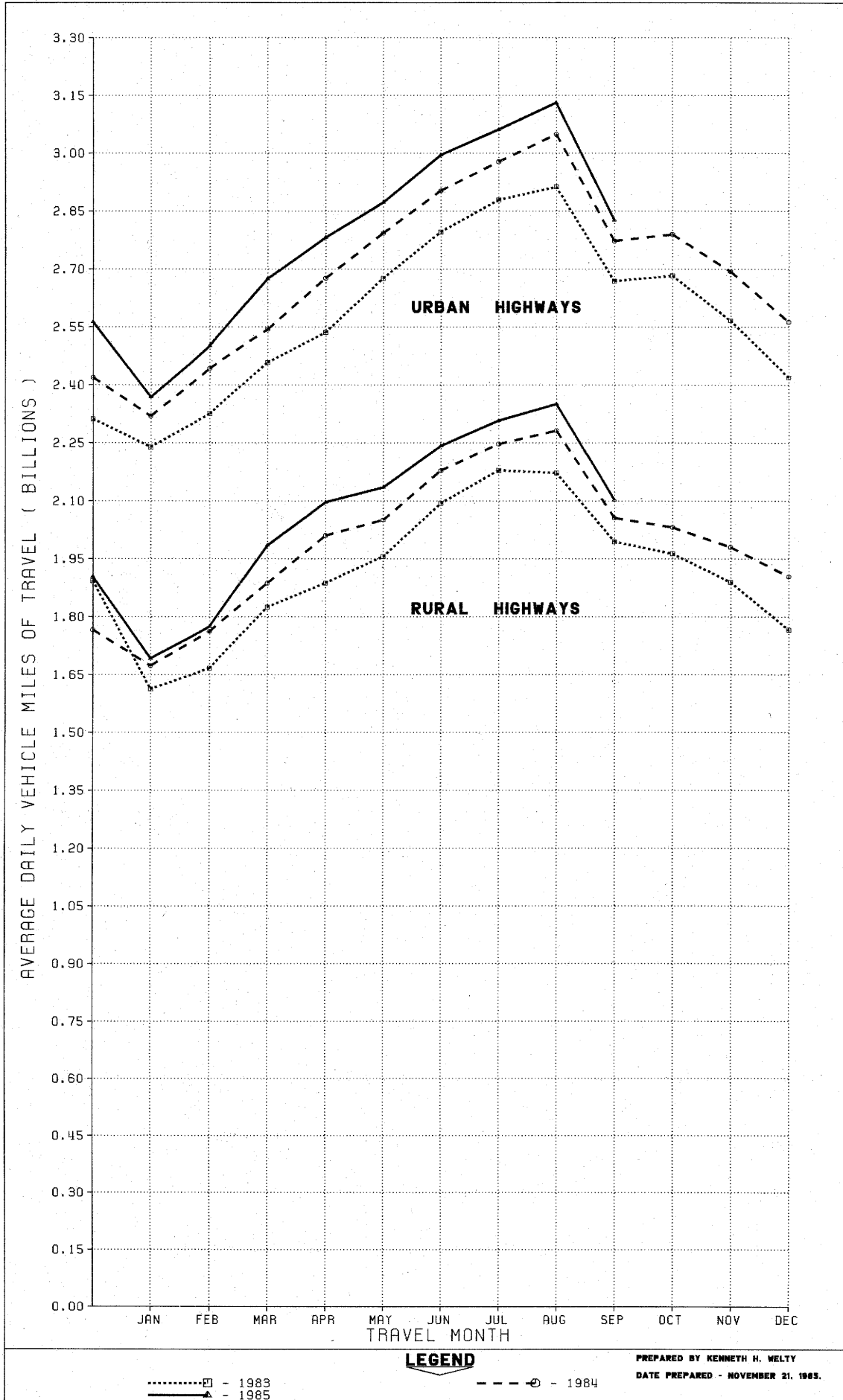
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DATE PREPARED - NOVEMBER 21, 1987
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FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12 MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

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	36.5	37.5	40.0	41.7	45.2	45.8	38.2			
OTHER RURAL	22.1	20.9	25.0	25.4	26.2	25.6	26.4	27.0	24.9			
URBAN	73.4	70.0	82.9	83.5	89.0	89.9	94.9	97.1	84.8			
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	119.7	144.5	146.4	155.2	157.1	166.5	170.0	147.9			
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.8	6.1	4.6	4.6	3.4	3.3	3.6	2.5			
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.8	3.8	3.8	3.3	2.1	1.7	2.0	1.8			
URBAN	2.1	2.4	5.2	3.9	2.8	3.2	2.8	2.7	1.9			
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.7	5.2	4.1	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.1			

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	95.8	133.3	173.3	215.0	260.2	306.0	344.2			
OTHER RURAL	22.1	42.9	67.9	93.4	119.5	145.1	171.5	198.5	223.4			
URBAN	73.4	143.5	226.4	309.9	398.9	488.8	583.7	680.8	765.6			
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	245.7	390.1	536.5	691.8	848.9	1015.4	1185.3	1333.2			
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.9	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.6			
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.5	1.1	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0			
URBAN	2.1	2.2	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0			
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.7	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0			

* 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 3.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR SEPTEMBER			REVISED DATA FOR AUGUST		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1985	1984		1985	1984	
CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:						
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	38,224	37,278	2.5	45,830	44,228	3.6
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	24,863	24,419	1.8	27,049	26,512	2.0
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	63,087	61,698	2.3	72,878	70,740	3.0
CITY STREETS.....	84,811	83,192	1.9	97,073	94,529	2.7
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	147,898	144,890	2.1	169,952	165,269	2.8
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	12,598	12,161	3.6	15,151	14,472	4.7
CENTRAL REGION.....	18,397	18,040	2.0	22,258	21,507	3.5
WESTERN REGION.....	7,027	6,877	2.2	8,182	8,020	2.0
TOTAL.....	38,022	37,078	2.5	45,591	43,999	3.6

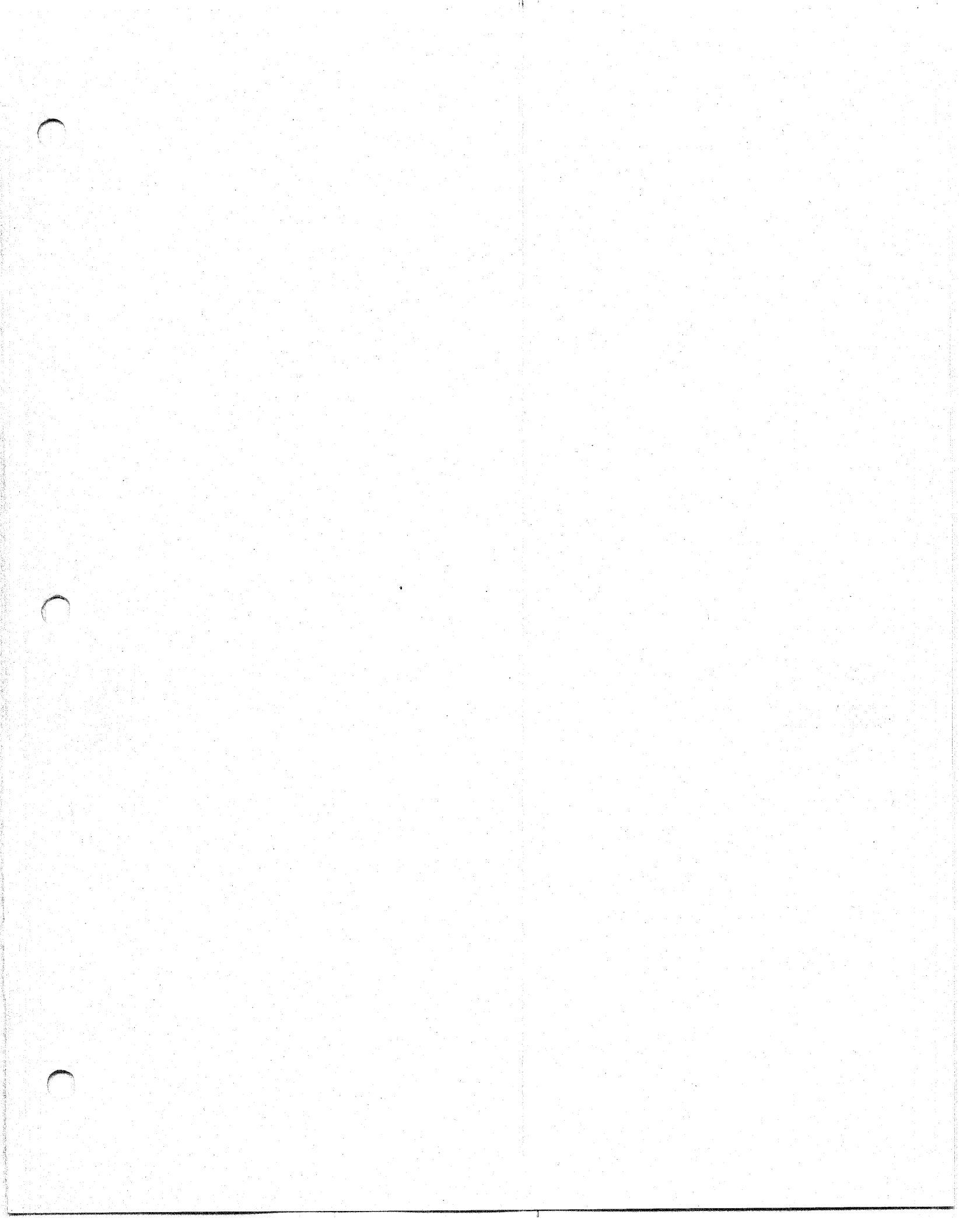
TABLE 4.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY STATES

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.....	8	4.2	10	5.7	ALABAMA.....	42	4.9	44	4.7
MAINE.....	19	1.6	20	3.7	KENTUCKY.....	-	-	-	-
MASSACHUSETTS.....	-	-	8	7.9	MISSISSIPPI.....	-	-	26	3.0
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	49	5.2	TENNESSEE.....	13	6.6	14	7.0
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	25	3.0	27	5.6	IOWA.....	59	- 1.0	57	0.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	63	0.5	58	1.6
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	MINNESOTA.....	21	- 0.5	23	0.8
NEW YORK.....	13	2.0	17	5.1	MISSOURI.....	14	2.8	14	3.2
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	-	-	NEBRASKA.....	21	1.1	21	1.8
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	-	-
DELAWARE.....	-	-	-	-	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	27	1.3	25	1.8
MARYLAND.....	-	-	28	4.3	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	4.7	-	7.0	ARKANSAS.....	16	- 2.2	15	0.0
WEST VIRGINIA.....	8	1.3	13	2.8	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	33	- 1.3	33	- 1.1
FLORIDA.....	46	5.4	45	4.9	TEXAS.....	-	-	78	7.3
GEORGIA.....	-	-	31	4.5	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	23	3.2	21	3.4	ARIZONA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	11	3.3	10	2.4	COLORADO.....	-	-	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	-	-	46	- 3.0
ILLINOIS.....	32	3.4	33	3.6	MONTANA.....	-	-	33	- 0.9
INDIANA.....	-	-	18	3.0	NEVADA.....	14	- 0.2	14	3.7
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	-	-
OHIO.....	14	4.7	16	3.9	UTAH.....	-	-	38	1.4
WISCONSIN.....	35	2.9	35	3.5	WYOMING.....	37	- 0.5	37	- 1.0
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	1.4	3	4.7	CALIFORNIA.....	10	4.8	12	4.0
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	24	1.1	21	2.2

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 STATEWIDE 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 DASHES, INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE AN ESTIMATE.



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