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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

MAY 1985

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 3.6 PERCENT
FOR MAY 1985 AS COMPARED TO MAY 1984.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - MAY 1985.

31.6 BILLION

68.4 BILLION

54.7 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+3.4

+3.5

+3.7

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 JULY 22, 1985.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - MAY 1985

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING MAY 1985 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 3.6 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO MAY 1984, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 155541 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 66011 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 89530 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	
	MAY	YEAR TO DATE
1970	97972	435766
1971	103655	460189
1972	110945	497846
1973	114819	519660
1974	112167	498938
1975	116659	519507
1976	123278	555564
1977	128884	575218
1978	134427	599059
1979	132394	617343
1980	131269	605946
1981	134305	616382
1982	140283	615579
1983	143619	640438
1984	150188	669786
1985	155541	692050

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS IS A MONTHLY REPORT PREPARED BY THE TRAVEL MONITORING BRANCH, HIGHWAY STATISTICS DIVISION, 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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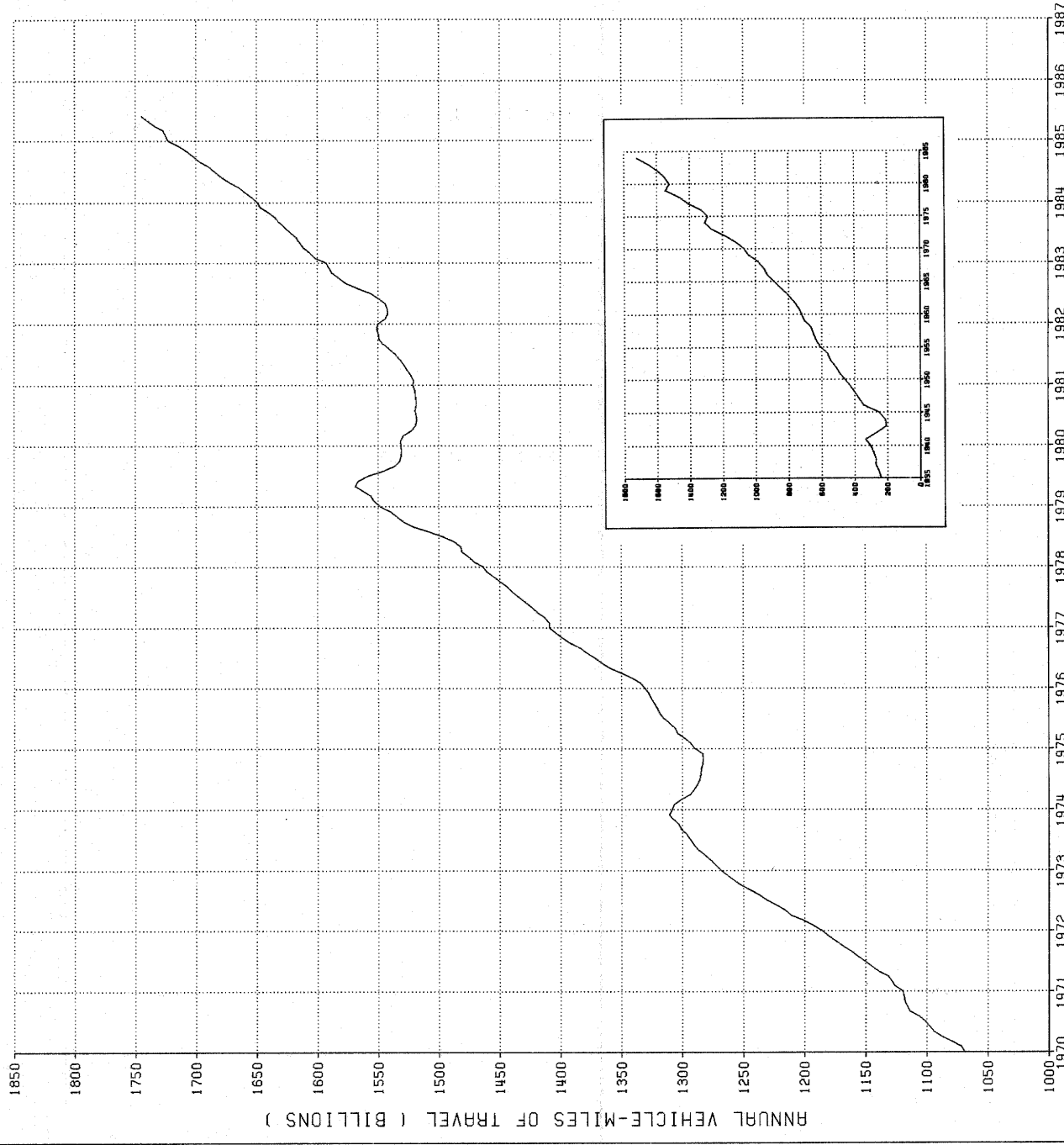
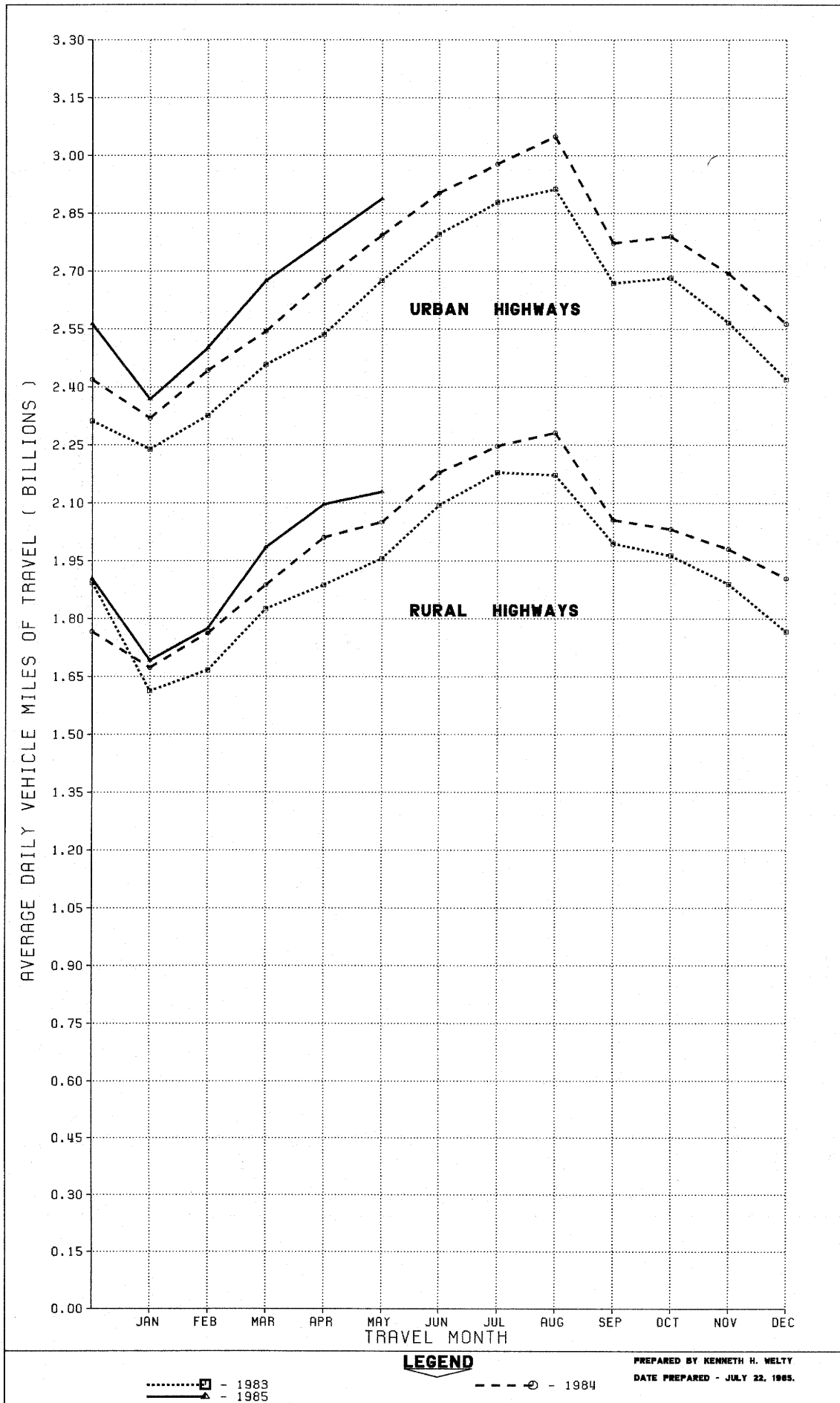


FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12 MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

DATE PREPARED - JULY 21, 1988
 PREPARED BY ROBERT H. WELTY

FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U S HIGHWAYS BY MONTH



LEGEND

.....□ - 1983
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PREPARED BY KENNETH H. WELTY
 DATE PREPARED - JULY 22, 1985.

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	39.9							
OTHER RURAL	22.1	20.9	25.0	25.4	26.1							
URBAN	73.4	70.0	82.9	83.5	89.5							
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	119.7	144.5	146.4	155.5							
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.8	6.1	4.6	4.3							
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.8	3.8	3.8	3.0							
URBAN	2.1	2.4	5.2	3.9	3.4							
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.7	5.2	4.1	3.6							

* 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.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT KENNETH WELTY, HIGHWAY STATISTICS DIVISION, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, 202-426-0160.

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	173.2							
OTHER RURAL	22.1	42.9	67.9	93.4	119.5							
URBAN	73.4	143.5	226.4	309.9	399.4							
ALL SYSTEMS	125.9	245.7	390.1	536.5	692.1							
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1985 VS. 1984												
RURAL ARTERIAL	2.1	1.9	3.5	3.8	3.9							
OTHER RURAL	-0.2	-0.5	1.1	1.8	2.1							
URBAN	2.1	2.2	3.3	3.5	3.4							
ALL SYSTEMS	1.7	1.7	2.9	3.3	3.3							

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

	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR MAY			REVISED DATA FOR APRIL		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1985	1984		1985	1984	
CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:						
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	39,930	38,274	4.3	37,471	35,817	4.6
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	26,081	25,315	3.0	25,441	24,509	3.8
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	66,011	63,589	3.8	62,913	60,325	4.3
CITY STREETS.....	89,530	86,599	3.4	83,463	80,300	3.9
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	155,541	150,188	3.6	146,376	140,626	4.1
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	13,122	12,630	3.9	12,807	12,319	4.0
CENTRAL REGION.....	19,383	18,688	3.7	17,720	16,908	4.8
WESTERN REGION.....	7,224	6,744	7.1	6,757	6,406	5.5
TOTAL.....	39,729	38,062	4.4	37,284	35,633	4.6

TABLE 4.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	MAY (PRELIMINARY)		APRIL (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	MAY (PRELIMINARY)		APRIL (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.....	9	6.2	9	6.9	ALABAMA.....	43	5.7	45	6.3
MAINE.....	19	4.7	19	5.7	KENTUCKY.....	-	-	25	3.5
MASSACHUSETTS.....	-	-	-	-	MISSISSIPPI.....	31	4.7	30	2.9
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	-	-	TENNESSEE.....	9	7.7	14	3.4
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	3	-14.8	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	26	1.8	27	3.4	IOWA.....	-	-	-	-
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	60	1.6	61	6.2
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	MINNESOTA.....	-	-	29	3.7
NEW YORK.....	-	-	17	6.5	MISSOURI.....	29	2.3	30	4.7
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	-	-	NEBRASKA.....	21	2.4	16	5.8
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	-	-	-	-
DELAWARE.....	-	-	-	-	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	27	2.5	25	2.8
MARYLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	5.4	-	5.7	ARKANSAS.....	16	3.0	-	-
WEST VIRGINIA.....	14	6.3	15	2.7	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	36	1.3	35	2.8
FLORIDA.....	55	5.8	56	5.9	TEXAS.....	-	-	80	6.8
GEORGIA.....	28	- 6.6	29	- 6.1	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	24	5.8	24	8.5	ARIZONA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	9	5.9	11	5.9	COLORADO.....	-	-	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	47	3.4	45	4.3
ILLINOIS.....	33	3.7	33	3.2	MONTANA.....	33	4.4	33	1.9
INDIANA.....	-	-	16	7.5	NEVADA.....	14	6.8	14	7.4
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	34	6.0
OHIO.....	14	4.2	14	3.9	UTAH.....	28	12.6	25	16.2
WISCONSIN.....	41	5.6	41	5.0	WYOMING.....	37	2.5	38	10.2
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	1	- 4.9	2	2.3	CALIFORNIA.....	13	7.0	13	5.2
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	-	-	19	0.9

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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