



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

SEPTEMBER 1988

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 3.2 PERCENT
FOR SEPTEMBER 1988 AS COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 1987.**



WESTERN

CENTRAL

EASTERN

ESTIMATED VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - SEPTEMBER 1988.

35.4 BILLION

71.7 BILLION

59.6 BILLION

PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR

+4.5

+2.1

+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 COMPUTED WITH 1986 TABLE VM-2 AS A BASE.

COMPILED WITH DATA ON HAND AS OF NOVEMBER 17, 1988.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - SEPTEMBER 1988

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING SEPTEMBER 1988 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 3.2 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO SEPTEMBER 1987, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 167562 MILLION VEHICLE-MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 69413 MILLION VEHICLE-MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 98149 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	SEPTEMBER	YEAR TO DATE
1970	95254	844416
1971	101290	892020
1972	108072	957690
1973	110332	991962
1974	109125	966911
1975	111399	999890
1976	119431	1061927
1977	124203	1101278
1978	131385	1166997
1979	127576	1150906
1980	127482	1140023
1981	131185	1167829
1982	136311	1199501
1983	139938	1241586
1984	146074	1295791
1985	150424	1337719
1986	155462	1381366
1987	162409	1435852
1988	167562	1486617

"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

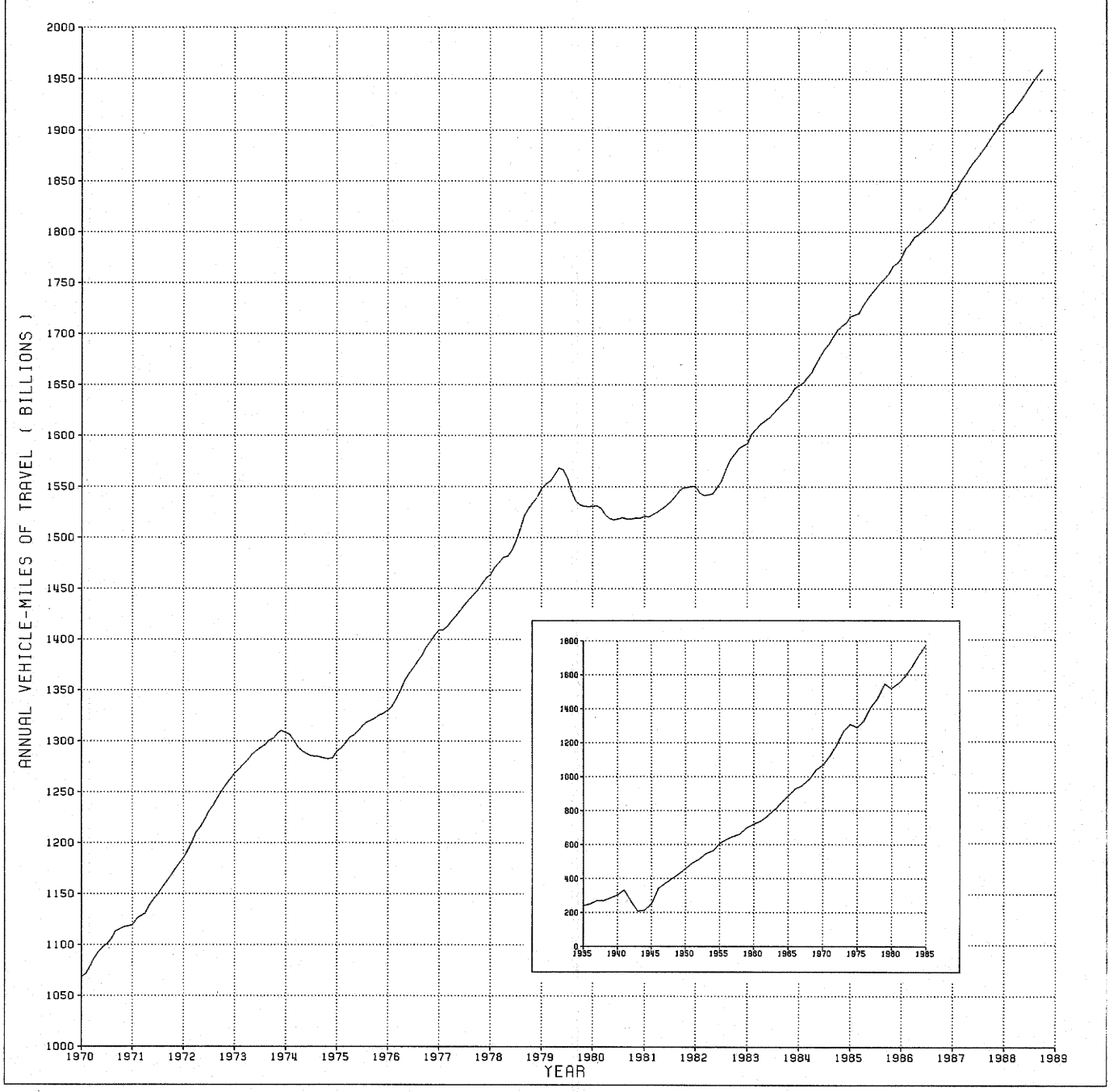


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U S HIGHWAYS BY MONTH

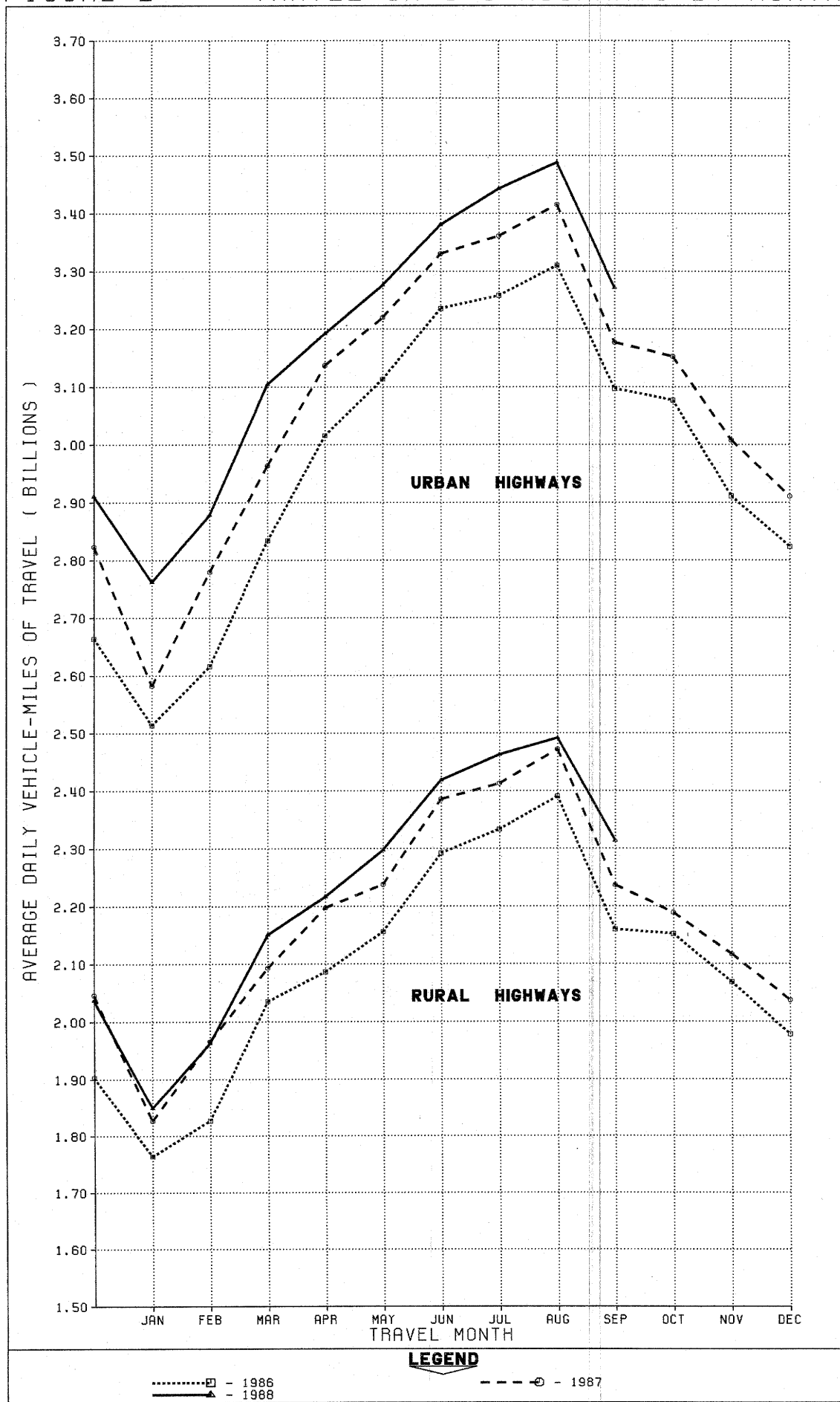


TABLE 1.

ESTIMATED INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES *

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1987 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	31.3	30.6	37.5	37.9	40.9	42.8	46.1	46.7	40.6	40.8	38.4	37.7
OTHER RURAL	23.4	22.6	25.9	26.1	27.0	26.8	27.1	27.8	26.5	27.1	25.1	25.5
URBAN	82.2	78.8	93.4	93.1	98.3	98.2	103.6	105.2	95.3	97.7	90.2	90.2
ALL SYSTEMS	136.9	132.1	156.8	157.1	166.2	167.7	176.8	179.7	162.4	165.6	153.8	153.4
1988 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS***												
RURAL ARTERIAL	33.0	31.8	39.9	39.7	43.2	44.8	48.3	48.6	42.2			
OTHER RURAL	24.3	23.1	26.8	26.8	28.0	27.8	28.0	28.7	27.2			
URBAN	85.6	80.6	96.3	95.8	101.6	101.4	106.7	108.2	98.1			
ALL SYSTEMS	143.0	135.6	162.9	162.3	172.8	174.0	183.1	185.4	167.6			
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1988 VS. 1987												
RURAL ARTERIAL	5.7	3.9	6.3	4.8	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.0	3.8			
OTHER RURAL	3.7	2.3	3.6	2.6	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.1	2.8			
URBAN	4.2	2.2	3.0	2.8	3.3	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.0			
ALL SYSTEMS	4.4	2.6	3.9	3.3	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.1	3.2			

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
1987 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	31.3	61.9	99.4	137.3	178.3	221.0	267.2	313.9	354.5	395.3	433.6	471.3
OTHER RURAL	23.4	46.0	71.9	98.0	125.0	151.8	178.9	206.7	233.2	260.3	285.4	310.9
URBAN	82.2	161.1	254.5	347.6	446.0	544.1	647.7	752.9	848.2	945.9	1036.2	1126.4
ALL SYSTEMS	136.9	269.0	425.8	583.0	749.2	916.9	1093.7	1273.4	1435.9	1601.4	1755.2	1908.6
1988 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS***												
RURAL ARTERIAL	33.0	64.9	104.8	144.5	187.7	232.5	280.8	329.4	371.6			
OTHER RURAL	24.3	47.4	74.2	101.0	129.0	156.8	184.8	213.5	240.7			
URBAN	85.6	166.2	262.5	358.3	459.8	561.3	668.0	776.2	874.3			
ALL SYSTEMS	143.0	278.5	441.5	603.8	776.6	950.6	1133.7	1319.1	1486.6			
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1988 VS. 1987												
RURAL ARTERIAL	5.7	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.8			
OTHER RURAL	3.7	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2			
URBAN	4.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1			
ALL SYSTEMS	4.4	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.5			

* 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 1987 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

*** TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1988 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.

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

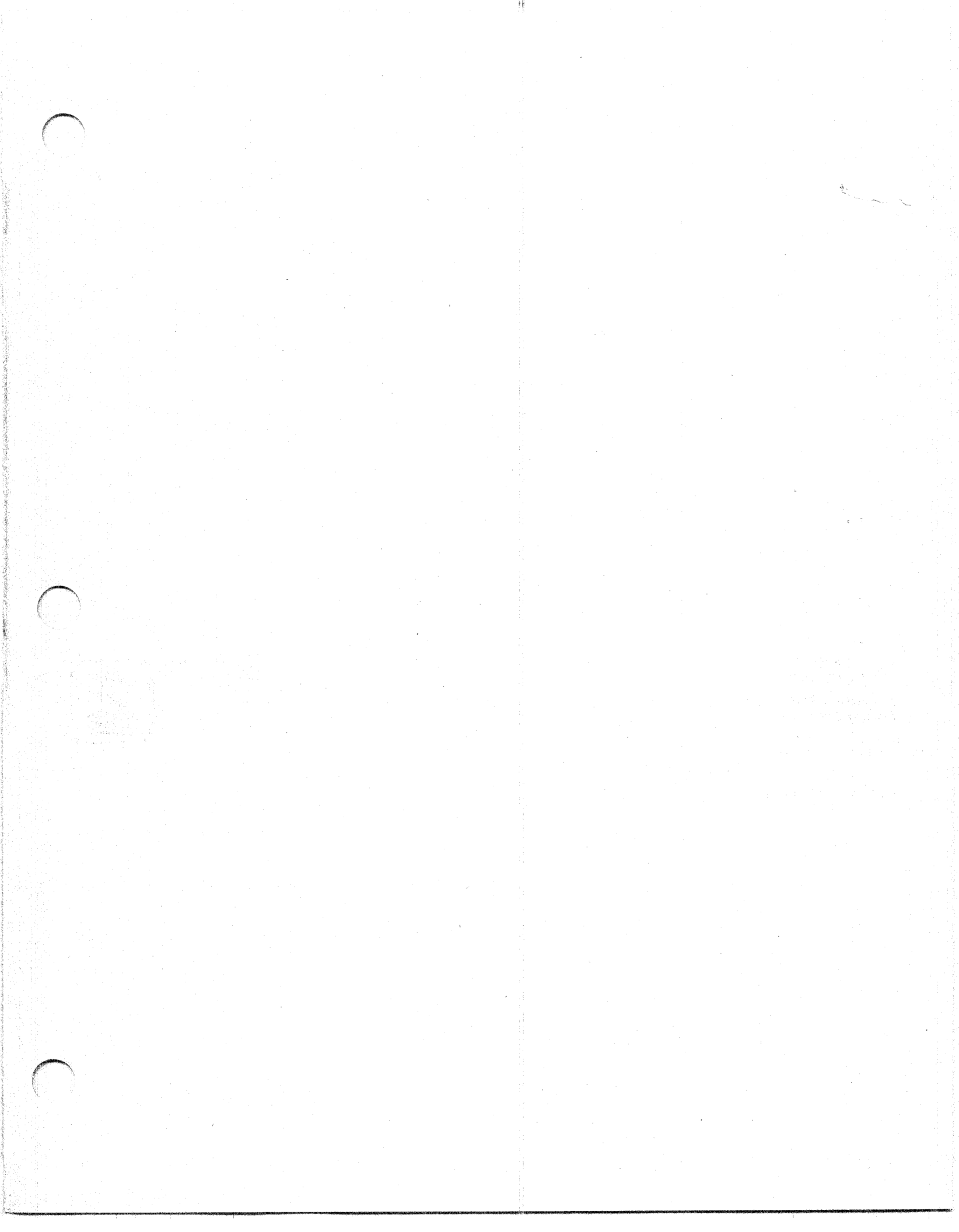
	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR SEPTEMBER			REVISED DATA FOR AUGUST		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1988	1987		1988	1987	
CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:						
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	42,177	40,615	3.8	48,573	46,724	4.0
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	27,236	26,489	2.8	28,679	27,814	3.1
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	69,413	67,104	3.4	77,252	74,538	3.6
CITY STREETS.....	98,149	95,306	3.0	108,151	105,207	2.8
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	167,562	162,409	3.2	185,403	179,745	3.1
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	13,815	13,281	4.0	15,996	15,477	3.3
CENTRAL REGION.....	20,331	19,577	3.9	23,499	22,502	4.4
WESTERN REGION.....	7,830	7,559	3.6	8,858	8,514	4.0
TOTAL.....	41,976	40,417	3.9	48,353	46,493	4.0

TABLE 4.-CHANGES ON RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	SEPTEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		AUGUST (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	SEPTEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		AUGUST (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	4.8	10	2.8	ALABAMA.....	48	3.6	48	5.5
MAINE.....	-	-	16	2.5	KENTUCKY.....	29	4.0	29	4.9
MASSACHUSETTS.....	9	5.2	11	4.7	MISSISSIPPI.....	9	7.1	8	9.0
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	-	-	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	-	-
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	28	4.1	28	5.6	IOWA.....	56	4.2	65	3.6
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	60	2.8	59	4.5
NEW JERSEY.....	7	1.2	9	-	MINNESOTA.....	34	3.3	36	3.6
NEW YORK.....	-	-	14	6.1	MISSOURI.....	43	3.0	40	3.1
PENNSYLVANIA.....	33	3.1	33	1.5	NEBRASKA.....	24	2.1	23	3.2
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	28	- 1.5	26	- 2.4
DELAWARE.....	-	-	19	0.9	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	27	4.4	25	3.3
MARYLAND.....	-	-	29	2.8	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	-	-	-	ARKANSAS.....	15	4.4	15	4.0
WEST VIRGINIA.....	8	2.2	8	1.5	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	32	1.8	31	2.2
FLORIDA.....	31	7.7	18	0.0	TEXAS.....	-	-	-	-
GEORGIA.....	4	4.7	17	0.3	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	16	4.5	19	5.2	ARIZONA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	-	-	7	12.1	COLORADO.....	-	-	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	53	2.3	52	3.5
ILLINOIS.....	-	-	-	-	MONTANA.....	-	-	27	3.6
INDIANA.....	26	1.3	24	3.2	NEVADA.....	15	3.3	15	3.2
MICHIGAN.....	33	7.6	38	7.6	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	-	-
OHIO.....	18	3.1	18	4.1	UTAH.....	-	-	-	-
WISCONSIN.....	49	5.3	49	5.0	WYOMING.....	39	0.2	37	- 1.5
ALASKA.....	17	- 1.1	19	- 4.5	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	4.0	2	- 5.0	CALIFORNIA.....	-	4.8	-	5.1
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	-	-	40	5.1

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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