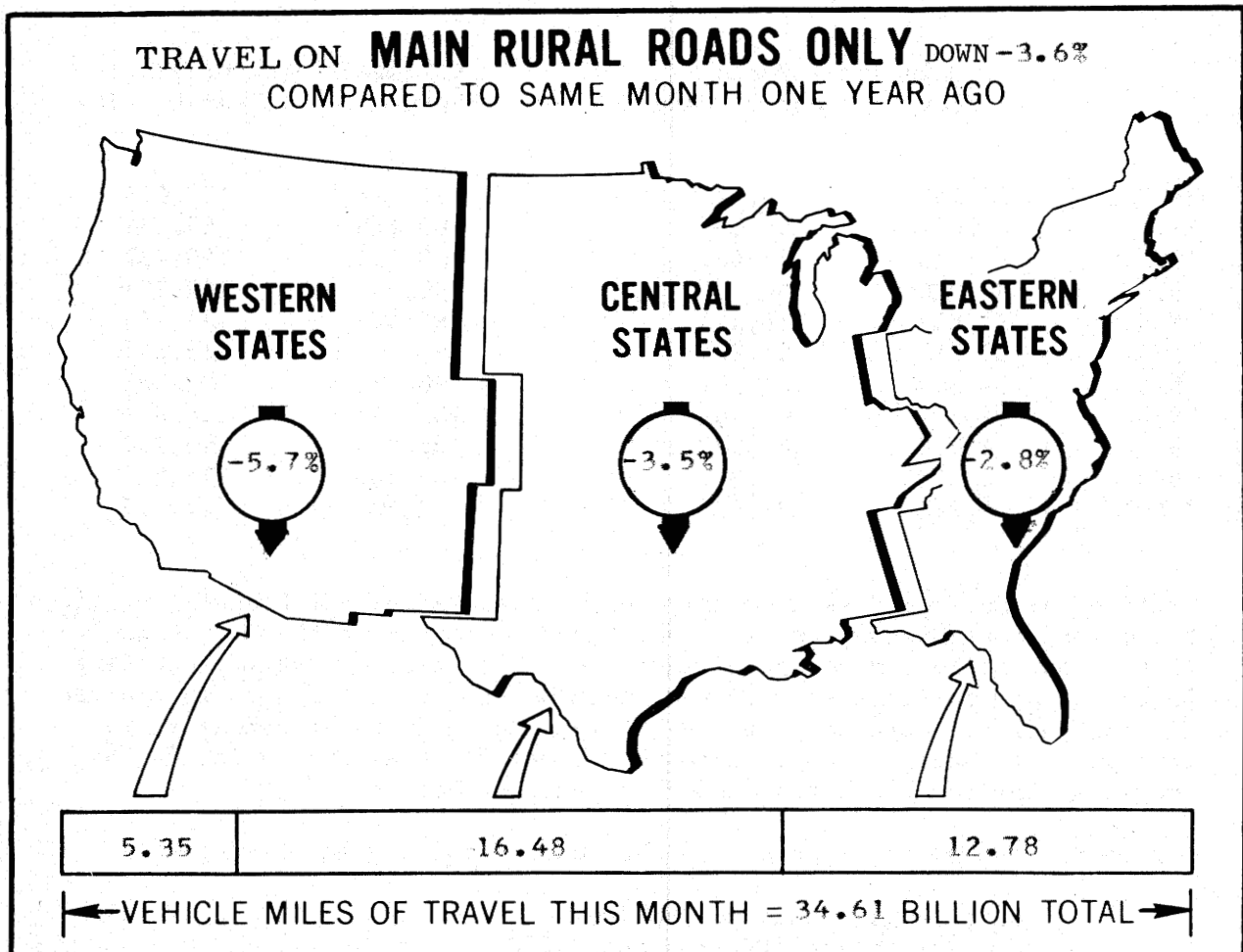


# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

FEBRUARY 1980 <sup>1/</sup>

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** DOWN -3.2%  
COMPARED TO SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO



<sup>1/</sup> 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 1976 VM-2 DATA AS A BASE.

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Based on preliminary reports from the State highway agencies, travel during February 1980 on all roads and streets in the nation decreased by -3.2 percent as compared to February 1979, resulting in estimated travel for the month at 102,305 million vehicle miles. This total includes 34,818 million vehicle miles on main rural roads, 9,366 million vehicle miles on other rural roads, and 58,121 million vehicle miles on city streets.

Travel for the current month as well as the cumulative yearly total on main rural roads and for all roads and streets is shown below. Similar totals for each year since 1970 are also included.

TRAVEL IN MILLIONS

	Main Rural Roads		All Roads and Streets	
	February	Year to Date	February	Year to Date
1970	26,553	53,722	77,442	157,615
1971	27,421	56,611	80,118	165,454
1972	28,415	58,469	88,272	180,737
1973	30,706	62,501	92,567	189,231
1974	27,887	58,445	86,426	181,456
1975	30,215	62,364	91,303	189,645
1976	33,349	67,597	98,528	200,988
1977	34,591	68,461	102,416	204,861
1978	34,955	69,587	102,266	205,750
1979	36,111	72,397	105,686	213,518
1980	34,818	71,620	102,305	211,305

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 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 period in the previous year to obtain travel for the current period.

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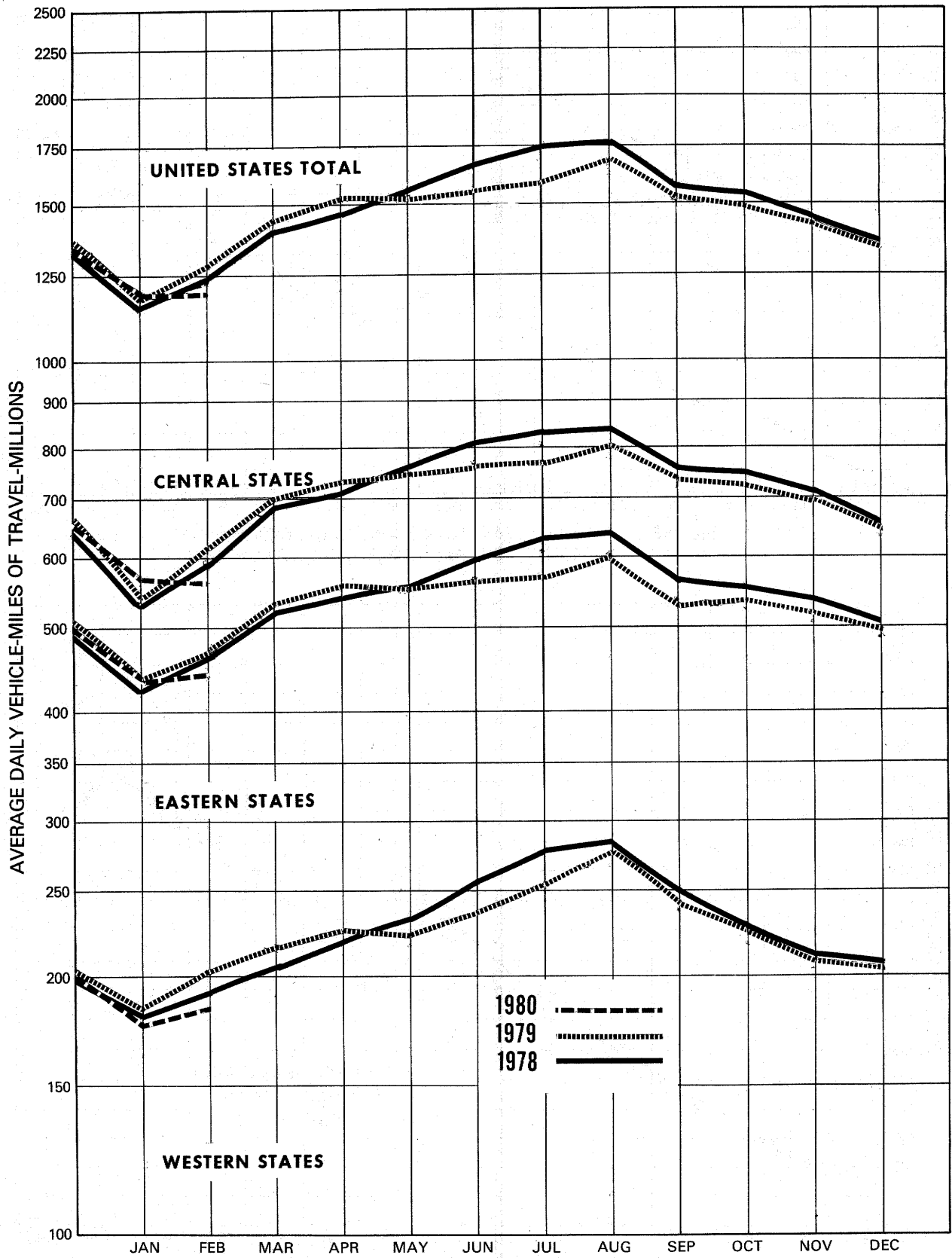


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

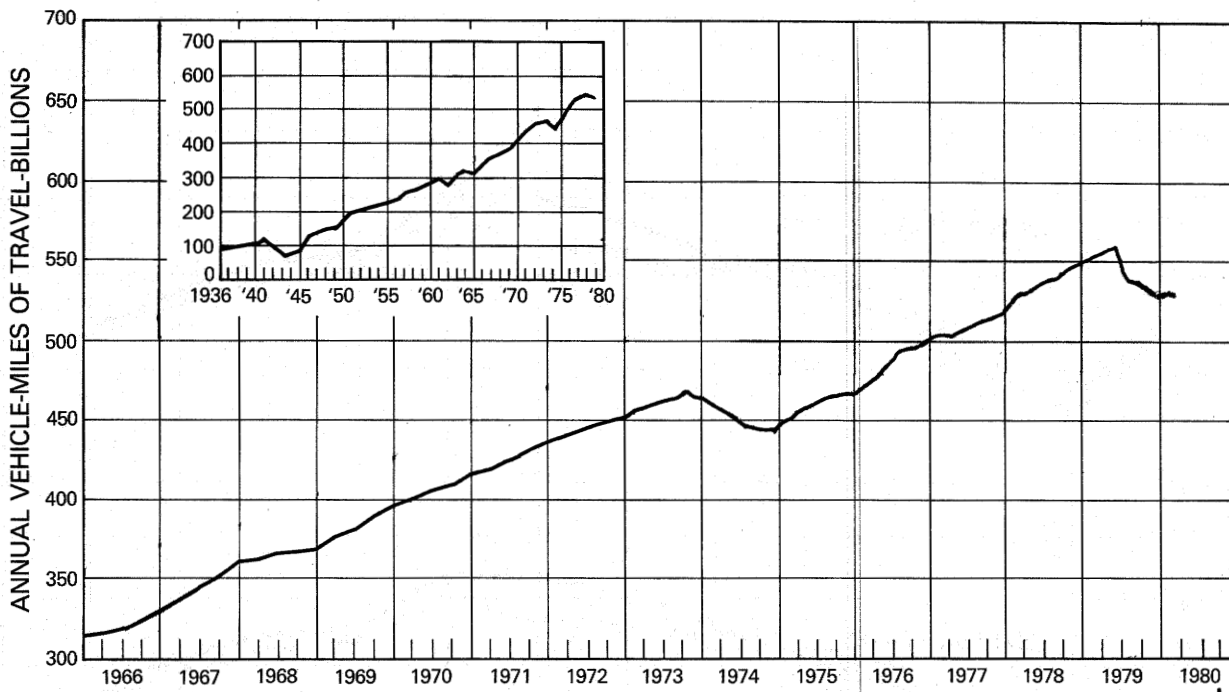


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

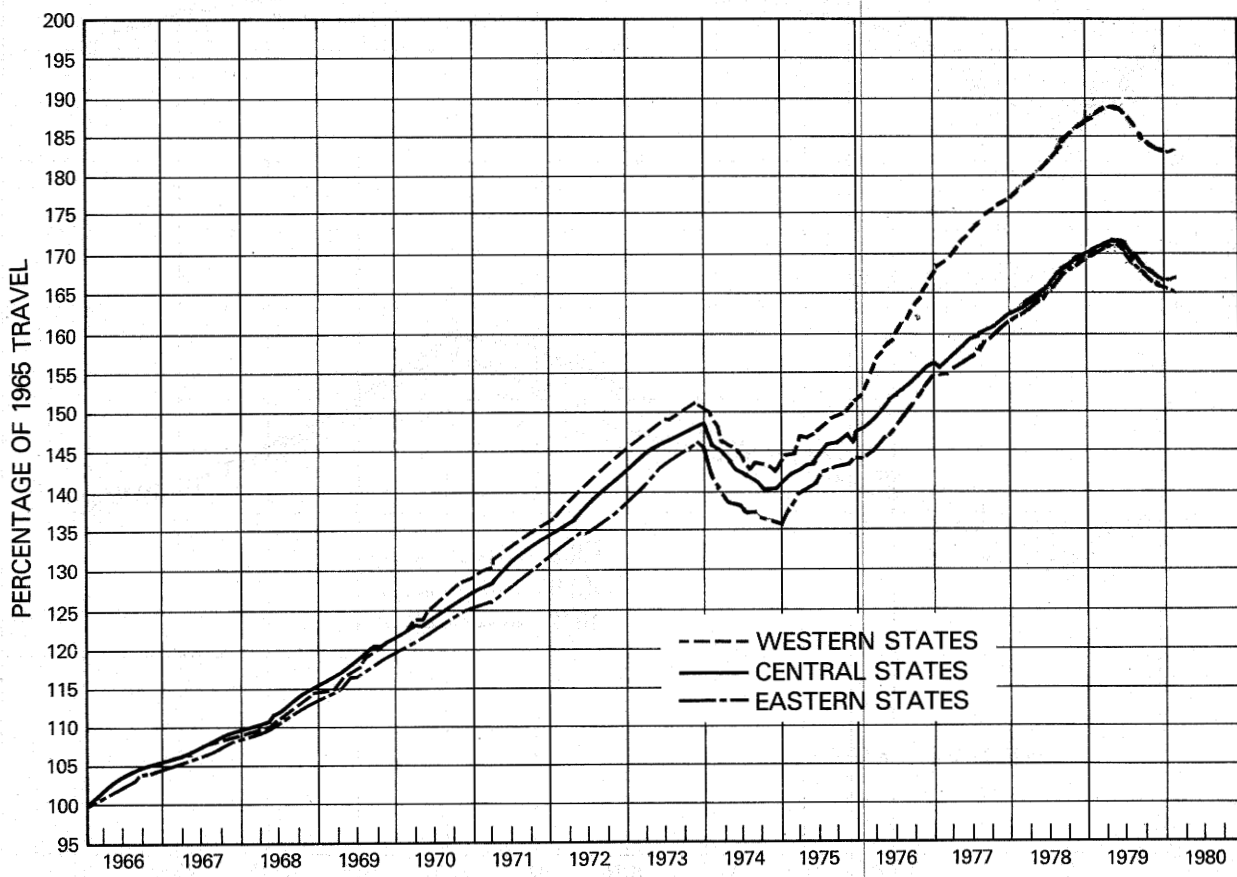


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

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

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR FEBRUARY			REVISED DATA FOR JANUARY		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1980	1979		1980	1979	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	34,818	36,111	-3.6	36,802	36,286	1.4
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	9,366	9,575	-2.2	9,787	9,644	1.5
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	44,184	45,687	-3.3	46,590	45,931	1.4
CITY STREETS.....	58,121	60,000	-3.1	62,410	61,902	0.8
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	102,305	105,686	-3.2	109,000	107,832	1.1
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	12,783	13,149	-2.8	13,652	13,743	-0.7
CENTRAL REGION.....	16,476	17,075	-3.5	17,482	16,664	4.9
WESTERN REGION.....	5,352	5,679	-5.7	5,452	5,663	-3.7
TOTAL.....	34,611	35,903	-3.6	36,586	36,070	1.4

TABLE 2.-CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	FEBRUARY (PRELIMINARY)		JANUARY (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	FEBRUARY (PRELIMINARY)		JANUARY (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.....	-	-	7	-0.7	ALABAMA.....	54	-2.7	53	-0.5
MAINE.....	-	-	23	3.5	KENTUCKY.....	37	-4.9	29	7.1
MASSACHUSETTS.....	-	-	7	-0.5	MISSISSIPPI.....	41	-3.7	39	0.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	63	-5.8	63	-0.7	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	27	-4.6
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	6	3.8	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	34	-3.9	39	0.8	IOWA.....	36	-6.8	36	4.9
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	71	-8.6	54	13.3
NEW JERSEY.....	19	-0.4	19	1.7	MINNESOTA.....	30	-2.3	30	-4.3
NEW YORK.....	1	-2.2	24	1.3	MISSOURI.....	72	-7.1	60	13.2
PENNSYLVANIA.....	54	2.6	54	3.6	NEBRASKA.....	20	-6.2	19	4.7
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	30	7.9	29	-7.5
DELAWARE.....	13	4.7	14	-3.9	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	34	-2.2	34	4.7
MARYLAND.....	-	-	30	-5.1	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	-2.2	-	-2.4	ARKANSAS.....	19	-3.4	18	6.8
WEST VIRGINIA.....	26	1.5	23	6.7	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	45	0.5
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	-	-	34	4.2
FLORIDA.....	35	-3.3	16	-1.4	TEXAS.....	118	-0.7	114	6.2
GEORGIA.....	25	-7.8	24	-0.2	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	44	-5.7	41	-4.5	ARIZONA.....	18	-10.7	16	-3.7
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	8	-2.7	10	-3.2	COLORADO.....	42	-3.0	43	-2.7
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	-	-	-	-
ILLINOIS.....	35	-2.9	20	18.0	MONTANA.....	16	2.8	18	-0.3
INDIANA.....	20	-3.4	20	8.7	NEVADA.....	28	0.3	28	0.2
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	64	-1.7	NEW MEXICO.....	30	-3.1	30	2.1
OHIO.....	21	-3.2	20	2.8	UTAH.....	47	-4.7	42	-4.3
WISCONSIN.....	-	-	-	-	WYOMING.....	31	-3.9	36	0.9
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	-0.4	2	-0.1	CALIFORNIA.....	16	-7.3	15	-5.6
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	22	-5.3	23	-6.1

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 DETERMINED FROM EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SAMPLING SURVEYS.

3-WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE ARE SHOWN AS DASHES, SUFFICIENT INFORMATION WAS NOT 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
1979 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	36.3	36.1	45.1	45.8	47.7	47.2	49.7	52.3	45.3	46.4	42.7	41.9
LOCAL RURAL	9.6	9.6	11.6	12.5	13.5	13.2	14.0	14.1	12.9	13.1	11.7	10.9
URBAN	61.9	60.0	71.2	69.1	70.0	68.5	68.5	71.1	67.7	69.9	65.5	66.5
ALL SYSTEMS	107.8	105.7	127.9	127.4	131.1	128.9	132.2	137.5	125.9	129.4	119.8	119.4

1980 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS\*\*

MAIN RURAL	36.8	34.8										
LOCAL RURAL	9.8	9.4										
URBAN	62.4	58.1										
ALL SYSTEMS	109.0	102.3										
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1980 VS. 1979												
MAIN RURAL	1.4	-3.6										
LOCAL RURAL	1.5	-2.2										
URBAN	0.8	-3.1										
ALL SYSTEMS	1.1	-3.2										

\* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1979 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

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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
1979 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	36.3	72.4	117.5	163.3	211.1	258.3	308.0	360.3	405.6	452.0	494.7	536.6
LOCAL RURAL	9.6	19.2	30.8	43.3	56.8	70.0	84.0	98.1	110.9	124.0	135.6	146.6
URBAN	61.9	121.9	193.1	262.2	332.1	400.6	469.2	540.3	608.0	677.9	743.4	809.9
ALL SYSTEMS	107.8	213.5	341.5	468.9	600.0	728.9	861.1	998.6	1124.5	1253.9	1373.7	1493.1
1980 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	36.8	71.6										
LOCAL RURAL	9.8	19.2										
URBAN	62.4	120.5										
ALL SYSTEMS	109.0	211.3										
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1980 VS. 1979												
MAIN RURAL	1.4	-1.1										
LOCAL RURAL	1.5	-0.3										
URBAN	0.8	-1.1										
ALL SYSTEMS	1.1	-1.0										

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