

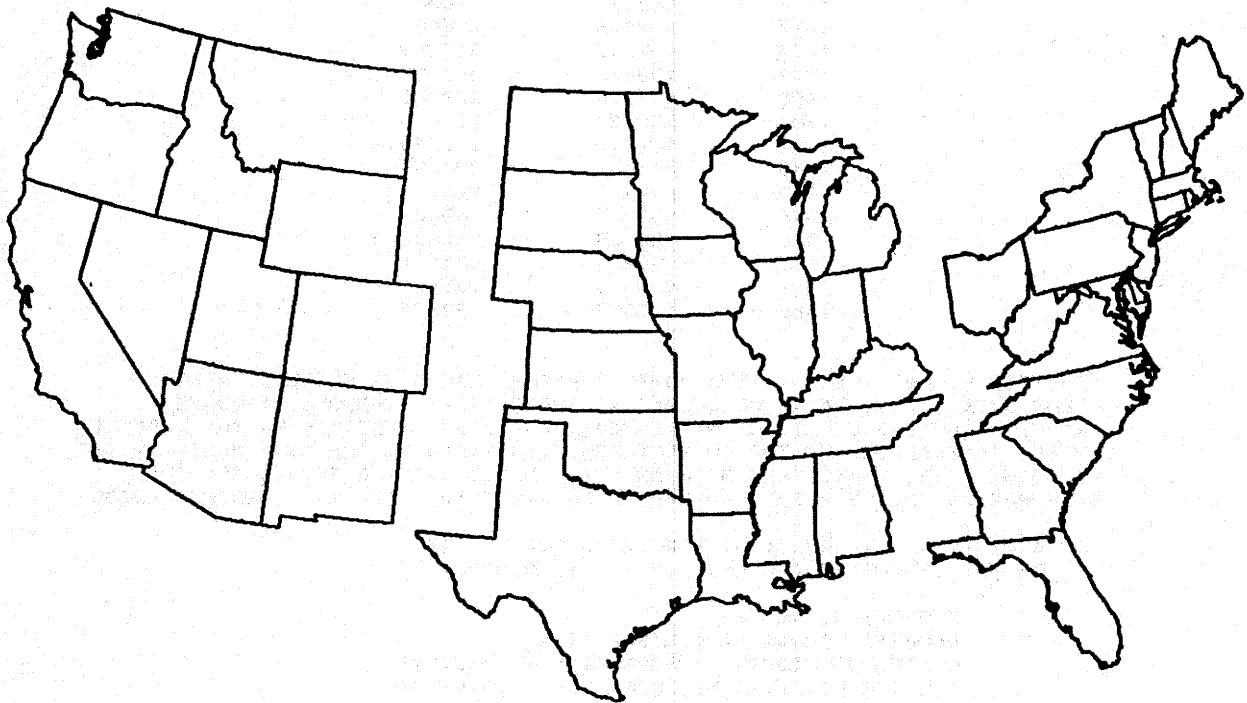


U.S. Department
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**Federal Highway
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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

FEBRUARY 1989

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 2.1 PERCENT
FOR FEBRUARY 1989 AS COMPARED TO FEBRUARY 1988.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - FEBRUARY 1989.

31.1 BILLION

59.6 BILLION

50.9 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+1.2

+2.1

+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 COMPUTED WITH 1987 TABLE VM-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF APRIL 17, 1989.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - FEBRUARY 1989

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING FEBRUARY 1989 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 2.1 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO FEBRUARY 1988, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 142362 MILLION VEHICLE-MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 54934 MILLION VEHICLE-MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 87428 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.

TRAVEL IN MILLIONS
ALL ROADS AND STREETS

YEAR	FEBRUARY	YEAR TO DATE
1970	77442	157615
1971	80118	165454
1972	88272	180737
1973	92567	189231
1974	86426	181456
1975	91303	189645
1976	98528	200988
1977	102416	204861
1978	107018	216856
1979	109650	224004
1980	107338	223800
1981	109765	225814
1982	107512	217269
1983	111828	231264
1984	117483	240012
1985	119367	243489
1986	123526	256524
1987	135996	275914
1988	139379	285553
1989	142362	297955

"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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FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12-MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

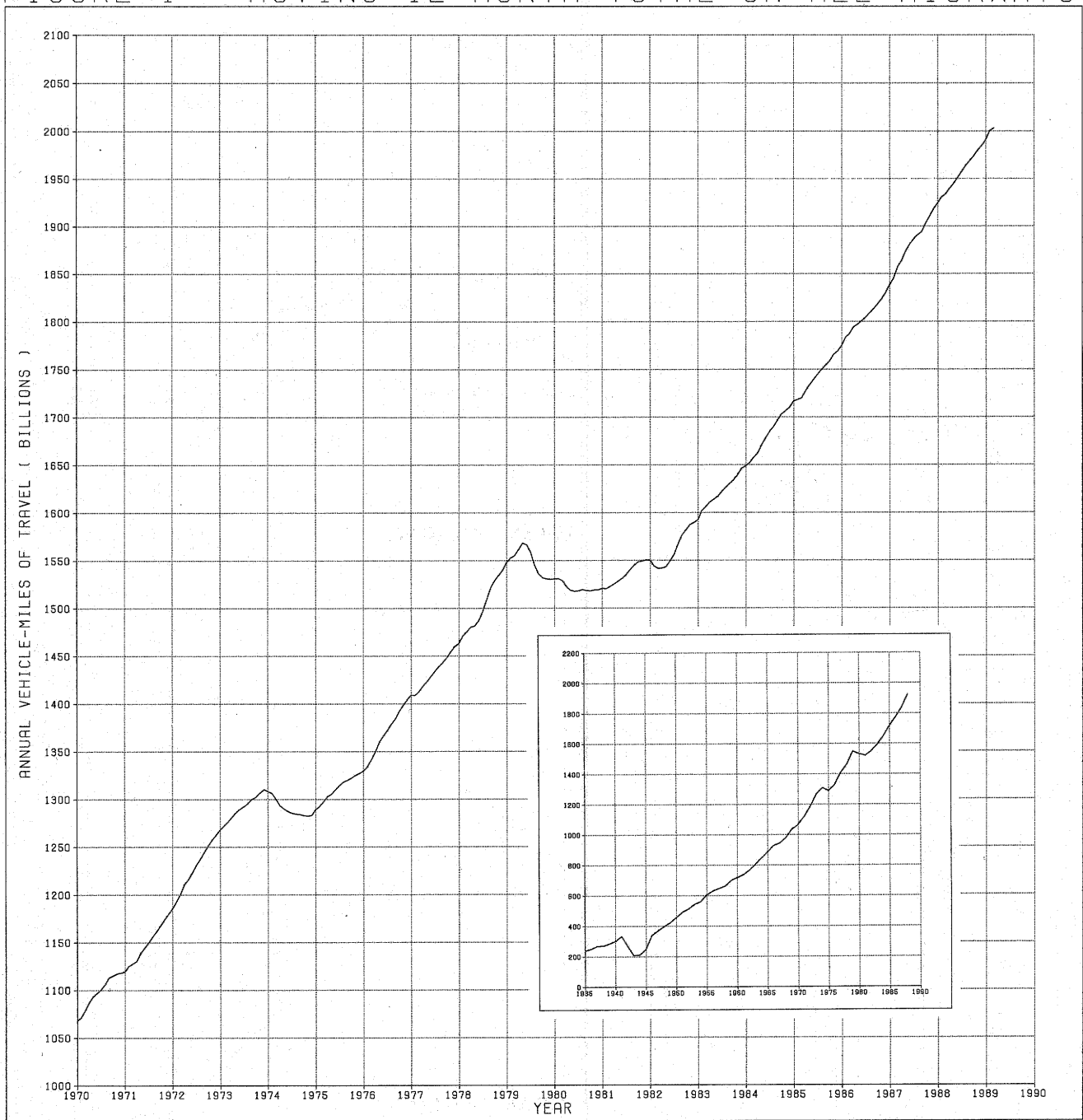
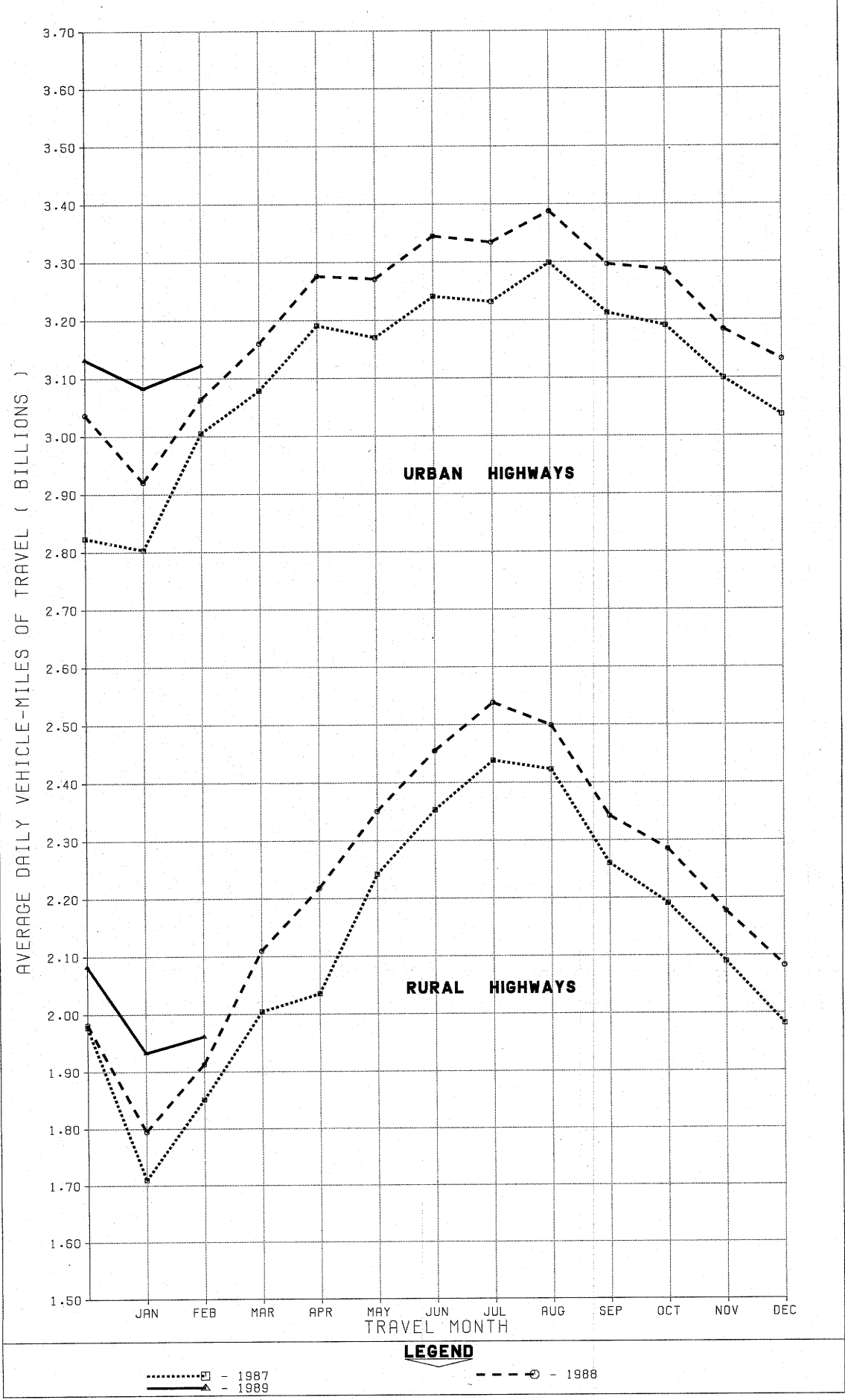


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U.S. HIGHWAYS BY MONTH



LEGEND

-□ - 1987
-△ - 1989
- - 1988

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
1988 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	33.7	32.3	39.7	40.6	43.9	44.7	48.6	47.8	42.9	43.5	40.1	39.7
OTHER RURAL	21.9	21.3	25.7	26.0	29.0	29.0	30.1	29.7	27.4	27.4	25.2	24.9
URBAN	90.5	85.8	98.0	98.3	101.4	100.4	103.4	105.0	98.9	101.9	95.5	97.1
ALL SYSTEMS	146.2	139.4	163.4	164.8	174.3	174.0	182.1	182.5	169.2	172.7	160.8	161.6
1989 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS***												
RURAL ARTERIAL	36.5	33.2										
OTHER RURAL	23.4	21.7										
URBAN	95.7	87.4										
ALL SYSTEMS	155.6	142.4										
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1989 VS. 1988												
RURAL ARTERIAL	8.2	2.9										
OTHER RURAL	6.9	1.9										
URBAN	5.7	1.9										
ALL SYSTEMS	6.4	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
1988 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	33.7	66.0	105.8	146.3	190.2	234.9	283.5	331.3	374.2	417.6	457.8	497.4
OTHER RURAL	21.9	43.2	68.9	94.8	123.8	152.8	182.9	212.6	240.0	267.4	292.6	317.5
URBAN	90.5	176.3	274.3	372.6	474.0	574.4	677.7	782.7	881.6	983.5	1079.1	1176.2
ALL SYSTEMS	146.2	285.6	448.9	613.8	788.0	962.1	1144.1	1326.6	1495.8	1668.5	1829.4	1991.0
1989 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS***												
RURAL ARTERIAL	36.5	69.7										
OTHER RURAL	23.4	45.1										
URBAN	95.7	183.1										
ALL SYSTEMS	155.6	298.0										
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1989 VS. 1988												
RURAL ARTERIAL	8.2	5.6										
OTHER RURAL	6.9	4.5										
URBAN	5.7	3.8										
ALL SYSTEMS	6.4	4.3										

* SYSTEM ENTRIES MAY NOT ADD TO GIVE "ALL SYSTEMS" TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING.

** THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1988 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

*** TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1989 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.

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

	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR FEBRUARY			REVISED DATA FOR JANUARY		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1989	1988		1989	1988	
CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:						
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	33,233	32,296	2.9	36,498	33,718	8.2
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	21,700	21,286	1.9	23,438	21,925	6.9
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	54,934	53,581	2.5	59,936	55,643	7.7
CITY STREETS.....	87,428	85,798	1.9	95,657	90,531	5.7
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	142,362	139,379	2.1	155,593	146,174	6.4
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	11,431	10,910	4.8	12,521	11,458	9.3
CENTRAL REGION.....	15,645	15,165	3.2	17,236	15,911	8.3
WESTERN REGION.....	6,027	6,095	-1.1	6,600	6,213	6.2
TOTAL.....	33,103	32,170	2.9	36,357	33,582	8.3

TABLE 4.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL 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.....	10	5.7	10	8.5	ALABAMA.....	48	4.5	48	12.5
MAINE.....	-	-	-	-	KENTUCKY.....	28	4.7	29	9.5
MASSACHUSETTS.....	11	2.3	11	7.4	MISSISSIPPI.....	9	4.2	10	11.5
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	-	-	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	9	5.2
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	28	6.3	28	5.8	IOWA.....	54	3.0	54	9.3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	61	-1.1	63	8.0
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	5	7.6	MINNESOTA.....	43	3.5	41	13.6
NEW YORK.....	18	4.5	13	5.6	MISSOURI.....	44	2.7	44	9.2
PENNSYLVANIA.....	34	5.8	34	7.7	NEBRASKA.....	26	1.4	25	12.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	28	-4.6	28	-1.6
DELAWARE.....	-	-	17	2.9	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	26	-0.3	26	15.7
MARYLAND.....	-	-	28	6.5	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	-	-	-	ARKANSAS.....	14	4.5	15	5.9
WEST VIRGINIA.....	5	6.0	8	10.8	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	32	-2.3	33	0.9
FLORIDA.....	36	9.6	41	10.3	TEXAS.....	81	-2.9	80	6.1
GEORGIA.....	-	-	-	-	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	18	-1.8	14	15.0	ARIZONA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	10	4.3	7	14.4	COLORADO.....	-	-	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	55	-5.0	56	1.3
ILLINOIS.....	-	-	-	-	MONTANA.....	-	-	33	-1.7
INDIANA.....	25	6.1	26	8.3	NEVADA.....	15	-4.9	15	9.3
MICHIGAN.....	46	9.1	52	7.7	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	-	-
OHIO.....	18	7.1	17	8.0	UTAH.....	-	-	-	-
WISCONSIN.....	48	5.4	47	10.8	WYOMING.....	38	-5.6	37	9.5
ALASKA.....	18	-4.2	18	-8.4	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	2	7.7	2	9.4	CALIFORNIA.....	-	3.0	-	5.3
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	-	-	34	6.0

NOTE: 1-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.

2-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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