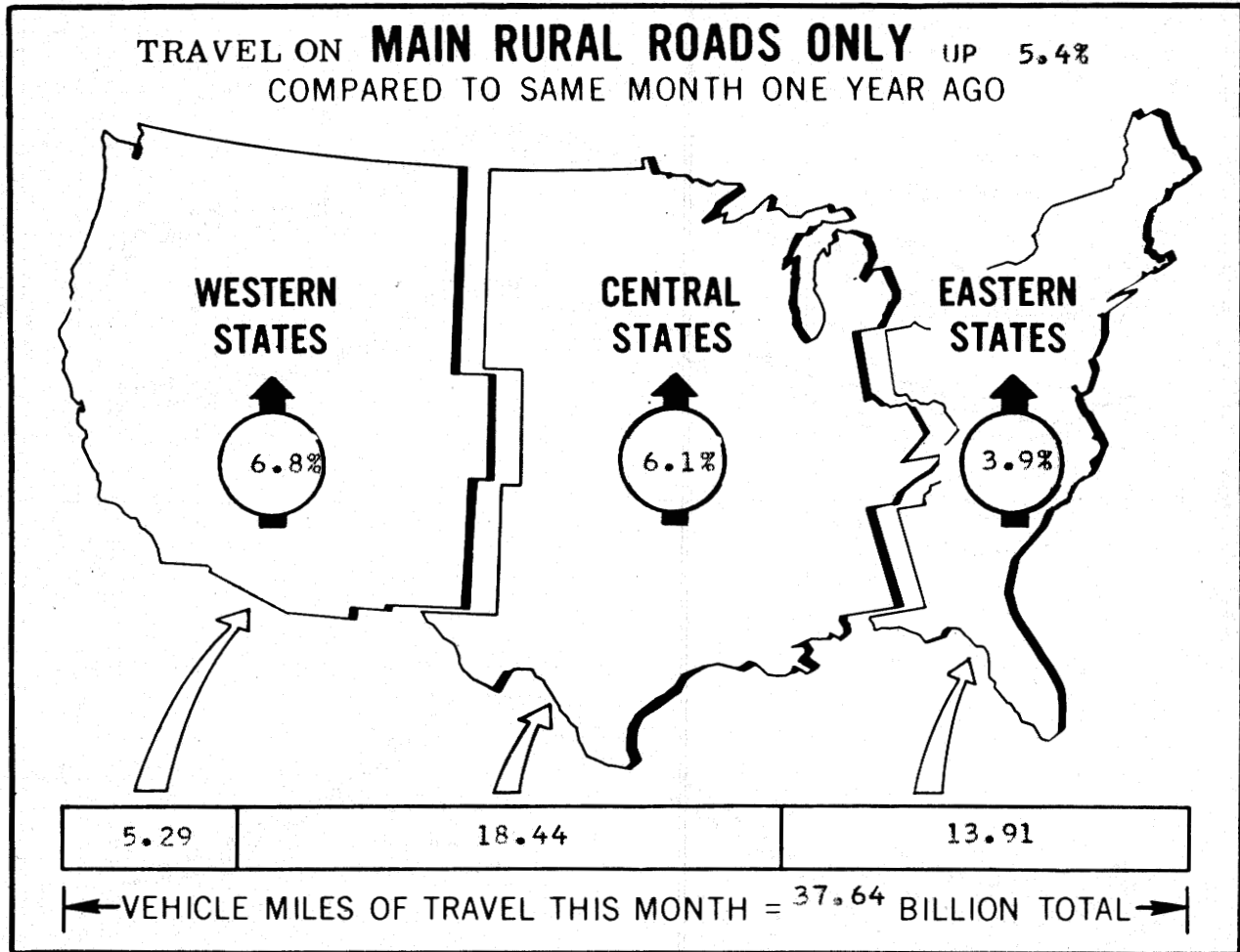


# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

MARCH 1976  $\downarrow$

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** UP 5.5%  
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 1974 VM-2 DATA AS A BASE.

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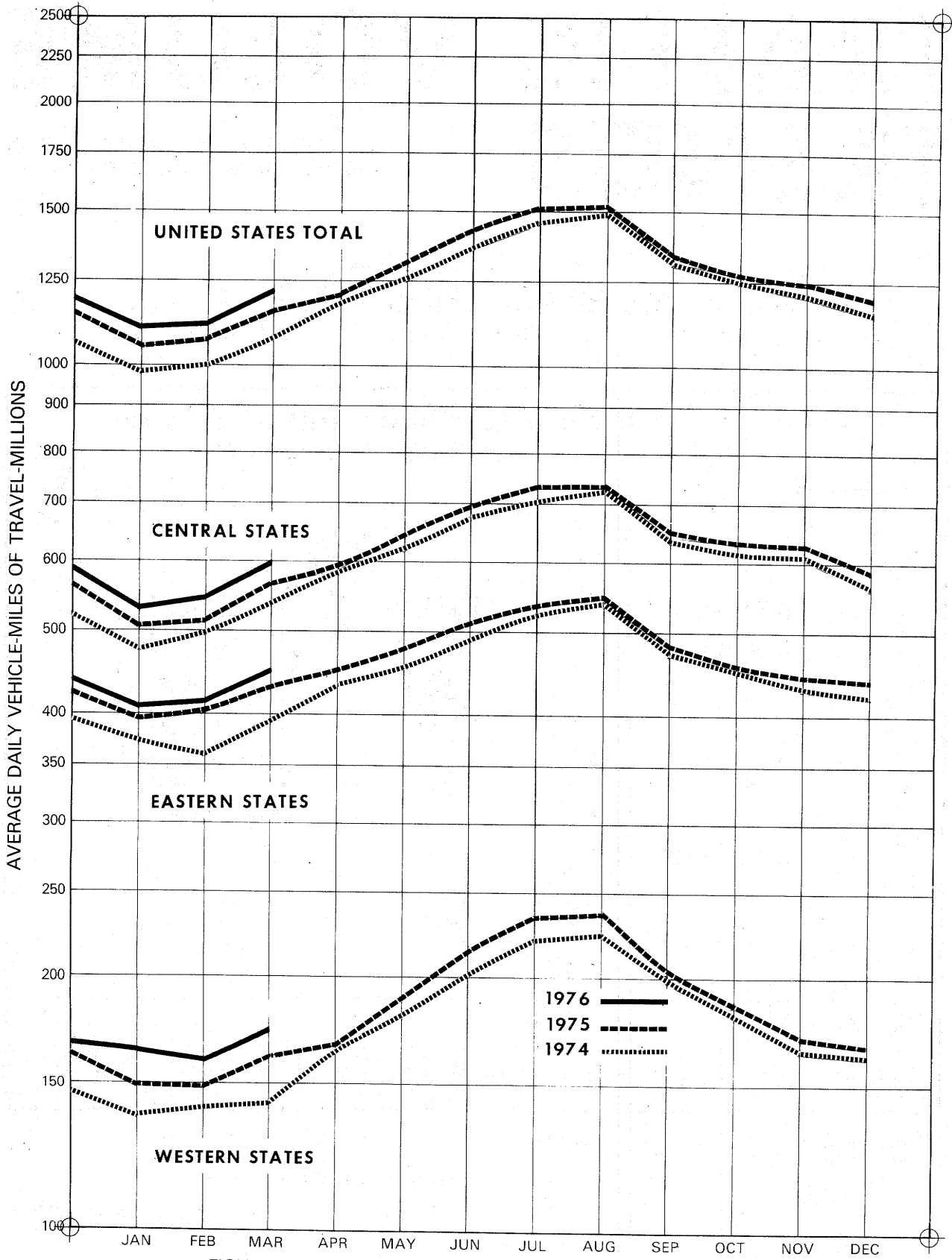


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

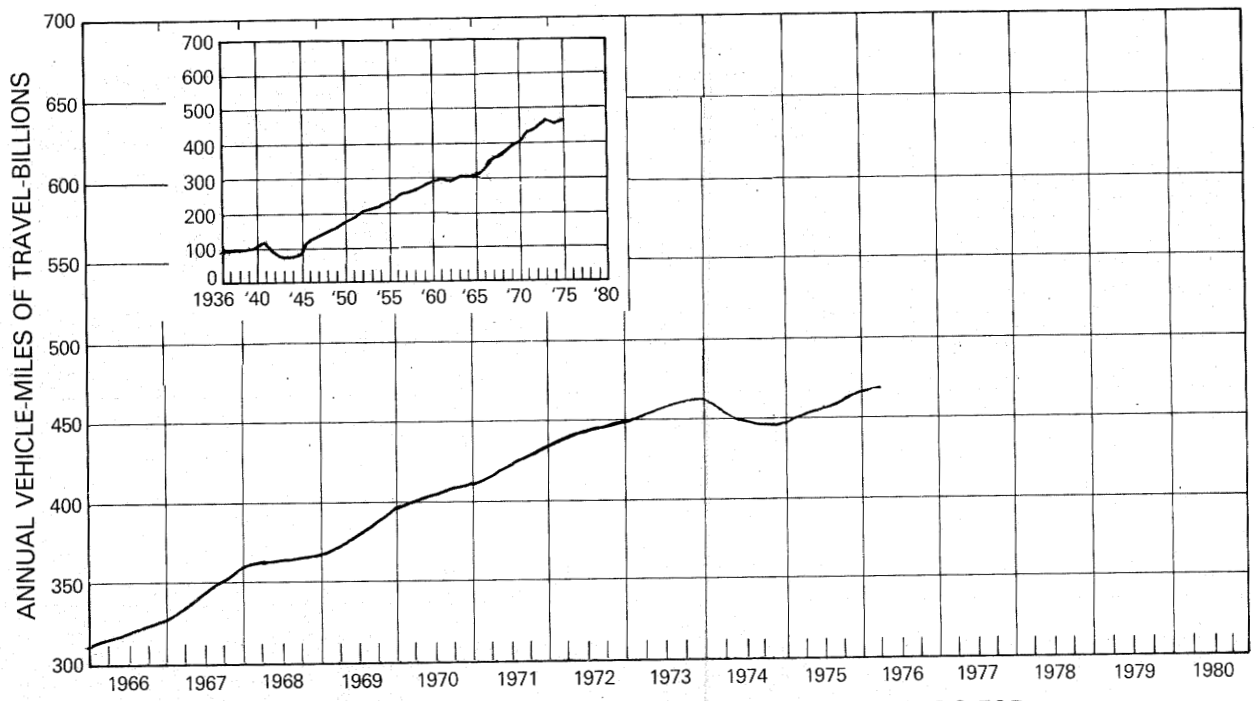


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

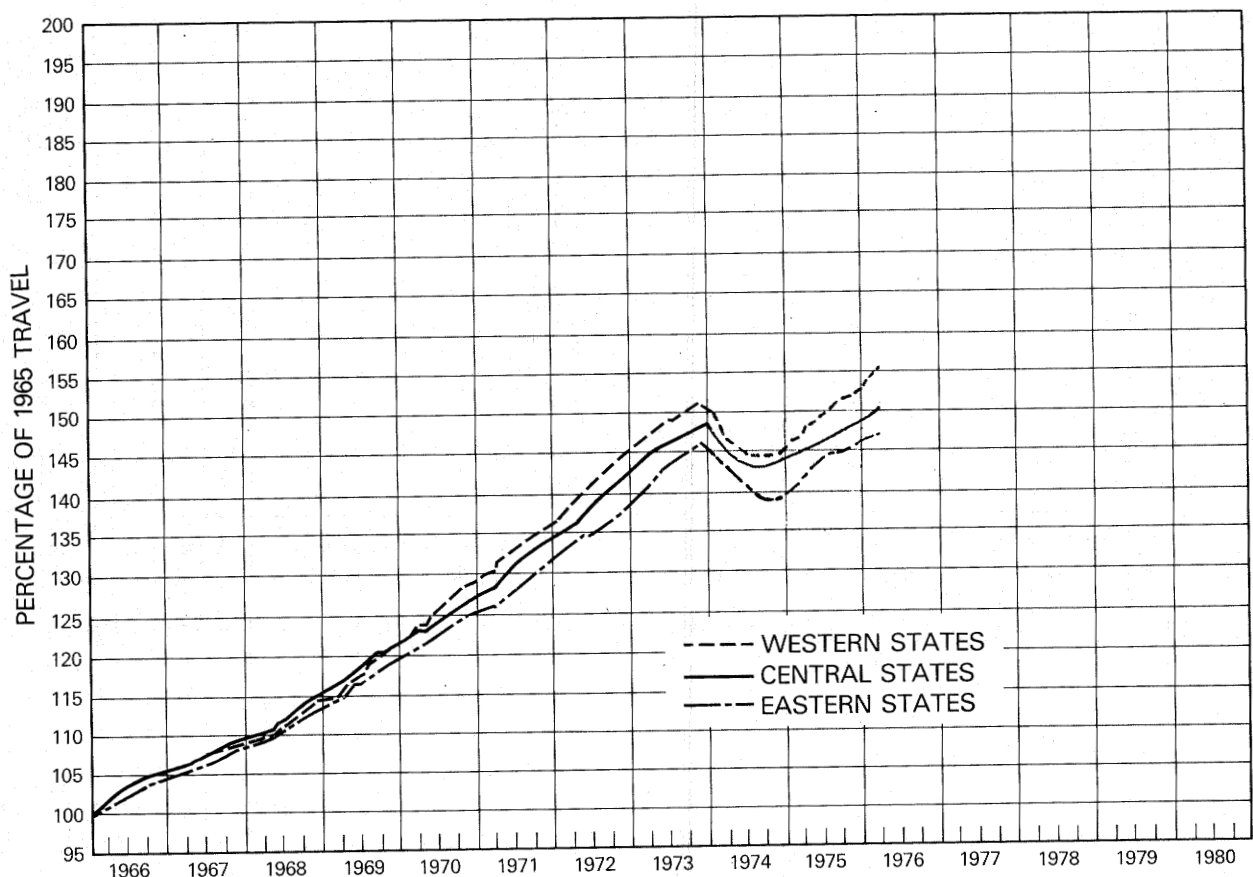


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

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

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR MARCH			REVISED DATA FOR FEBRUARY		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1976	1975		1976	1975	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	37,857	35,919	5.4	32,543	29,924	8.8
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	11,543	11,091	4.1	9,857	9,374	5.2
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	49,400	47,010	5.1	42,400	39,298	7.9
CITY STREETS.....	62,618	59,184	5.8	55,749	52,839	5.5
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	112,018	106,193	5.5	98,148	92,137	6.5
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	13,914	13,387	3.9	12,039	11,234	7.2
CENTRAL REGION.....	18,441	17,383	6.1	15,737	14,406	9.2
WESTERN REGION.....	5,288	4,952	6.8	4,606	4,133	11.4
TOTAL.....	37,643	35,722	5.4	32,382	29,773	8.8

TABLE 2.—CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	MARCH (PRELIMINARY)		FEBRUARY (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	MARCH (PRELIMINARY)		FEBRUARY (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.....	18	2.8	20	5.3	ALABAMA.....	54	6.4	54	9.0
MAINE.....	16	13.1	21	8.2	KENTUCKY.....	38	9.2	38	12.6
MASSACHUSETTS.....	5	4.2	7	10.2	MISSISSIPPI.....	44	6.0	42	6.2
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	44	9.1	43	8.0	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	-	-
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	44	- 0.9	47	2.8	IOWA.....	30	6.1	31	8.0
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	70	3.2	67	12.0
NEW JERSEY.....	17	7.3	18	7.5	MINNESOTA.....	12	9.0	39	10.4
NEW YORK.....	1	4.3	28	3.3	MISSOURI.....	59	7.5	62	14.4
PENNSYLVANIA.....	41	2.9	41	5.0	NEBRASKA.....	19	6.3	20	11.3
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	33	7.5	35	8.3
DELAWARE.....	15	1.9	15	6.2	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	27	13.3	33	8.6
MARYLAND.....	-	-	32	8.0	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	5.2	-	5.2	ARKANSAS.....	28	8.7	30	10.7
WEST VIRGINIA.....	-	-	28	13.3	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	-	-	-	-
FLORIDA.....	-	-	-	-	TEXAS.....	119	4.2	119	10.3
GEORGIA.....	26	0.9	24	6.5	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	44	5.6	42	9.5	ARIZONA.....	22	1.4	20	7.8
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	13	1.1	12	10.4	COLORADO.....	42	8.2	48	11.1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	-	-	53	9.0
ILLINOIS.....	17	4.8	20	9.5	MONTANA.....	25	7.3	24	17.3
INDIANA.....	24	5.8	28	5.9	NEVADA.....	26	5.9	25	11.5
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	33	5.7	33	11.6
OHIO.....	-	-	14	6.9	UTAH.....	-	-	78	6.3
WISCONSIN.....	-	-	-	-	WYOMING.....	34	8.5	34	8.8
ALASKA.....	14	11.5	12	12.7	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	-	-	3	4.2	CALIFORNIA.....	16	8.2	15	11.7
					OREGON.....	82	6.9	83	13.2
					WASHINGTON.....	7	5.8	11	14.5

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 DASH AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE IS SHOWN, THE STATES PREPARED TRAFFIC ESTIMATES, GENERALLY BASED ON EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC SAMPLING SURVEYS.

3—WHERE THE NUMBER OF STATIONS AND THE PERCENTAGE CHANGE FOR A STATE ARE DASHES, THE STATE REPORT HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT TIME OF PRINTING, OR NO COMPARABLE DATA WERE AVAILABLE.

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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
1975 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	32.7	29.9	35.9	36.2	40.8	42.9	46.8	47.3	38.7	39.5	37.4	37.0
LOCAL RURAL	10.1	9.4	11.1	11.5	12.8	12.6	13.2	13.2	12.0	12.5	11.4	11.1
URBAN	57.1	52.8	59.2	58.7	62.4	62.3	63.7	65.3	59.7	62.7	59.2	60.9
ALL SYSTEMS	99.9	92.1	106.2	106.5	116.0	117.8	123.7	125.8	110.4	114.7	108.0	109.0
1976 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	34.3	32.5	37.9									
LOCAL RURAL	10.4	9.9	11.5									
URBAN	58.5	55.7	62.6									
ALL SYSTEMS	103.2	98.1	112.0									
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1976 VS. 1975												
MAIN RURAL	4.9	8.8	5.4									
LOCAL RURAL	3.4	5.2	4.1									
URBAN	2.5	5.5	5.8									
ALL SYSTEMS	3.4	6.5	5.5									

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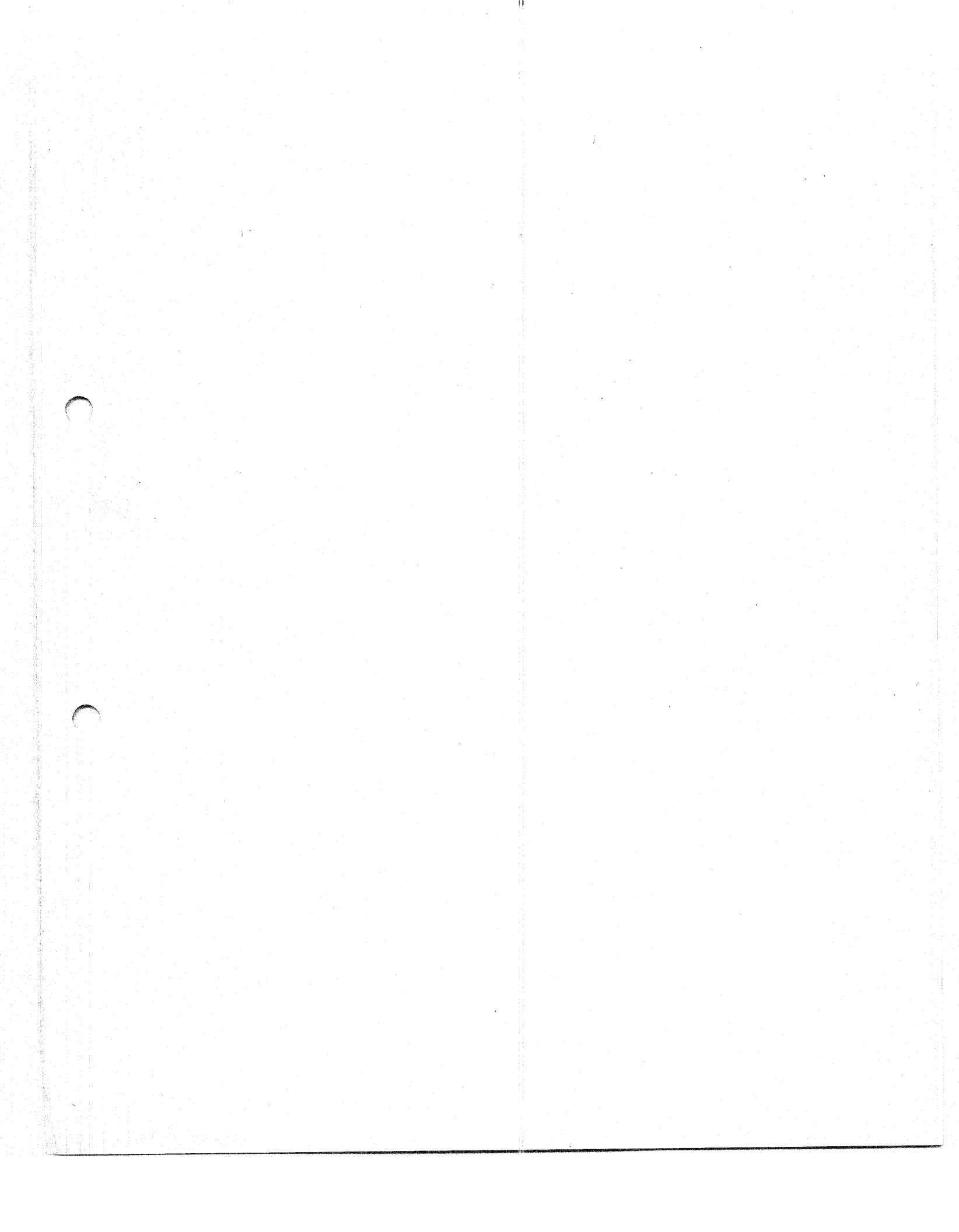
TABLE 4.  
 ESTIMATED CUMULATIVE MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES \*\*\*

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1975 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	32.7	62.6	98.5	134.8	175.5	218.5	265.2	312.5	351.2	390.7	428.2	465.1
LOCAL RURAL	10.1	19.5	30.6	42.1	54.9	67.5	80.7	93.8	105.8	118.3	129.7	140.9
URBAN	57.1	109.9	169.1	227.8	290.3	352.5	416.3	481.6	541.3	604.0	663.2	724.0
ALL SYSTEMS	99.9	192.0	298.2	404.7	520.7	638.5	762.2	888.0	998.4	1113.1	1221.1	1330.1
1976 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	34.3	66.8	104.7									
LOCAL RURAL	10.4	20.3	31.8									
URBAN	58.5	114.3	176.9									
ALL SYSTEMS	103.2	201.4	313.4									
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1976 VS. 1975												
MAIN RURAL	4.9	6.7	6.2									
LOCAL RURAL	3.4	4.2	4.2									
URBAN	2.5	4.0	4.6									
ALL SYSTEMS	3.4	4.9	5.1									

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