

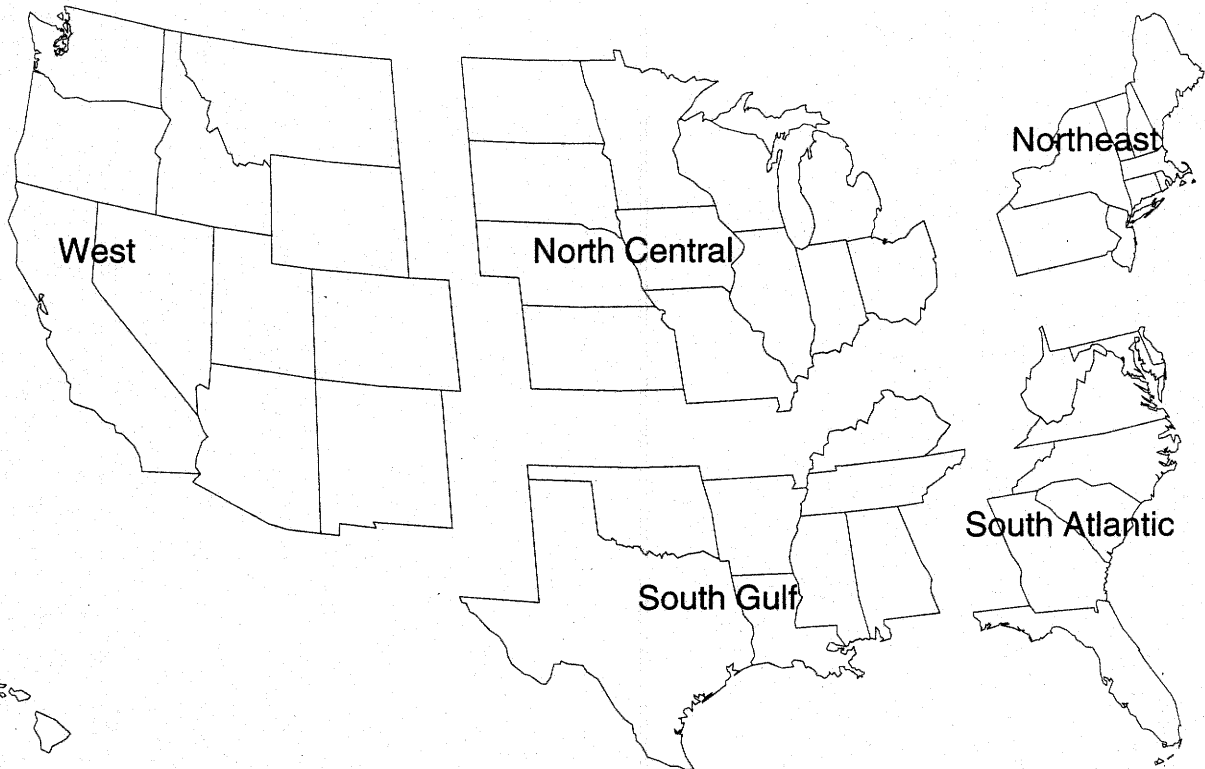
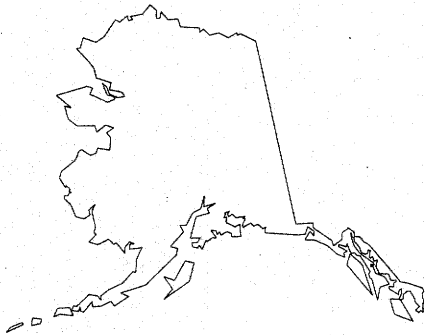


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# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

## January 1998

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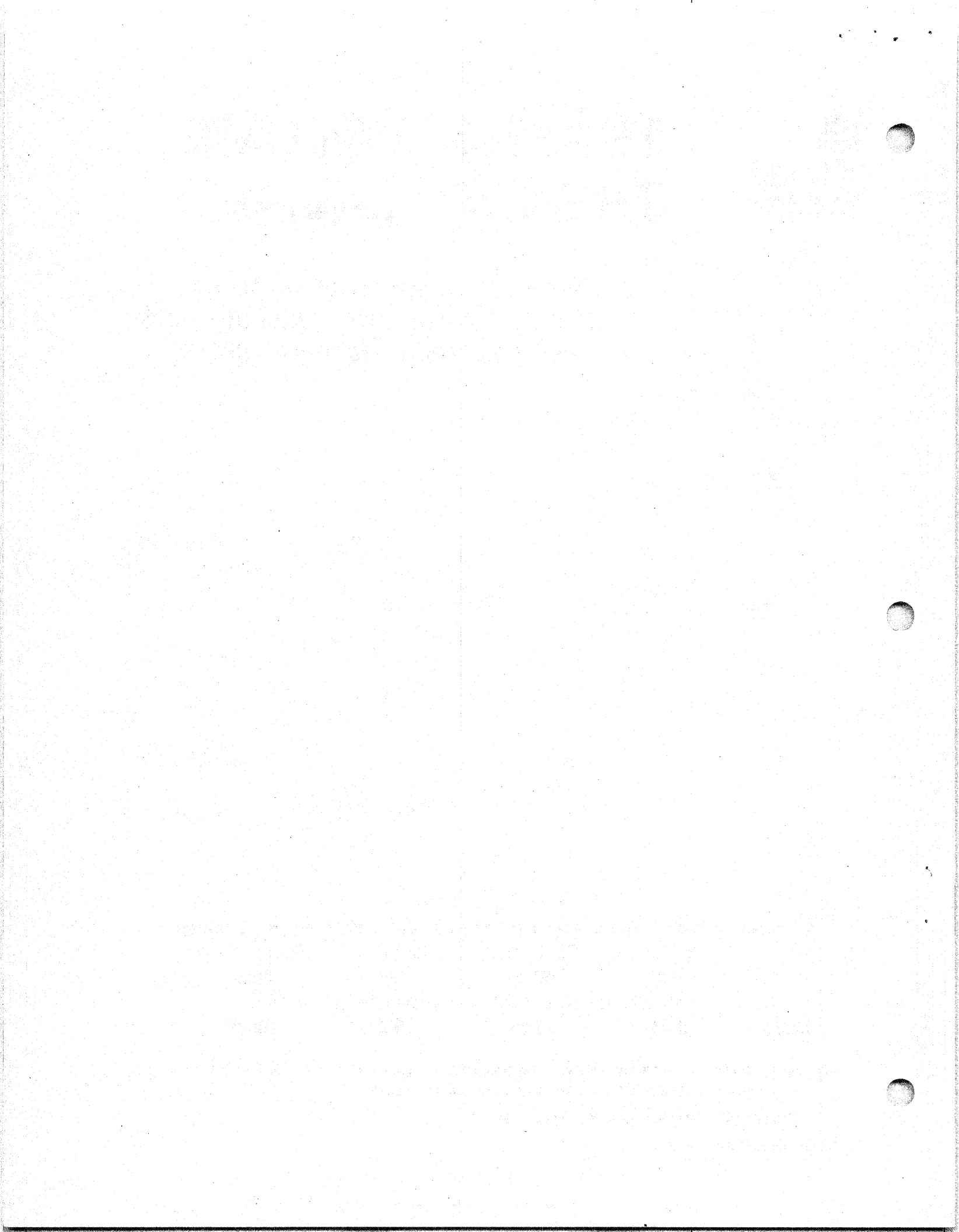


Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region - January 1998 - (in Billions)

West	North Central	South Gulf	Northeast	South Atlantic
<b>42.3</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>40.8</b>
Change in Traffic as compared to the same month last year.				
<b>+2.9%</b>	<b>+5.9%</b>	<b>+3.2%</b>	<b>+2.2%</b>	<b>+5.3%</b>

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 1996 Table VM-2 as a base

Compiled with data on hand as of March 27, 1998.



## Traffic Volume Trends - January 1998

Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during January 1998 on all roads and streets in the nation increased by 4.0 percent as compared to January 1997 resulting in estimated travel for the month at 196.1 billion vehicle-miles. This total includes 73.0 billion vehicle-miles on rural roads and 123.0 billion vehicle-miles on urban roads and streets.

Travel for the current month as well 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	January	Year to Date
1970	80,173	80,173
1971	85,336	85,336
1972	92,465	92,465
1973	96,664	96,664
1974	95,030	95,030
1975	98,342	98,342
1976	102,460	102,460
1977	102,445	102,445
1978	109,838	109,838
1979	114,354	114,354
1980	116,462	116,462
1981	116,049	116,049
1982	109,757	109,757
1983	119,436	119,436
1984	122,529	122,529
1985	124,122	124,122
1986	132,998	132,998
1987	139,918	139,918
1988	148,879	148,879
1989	159,750	159,750
1990	163,600	163,600
1991	157,889	157,889
1992	167,652	167,652
1993	171,680	171,680
1994	169,314	169,314
1995	193,838	193,838
1996	183,465	183,465
1997	188,507	188,507
1998	196,127	196,127

*Traffic Volume Trends* is a monthly report based on hourly traffic count data. These data, collected at approximately 4,000 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 month of the previous year to obtain an estimate of travel for the current month.

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**Table 1 - Estimated Individual Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States**

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1997 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	16.7	16.5	19.6	18.8	20.8	21.2	23.2	23.5	19.7	20.6	19.4	19.3
Rural Other Arterial	26.9	26.8	31.4	31.2	34.6	34.7	37.5	37.6	33.3	34.1	30.4	30.6
Other Rural	25.7	24.6	29.3	29.2	31.8	31.7	33.3	33.2	30.2	31.0	27.6	28.2
Urban Interstate	27.3	26.4	30.5	29.6	31.1	30.8	31.9	32.2	29.7	31.1	28.6	30.2
Urban Other Arterial	65.7	63.0	71.1	70.9	73.5	72.1	74.1	74.0	69.3	72.0	67.1	71.2
Other Urban	26.2	25.1	28.8	28.4	29.9	29.3	30.7	30.7	28.4	29.5	27.8	28.3
All Systems	188.5	182.4	210.8	208.1	221.7	219.7	230.7	231.3	210.6	218.3	200.9	207.8
1998 Individual Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	18.2											
Rural Other Arterial	28.2											
Other Rural	26.6											
Urban Interstate	28.1											
Urban Other Arterial	67.6											
Other Urban	27.3											
All Systems	196.1											
Percent Change In Individual Monthly Travel 1998 vs. 1997												
Rural Interstate	8.8											
Rural Other Arterial	5.0											
Other Rural	3.6											
Urban Interstate	3.0											
Urban Other Arterial	3.0											
Other Urban	4.2											
All Systems	4.0											

**Table 2 - Estimated Cumulative Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States**

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1997 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle-Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	16.7	33.2	52.8	71.6	92.4	113.6	136.8	160.3	180.0	200.6	220.0	239.3
Rural Other Arterial	26.9	53.6	85.1	116.3	150.9	185.6	223.2	260.8	294.1	328.2	358.6	389.2
Other Rural	25.7	50.3	79.6	108.8	140.7	172.4	205.6	238.8	269.0	300.0	327.6	355.8
Urban Interstate	27.3	53.7	84.2	113.8	144.9	175.7	207.6	239.8	269.5	300.6	329.2	359.4
Urban Other Arterial	65.7	128.7	199.7	270.7	344.2	416.2	490.3	564.3	633.6	705.7	772.8	844.0
Other Urban	26.2	51.4	80.2	108.6	138.5	167.7	198.4	229.1	257.5	287.0	314.8	343.2
All Systems	188.5	370.9	581.7	789.8	1011.5	1231.2	1461.9	1693.2	1903.8	2122.1	2323.0	2530.9
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\* System entries may not add to give "All Systems" total due to rounding.



Table 3 - Changes On Rural Arterial Roads By Region and State

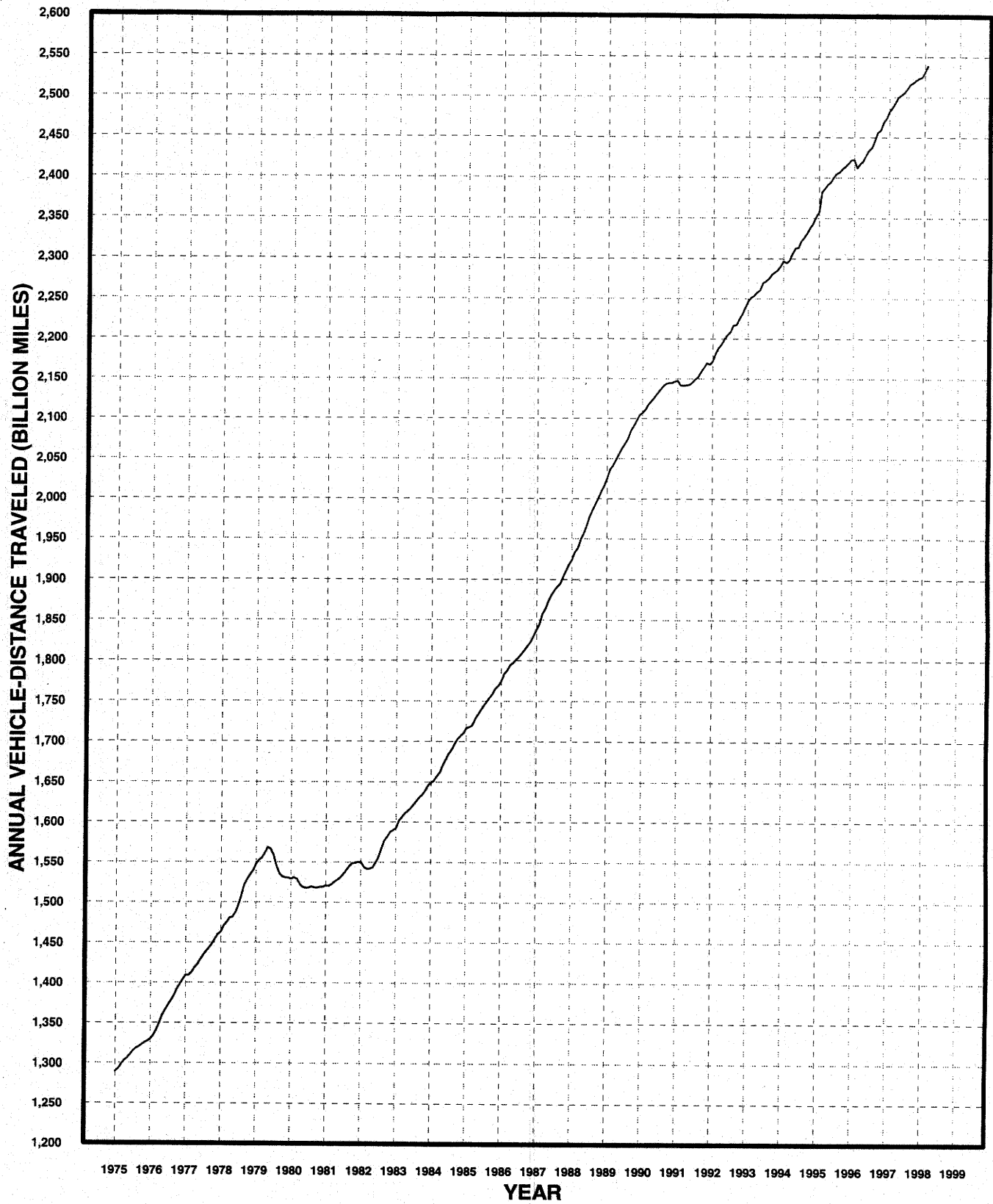
Region and State	January				December			
	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change
		1998 (Preliminary)	1997			1997 (Revised)	1996	
<b>Northeast</b>								
Connecticut	18	312	306	1.8	18	341	325	4.7
Maine	35	346	355	-2.4	35	402	393	2.1
Massachusetts	-	348	339	2.6	17	438	411	6.6
New Hampshire	-	288	290	-0.6	59	323	309	4.4
New Jersey	8	549	519	5.7	8	620	596	3.9
New York	47	1,137	1,109	2.5	48	1,278	1,261	1.3
Pennsylvania	-	1,905	1,814	5.1	58	2,047	2,020	1.3
Rhode Island	-	54	53	2.6	10	58	56	3.6
Vermont	38	202	197	2.8	37	211	206	2.4
		5,141	4,981	3.2		5,716	5,578	2.5
<b>South Atlantic</b>								
Delaware	-	124	116	6.2	36	133	128	3.8
Dist Of Columbia	-	0	0	0.0	-	0	0	0.0
Florida	211	2,321	2,221	4.5	203	2,304	2,274	1.3
Georgia	28	1,948	1,811	7.6	32	2,085	1,985	5.1
Maryland	-	743	672	10.5	-	746	733	1.8
North Carolina	-	1,701	1,594	6.8	28	1,797	1,788	0.5
South Carolina	22	1,371	1,312	4.5	24	1,388	1,348	2.9
Virginia	17	1,727	1,551	11.3	-	1,646	1,634	0.8
West Virginia	10	550	514	7.1	9	620	602	3.0
		10,484	9,790	7.1		10,720	10,493	2.2
<b>North Central</b>								
Illinois	24	1,391	1,249	11.4	24	1,567	1,518	3.2
Indiana	-	1,345	1,237	8.7	48	1,527	1,458	4.7
Iowa	129	837	780	7.3	129	935	911	2.6
Kansas	-	699	653	7.0	-	742	743	-0.1
Michigan	-	1,318	1,236	6.6	146	1,574	1,515	3.8
Minnesota	-	1,003	929	8.0	96	1,128	1,035	9.0
Missouri	34	1,218	1,136	7.2	38	1,344	1,385	-3.0
Nebraska	30	527	495	6.4	30	587	549	6.9
North Dakota	4	199	183	8.9	4	260	233	11.6
Ohio	48	1,566	1,475	6.2	46	1,720	1,697	1.3
South Dakota	39	296	261	13.4	40	328	294	11.7
Wisconsin	130	1,381	1,289	7.1	135	1,540	1,458	5.7
		11,778	10,921	7.8		13,250	12,796	3.6
<b>South Gulf</b>								
Alabama	-	1,142	1,086	5.1	56	1,191	1,163	2.4
Arkansas	-	839	800	5.0	13	982	921	6.6
Kentucky	36	1,021	936	9.1	41	1,068	1,036	3.1
Louisiana	-	768	724	6.1	-	856	824	3.9
Mississippi	60	978	923	6.0	68	1,038	1,025	1.3
Oklahoma	-	842	791	6.4	-	1,003	963	4.2
Tennessee	17	1,257	1,217	3.3	12	1,468	1,489	-1.4
Texas	-	3,230	3,039	6.3	119	3,594	3,473	3.5
		10,078	9,516	5.9		11,200	10,893	2.8
<b>West</b>								
Alaska	-	77	71	8.3	50	77	76	1.9
Arizona	-	735	673	9.1	2	798	779	2.4
California	21	3,633	3,378	7.5	22	3,316	3,122	6.2
Colorado	-	786	732	7.4	-	806	784	2.9
Hawaii	-	127	124	2.2	-	128	122	4.9
Idaho	142	319	305	4.7	141	356	320	11.1
Montana	42	324	303	6.7	25	389	343	13.2
Nevada	48	249	234	6.3	40	280	258	8.3
New Mexico	-	626	585	7.1	70	645	663	-2.7
Oregon	121	677	677	0.1	122	787	728	8.1
Utah	67	391	356	10.0	49	401	383	4.9
Washington	-	716	706	1.5	46	795	685	16.0
Wyoming	124	247	233	6.0	118	262	248	5.6
		8,907	8,377	6.3		9,040	8,512	6.2
<b>TOTALS</b>		46,389	43,585	6.4		49,927	48,273	3.4

Note: Where Number of Stations are shown as dashes, the values for Vehicle-Miles and Percent Change are derived from the estimated VMT based on data from surrounding States or the Nationwide average VMT.





FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12-MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS



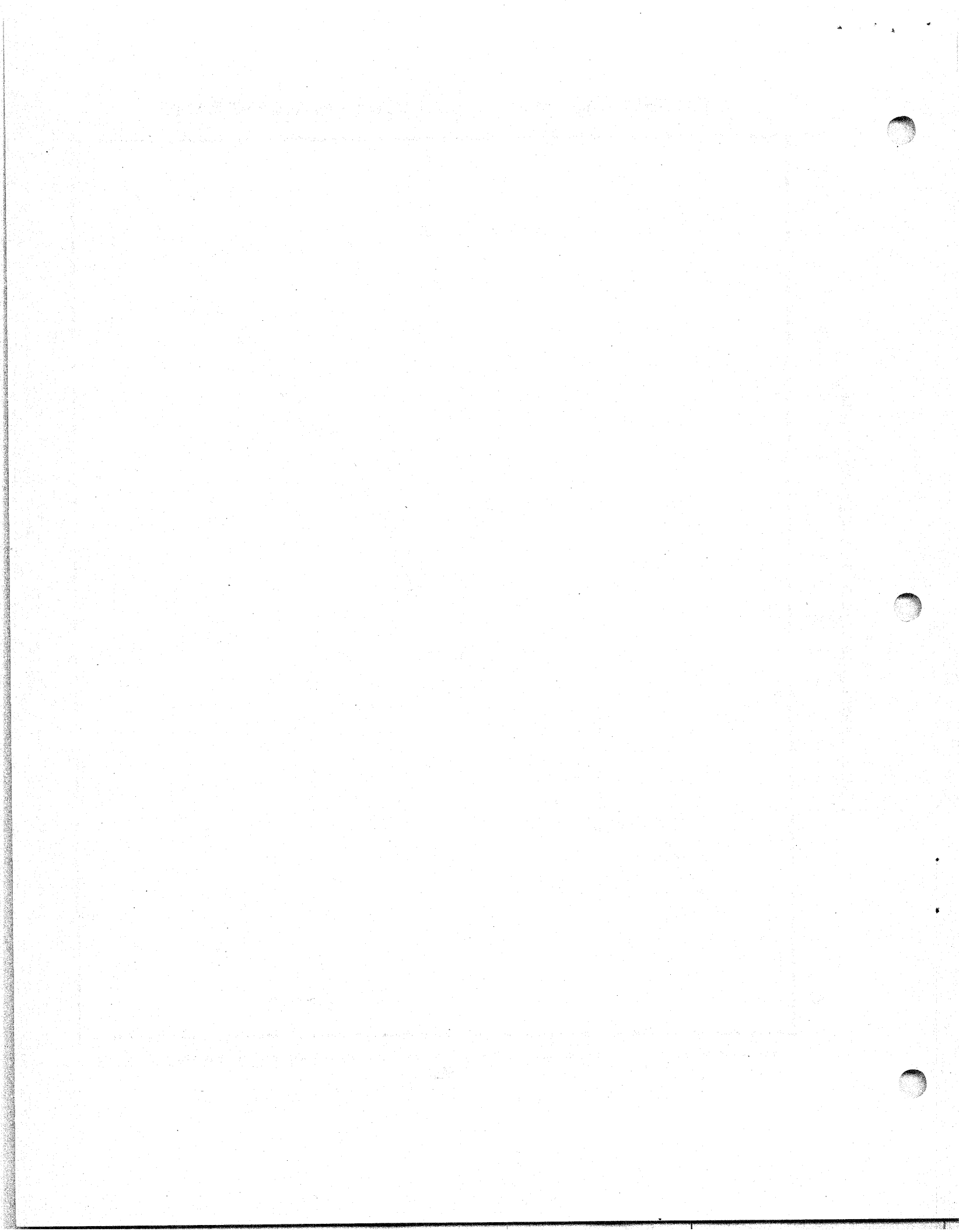


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U.S. HIGHWAYS BY MONTH

