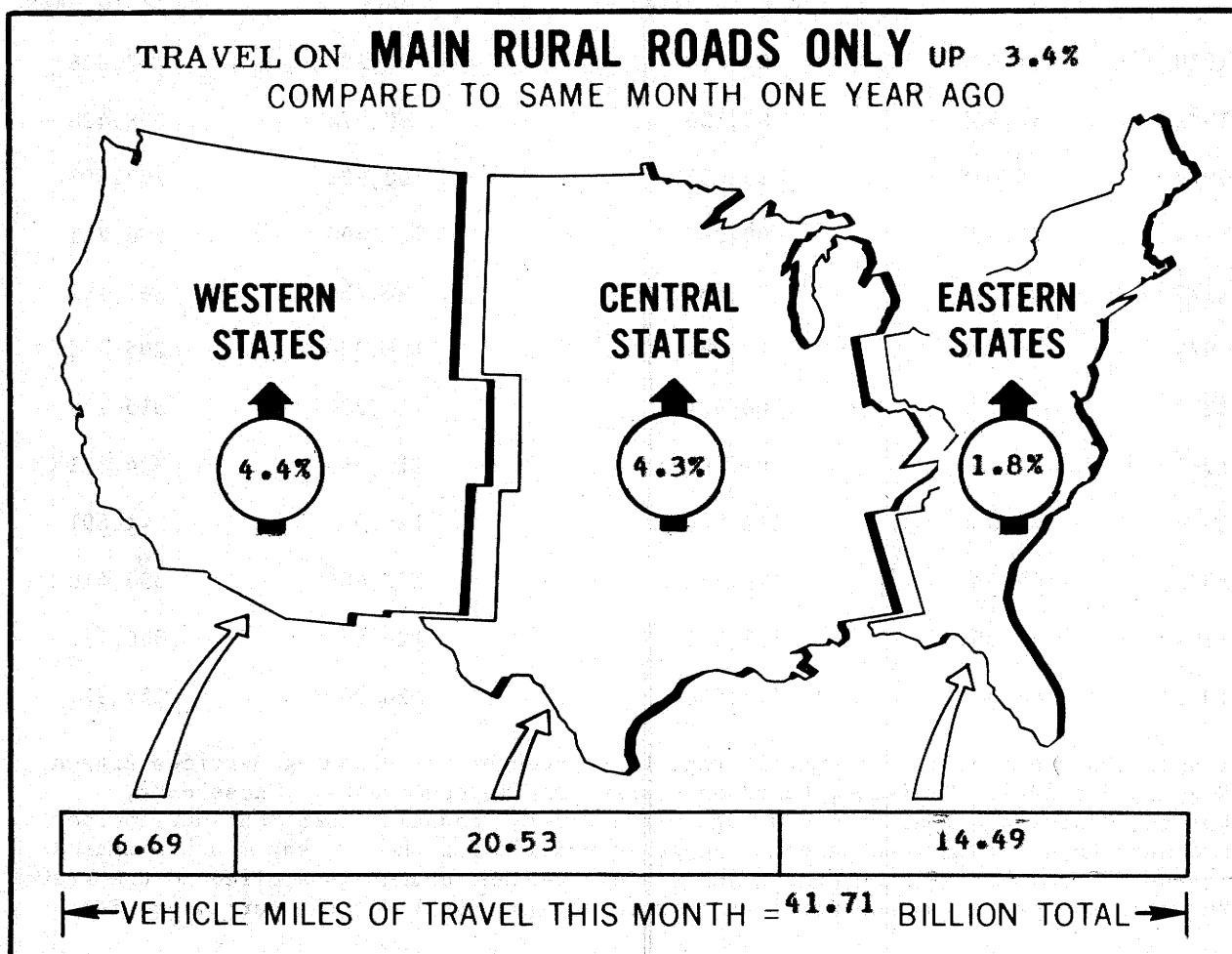


TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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MARCH 1981 \swarrow

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** UP 2.6%
COMPARED TO SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO



^{1/} 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 1979 VM-2 DATA AS A BASE.

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Based on preliminary reports from the State highway agencies, travel during March 1981 on all roads and streets in the nation increased by 2.6 percent as compared to March 1980, resulting in estimated travel for the month at 126,909 million vehicle miles. This total includes 41,949 million vehicle miles on main rural roads, 12,129 million vehicle miles on other rural roads, and 72,832 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 | |
|------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | MARCH | YEAR TO DATE | MARCH | YEAR TO DATE |
| 1970 | 31,687 | 85,409 | 90,223 | 247,838 |
| 1971 | 32,525 | 89,136 | 92,974 | 258,428 |
| 1972 | 35,025 | 93,494 | 102,926 | 283,663 |
| 1973 | 36,594 | 99,095 | 107,490 | 296,721 |
| 1974 | 33,244 | 91,689 | 100,736 | 282,192 |
| 1975 | 36,720 | 99,084 | 106,070 | 295,715 |
| 1976 | 39,324 | 106,921 | 114,284 | 315,272 |
| 1977 | 41,300 | 109,761 | 119,960 | 324,821 |
| 1978 | 42,046 | 112,846 | 125,035 | 341,891 |
| 1979 | 44,031 | 115,542 | 131,406 | 355,410 |
| 1980 | 40,555 | 111,352 | 123,676 | 346,177 |
| 1981 | 41,949 | 114,860 | 126,909 | 352,927 |

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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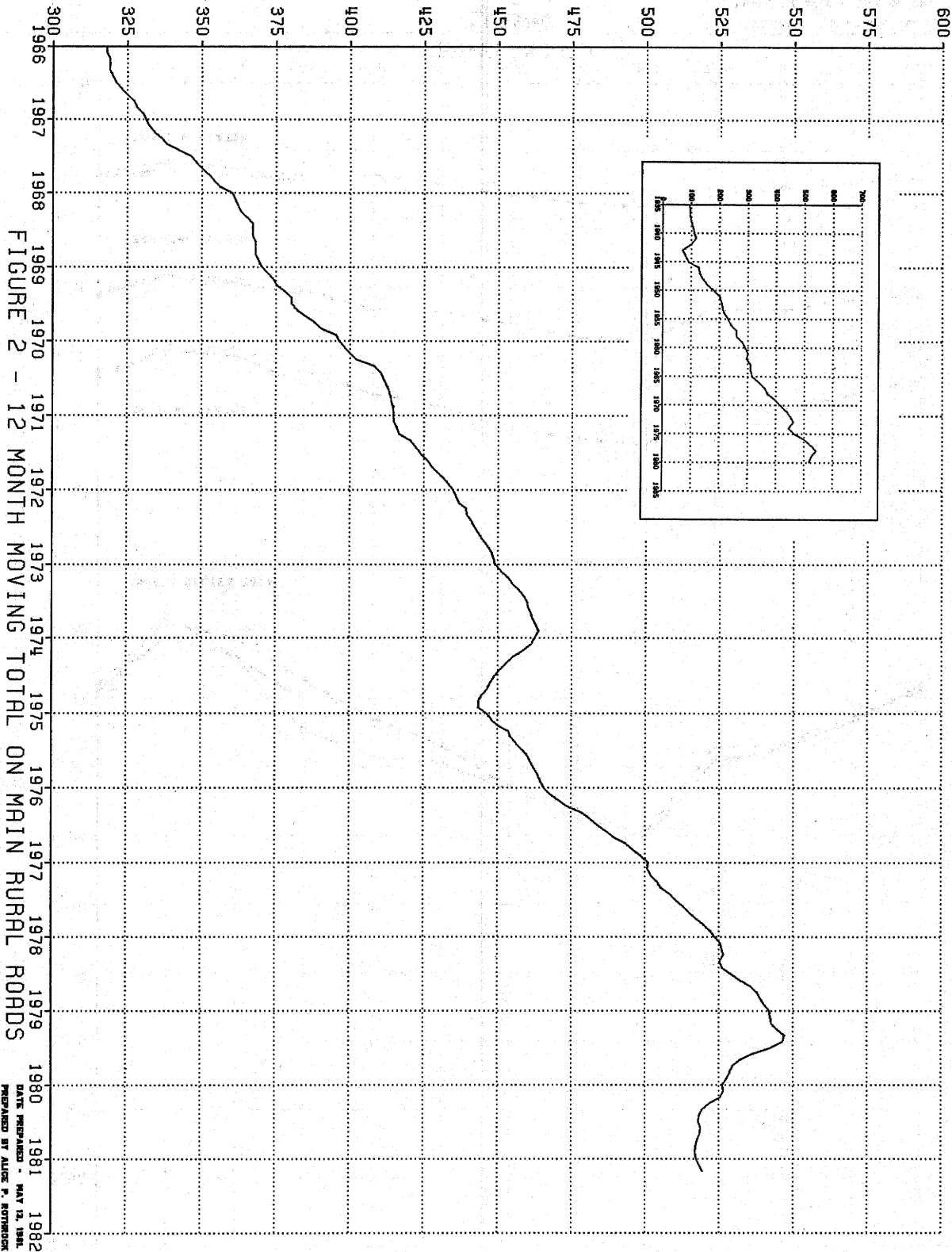


FIGURE 2 - 12 MONTH MOVING TOTAL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS

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FIGURE 1-A - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY MONTH

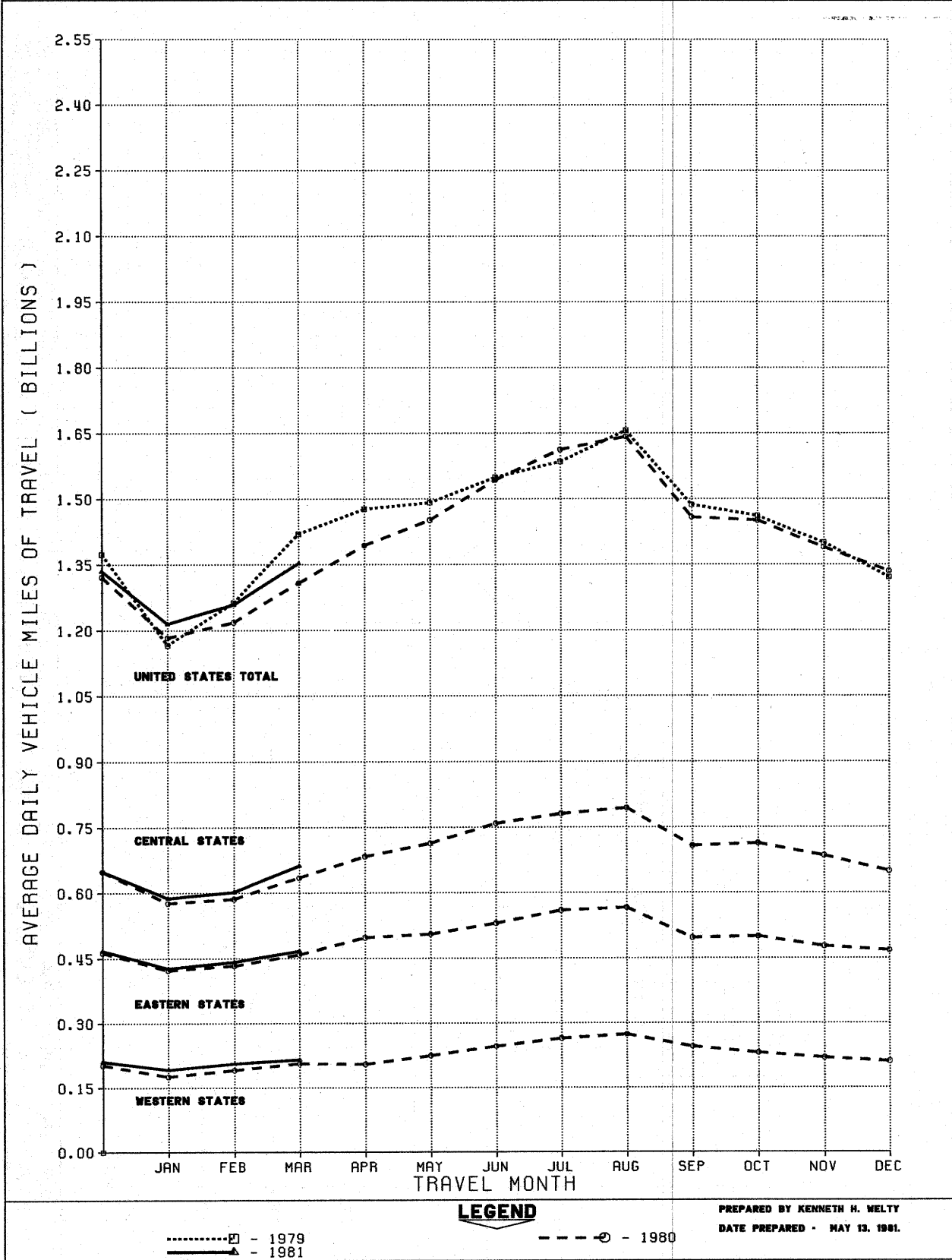
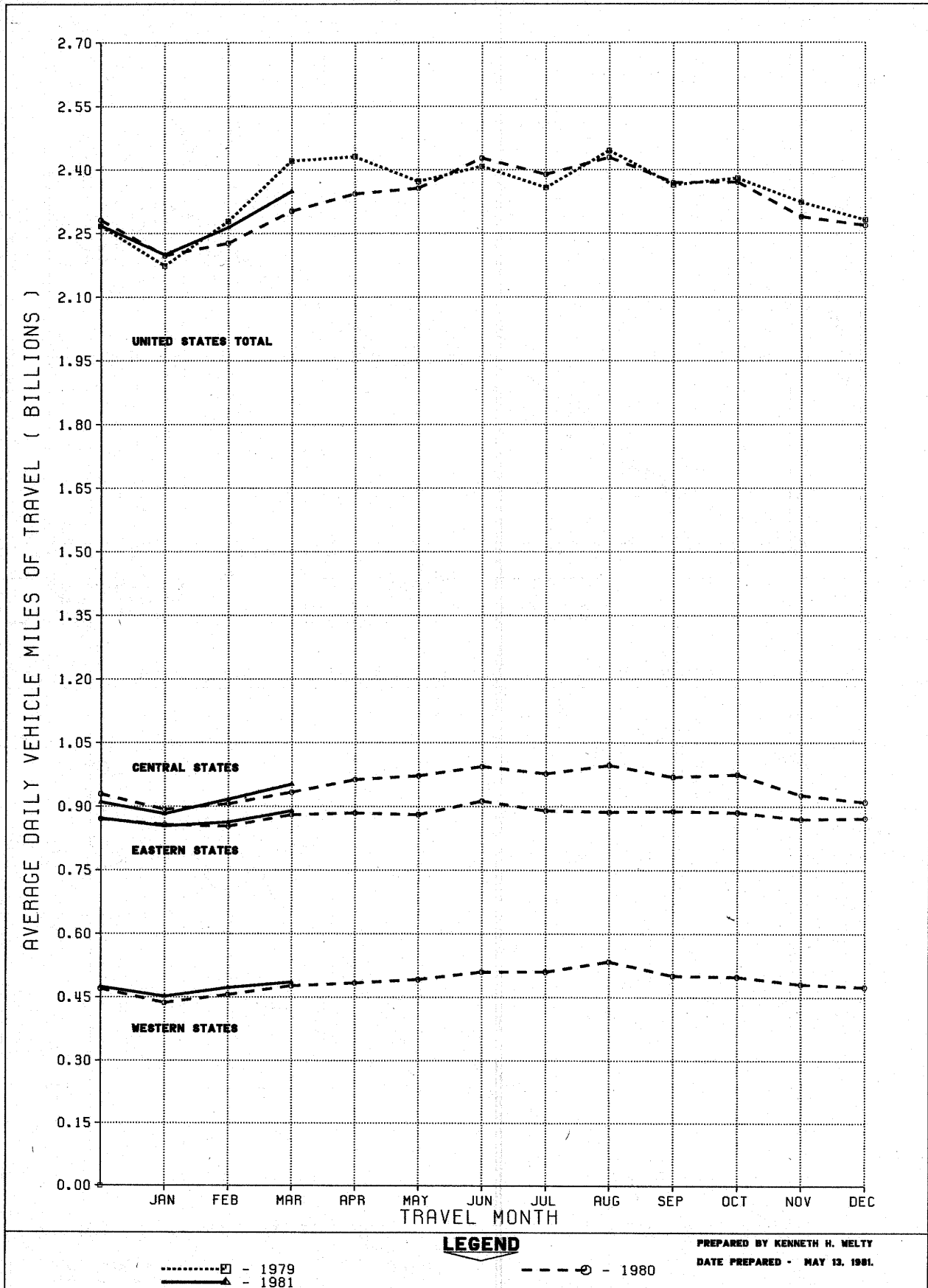


FIGURE 1-B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS BY MONTH



LEGEND

..... - 1979
 ———— - 1981

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

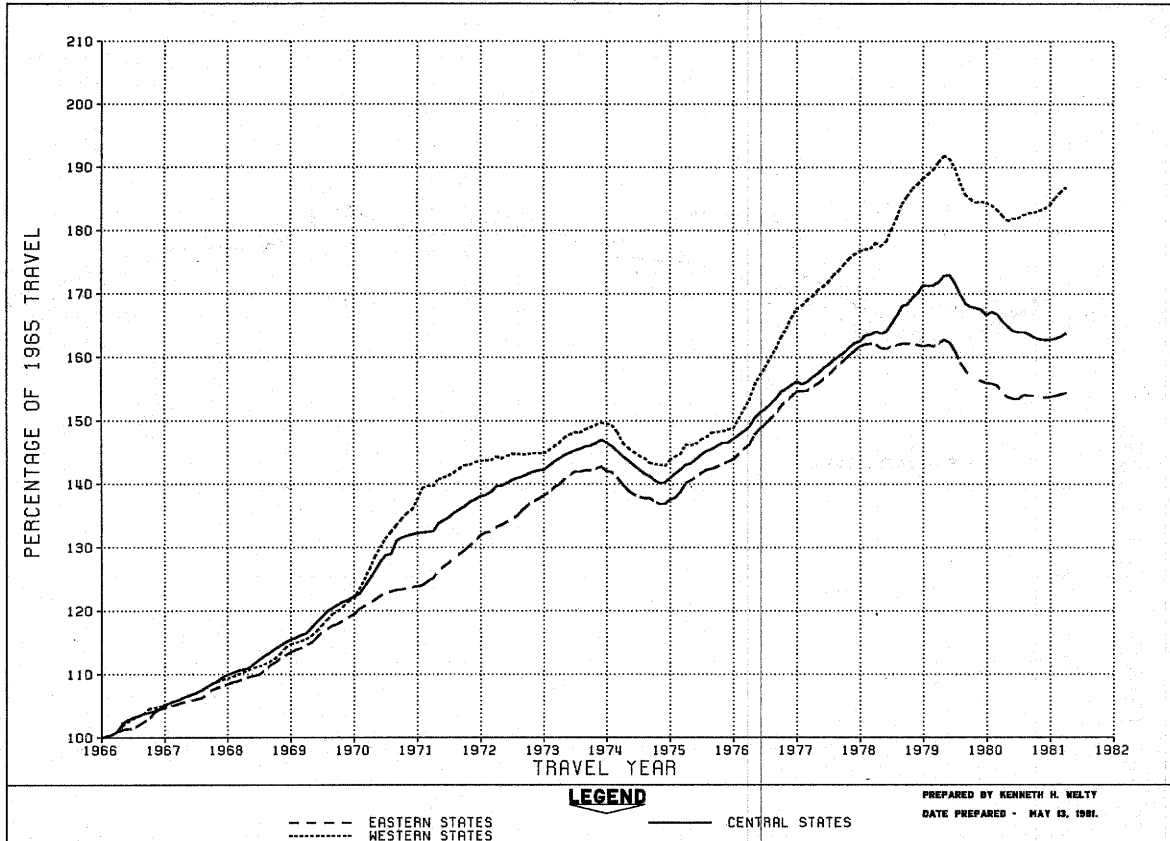


FIGURE 3B - TRAVEL ON URBAN ROADS AND STREETS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

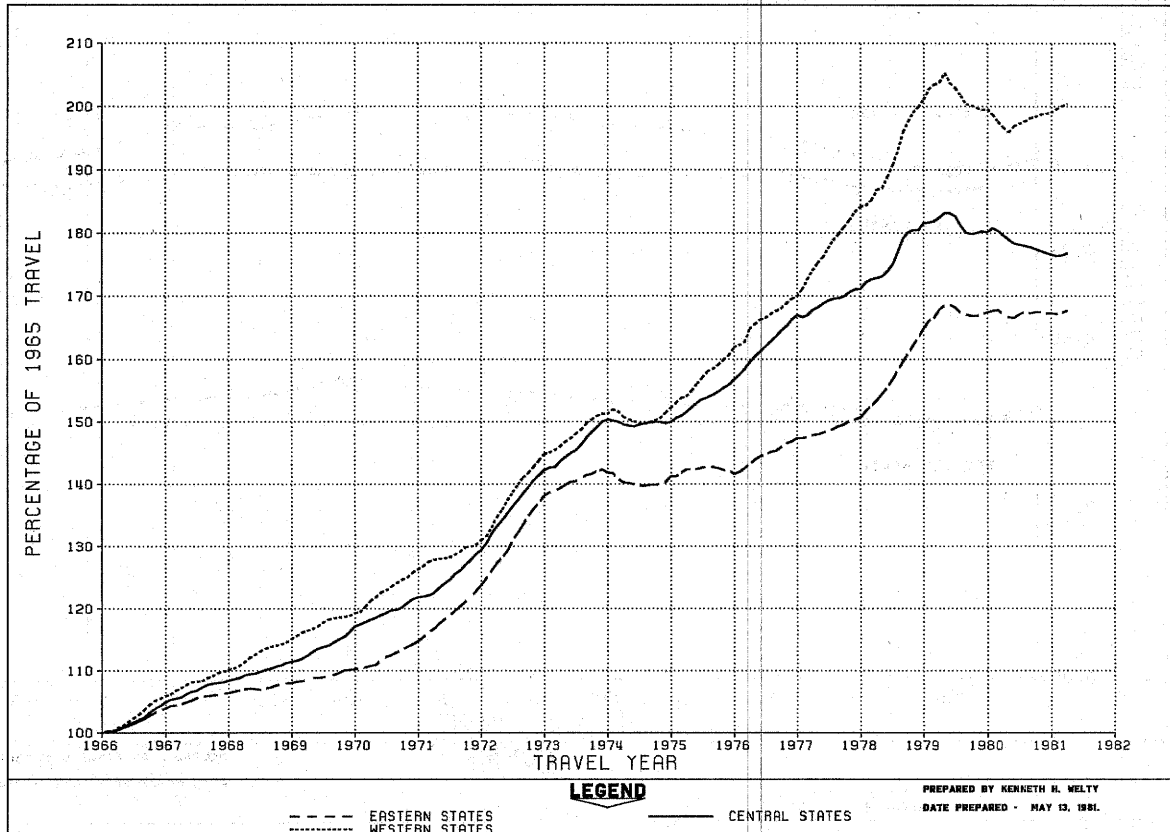


TABLE 1.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

| CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES: | PRELIMINARY DATA FOR MARCH | | | REVISED DATA FOR FEBRUARY | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS) | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE | VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS) | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE |
| | 1981 | 1980 | | 1981 | 1980 | |
| MAIN RURAL ROADS..... | 41,949 | 40,555 | 3.4 | 35,246 | 34,119 | 3.3 |
| LOCAL RURAL ROADS..... | 12,129 | 11,734 | 3.4 | 10,381 | 10,233 | 1.4 |
| ALL RURAL ROADS..... | 54,077 | 52,290 | 3.4 | 45,627 | 44,353 | 2.9 |
| CITY STREETS..... | 72,832 | 71,387 | 2.0 | 63,393 | 62,355 | 1.7 |
| ALL ROADS AND STREETS..... | 126,909 | 123,676 | 2.6 | 109,020 | 106,708 | 2.2 |
| 48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY): | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION..... | 14,487 | 14,233 | 1.8 | 12,390 | 12,144 | 2.0 |
| CENTRAL REGION..... | 20,532 | 19,687 | 4.3 | 16,860 | 16,415 | 2.7 |
| WESTERN REGION..... | 6,693 | 6,411 | 4.4 | 5,786 | 5,359 | 8.0 |
| TOTAL..... | 41,712 | 40,331 | 3.4 | 35,036 | 33,918 | 3.3 |

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..... | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 7.1 | ALABAMA..... | 51 | 4.5 | 51 | - 0.9 |
| MAINE..... | 22 | 6.6 | 21 | 3.6 | KENTUCKY..... | 33 | 5.6 | 33 | 6.8 |
| MASSACHUSETTS..... | 8 | 8.1 | 6 | 9.3 | MISSISSIPPI..... | 40 | 4.3 | 40 | - 1.4 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE..... | 57 | 5.8 | 62 | 3.2 | TENNESSEE..... | - | - | - | - |
| RHODE ISLAND..... | - | - | - | - | WEST NORTH CENTRAL: | | | | |
| VERMONT..... | 38 | 6.3 | 36 | 3.4 | IOWA..... | 36 | 6.5 | 36 | 0.6 |
| MIDDLE ATLANTIC: | | | | | KANSAS..... | 65 | 6.8 | 68 | 9.5 |
| NEW JERSEY..... | - | - | - | - | MINNESOTA..... | 38 | 2.9 | 34 | - 4.2 |
| NEW YORK..... | 29 | 1.0 | 25 | - 1.0 | MISSOURI..... | 74 | 6.6 | 69 | 6.0 |
| PENNSYLVANIA..... | - | - | - | - | NEBRASKA..... | 18 | 6.4 | 17 | 1.7 |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH): | | | | | NORTH DAKOTA..... | 31 | 9.9 | 31 | 4.8 |
| DELAWARE..... | 13 | 5.2 | 13 | 4.7 | SOUTH DAKOTA..... | 36 | 6.7 | 36 | 0.8 |
| MARYLAND..... | - | - | 31 | - 1.0 | WEST SOUTH CENTRAL: | | | | |
| VIRGINIA..... | - | 0.7 | - | - 0.4 | ARKANSAS..... | 20 | 0.7 | 20 | 2.2 |
| WEST VIRGINIA..... | 18 | 2.0 | 23 | 1.9 | LOUISIANA..... | - | - | 42 | 3.4 |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH): | | | | | OKLAHOMA..... | 31 | 5.9 | 29 | 6.5 |
| FLORIDA..... | 1 | - 2.3 | 3 | 3.8 | TEXAS..... | 119 | 6.7 | 119 | 7.3 |
| GEORGIA..... | 23 | 6.1 | - | - | MOUNTAIN: | | | | |
| NORTH CAROLINA..... | 46 | 2.6 | 43 | 1.2 | ARIZONA..... | 17 | 4.0 | 15 | 14.3 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA..... | 7 | - 1.7 | 6 | 3.9 | COLORADO..... | 42 | 2.0 | 42 | 1.6 |
| EAST NORTH CENTRAL: | | | | | IDAHO..... | - | - | - | - |
| ILLINOIS..... | 38 | 4.5 | 34 | 1.4 | MONTANA..... | - | - | 27 | 3.3 |
| INDIANA..... | 20 | 0.6 | 20 | - 0.9 | NEVADA..... | 27 | 2.6 | 26 | 8.0 |
| MICHIGAN..... | 69 | 1.3 | 68 | - 5.8 | NEW MEXICO..... | - | - | 22 | 3.5 |
| OHIO..... | 20 | 0.0 | 20 | 3.1 | UTAH..... | 43 | 6.9 | 39 | 9.5 |
| WISCONSIN..... | 50 | 3.0 | 48 | - 1.9 | WYOMING..... | 23 | 10.4 | 23 | 10.7 |
| ALASKA..... | 31 | 6.1 | 36 | 9.3 | PACIFIC: | | | | |
| HAWAII..... | 3 | 5.5 | 3 | 1.5 | CALIFORNIA..... | 16 | 1.6 | 15 | 10.8 |
| | | | | | OREGON..... | - | - | 11 | 2.8 |
| | | | | | WASHINGTON..... | 4 | 9.8 | 25 | 6.5 |

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 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 |
| 1980 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAIN RURAL | 36.7 | 34.1 | 40.6 | 41.8 | 45.0 | 46.3 | 50.0 | 50.9 | 43.7 | 45.0 | 41.7 | 41.4 |
| LOCAL RURAL | 11.0 | 10.2 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 11.9 | 12.4 | 11.7 | 11.5 |
| URBAN | 68.1 | 62.4 | 71.4 | 70.3 | 73.1 | 72.8 | 74.1 | 75.3 | 71.1 | 73.5 | 68.7 | 70.3 |
| ALL SYSTEMS | 115.8 | 106.7 | 123.7 | 123.9 | 130.4 | 131.4 | 136.7 | 139.0 | 126.8 | 130.9 | 122.0 | 123.3 |
| 1981 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAIN RURAL | 37.7 | 35.2 | 41.9 | | | | | | | | | |
| LOCAL RURAL | 11.1 | 10.4 | 12.1 | | | | | | | | | |
| URBAN | 68.2 | 63.4 | 72.8 | | | | | | | | | |
| ALL SYSTEMS | 117.0 | 109.0 | 126.9 | | | | | | | | | |
| PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1981 VS. 1980 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAIN RURAL | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.4 | | | | | | | | | |
| LOCAL RURAL | 1.4 | 1.4 | 3.4 | | | | | | | | | |
| URBAN | 0.1 | 1.7 | 2.0 | | | | | | | | | |
| ALL SYSTEMS | 1.0 | 2.2 | 2.6 | | | | | | | | | |

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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 |
| 1980 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS* | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAIN RURAL | 36.7 | 70.8 | 111.4 | 153.2 | 198.2 | 244.5 | 294.5 | 345.4 | 389.1 | 434.1 | 475.8 | 517.2 |
| LOCAL RURAL | 11.0 | 21.2 | 32.9 | 44.8 | 57.1 | 69.4 | 82.0 | 94.8 | 106.7 | 119.1 | 130.8 | 142.3 |
| URBAN | 68.1 | 130.5 | 201.9 | 272.2 | 345.2 | 418.1 | 492.1 | 567.5 | 638.6 | 712.1 | 780.7 | 851.1 |
| ALL SYSTEMS | 115.8 | 222.5 | 346.2 | 470.1 | 600.5 | 732.0 | 868.7 | 1007.6 | 1134.4 | 1265.3 | 1387.4 | 1510.6 |
| 1981 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAIN RURAL | 37.7 | 72.9 | 114.9 | | | | | | | | | |
| LOCAL RURAL | 11.1 | 21.5 | 33.6 | | | | | | | | | |
| URBAN | 68.2 | 131.6 | 204.4 | | | | | | | | | |
| ALL SYSTEMS | 117.0 | 226.0 | 352.9 | | | | | | | | | |
| PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1981 VS. 1980 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAIN RURAL | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.2 | | | | | | | | | |
| LOCAL RURAL | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2.1 | | | | | | | | | |
| URBAN | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1.3 | | | | | | | | | |
| ALL SYSTEMS | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.9 | | | | | | | | | |

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