

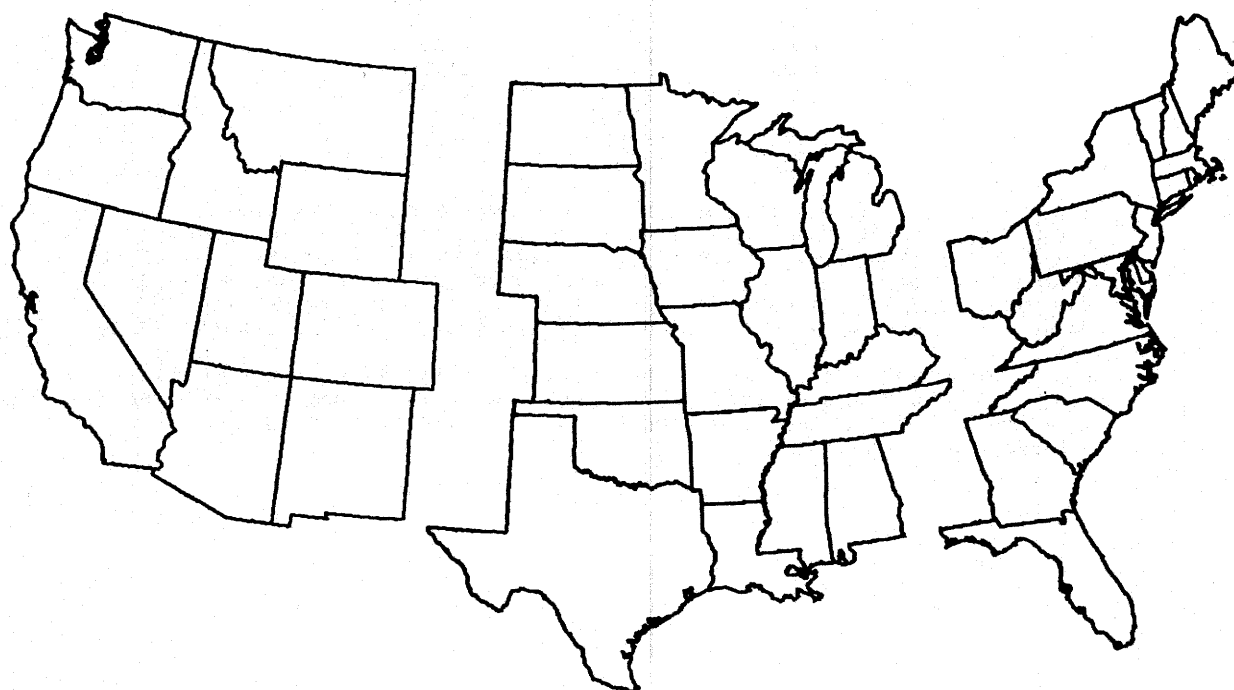


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# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

## FEBRUARY 1986

**TRAVEL ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IS UP BY 3.7 PERCENT  
FOR FEBRUARY 1986 AS COMPARED TO FEBRUARY 1985.**



**WESTERN**

**CENTRAL**

**EASTERN**

**ESTIMATED VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL BY REGION - FEBRUARY 1986.**

**25.9 BILLION**

**52.3 BILLION**

**44.3 BILLION**

**PERCENT CHANGE IN TRAFFIC COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR**

**+3.0**

**+3.9**

**+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 APRIL 21, 1986.**

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS - FEBRUARY 1986

BASED ON PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY AGENCIES, TRAVEL DURING FEBRUARY 1986 ON ALL ROADS AND STREETS IN THE NATION INCREASED BY 3.7 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO FEBRUARY 1985, RESULTING IN ESTIMATED TRAVEL FOR THE MONTH AT 123315 MILLION VEHICLE MILES. THIS TOTAL INCLUDES 50711 MILLION VEHICLE MILES ON RURAL ROADS AND 72604 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	
	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	118960	243377
1986	123315	255140

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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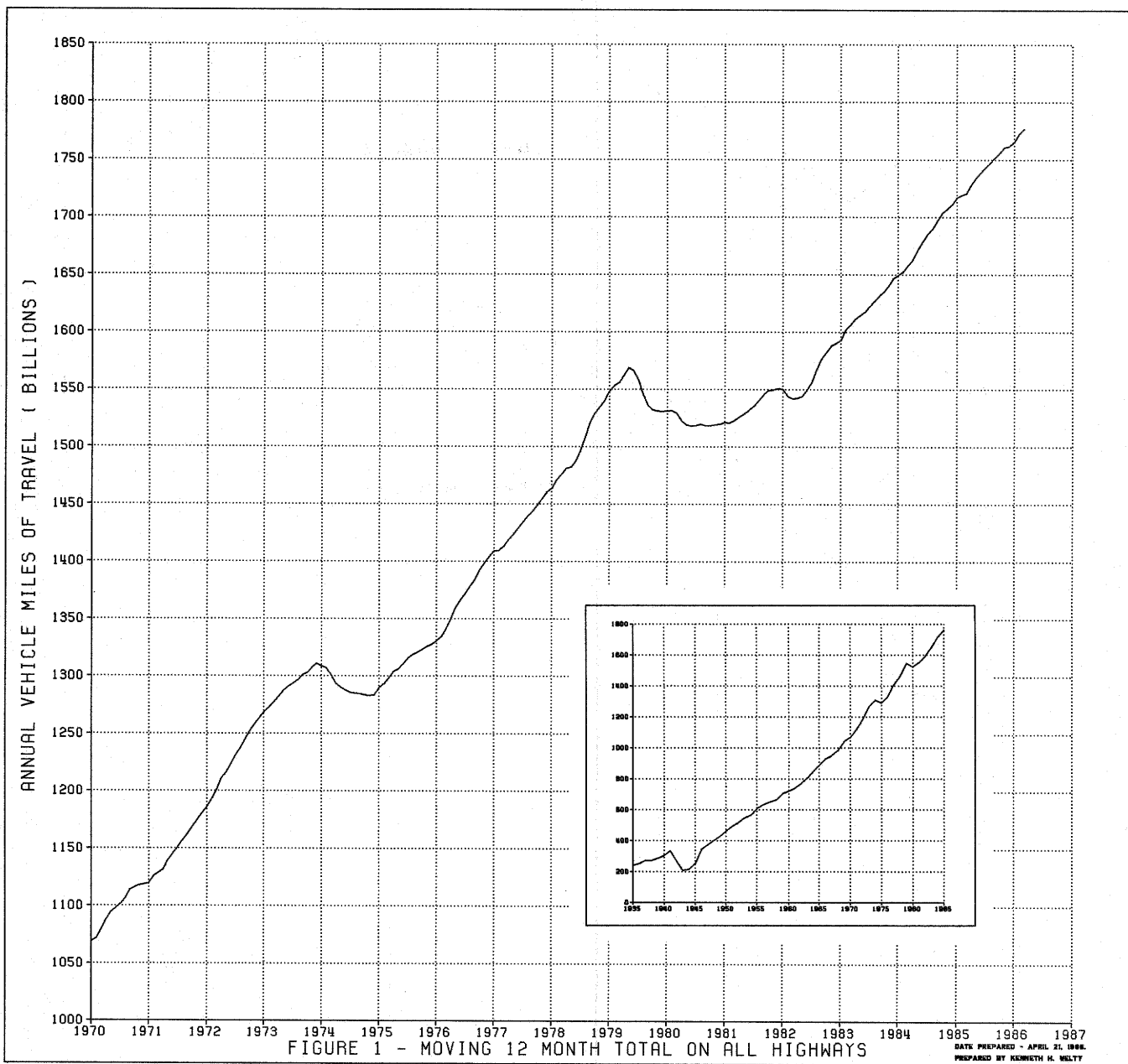
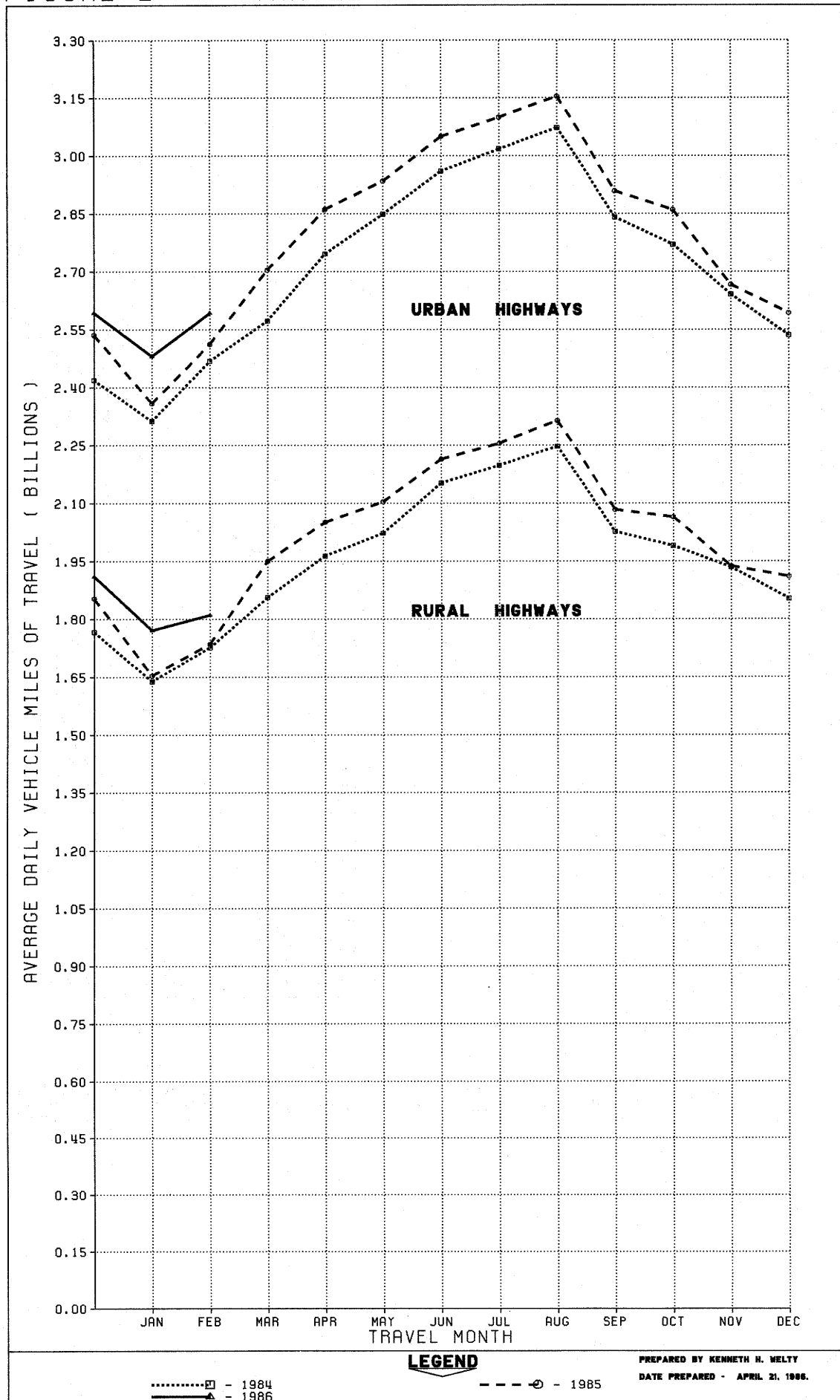


FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12 MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS

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FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U S HIGHWAYS BY MONTH



LEGEND

..... - 1984  
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 DATE PREPARED - APRIL 21, 1986.

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
1985 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.2	28.0	35.6	36.6	39.3	40.8	43.8	45.1	37.7	38.1	34.4	34.9
OTHER RURAL	22.1	20.7	24.9	24.9	26.0	25.7	26.1	26.6	24.8	26.0	23.7	24.4
URBAN	73.1	70.3	83.8	85.9	91.0	91.5	96.1	97.8	87.3	88.7	80.0	80.4
ALL SYSTEMS	124.4	119.0	144.3	147.4	156.2	157.9	166.0	169.5	149.8	152.7	138.1	139.6
1986 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	31.6	29.3										
OTHER RURAL	23.3	21.4										
URBAN	76.9	72.6										
ALL SYSTEMS	131.8	123.3										
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1986 VS. 1985												
RURAL ARTERIAL	8.3	4.7										
OTHER RURAL	5.4	3.8										
URBAN	5.2	3.2										
ALL SYSTEMS	6.0	3.7										

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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
1985 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
RURAL ARTERIAL	29.2	57.1	92.7	129.3	168.6	209.4	253.2	298.3	336.0	374.1	408.5	443.3
OTHER RURAL	22.1	42.8	67.7	92.6	118.6	144.2	170.3	196.9	221.8	247.7	271.5	295.8
URBAN	73.1	143.5	227.3	313.2	404.1	495.6	591.7	689.5	776.8	865.5	945.5	1025.9
ALL SYSTEMS	124.4	243.4	387.7	535.1	691.3	849.2	1015.3	1184.8	1334.6	1487.3	1625.4	1765.0
1986 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
RURAL ARTERIAL	31.6	60.9										
OTHER RURAL	23.3	44.7										
URBAN	76.9	149.5										
ALL SYSTEMS	131.8	255.1										
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1986 VS. 1985												
RURAL ARTERIAL	8.3	6.6										
OTHER RURAL	5.4	4.6										
URBAN	5.2	4.2										
ALL SYSTEMS	6.0	4.8										

\* THESE ARE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES WHICH WILL BE REVISED TO AGREE WITH FINAL ESTIMATES OF 1985 ANNUAL TRAVEL PROVIDED BY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.  
\*\* TO BE REVISED BASED ON 1985 FINAL TRAVEL ESTIMATES.  
\*\*\* SYSTEM ENTRIES MAY NOT ADD TO TOTAL "ALL SYSTEMS" DUE TO ROUNDING.  
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TABLE 3.-SUMMARY BY ROAD CLASS AND BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

CLASS OF ROAD, ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR FEBRUARY			REVISED DATA FOR JANUARY		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1986	1985		1986	1985	
RURAL ARTERIAL ROADS.....	29,275	27,956	4.7	31,612	29,185	8.3
OTHER RURAL ROADS.....	21,436	20,657	3.8	23,300	22,108	5.4
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	50,711	48,613	4.3	54,912	51,293	7.1
CITY STREETS.....	72,604	70,347	3.2	76,913	73,125	5.2
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	123,315	118,960	3.7	131,825	124,417	6.0
48 STATES (RURAL ARTERIAL):						
EASTERN REGION.....	10,320	9,739	6.0	10,709	9,885	8.3
CENTRAL REGION.....	13,567	12,906	5.1	15,001	13,693	9.5
WESTERN REGION.....	5,236	5,165	1.4	5,739	5,450	5.3
TOTAL.....	29,123	27,810	4.7	31,449	29,028	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	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	NUMBER OF STATIONS	PERCENTAGE CHANGE		NUMBER OF STATIONS	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	NUMBER OF STATIONS	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
NEW ENGLAND:					EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
CONNECTICUT.....	-	-	-	-	ALABAMA.....	41	14.6	41	11.9
MAINE.....	19	6.4	18	7.0	KENTUCKY.....	-	-	-	-
MASSACHUSETTS.....	8	4.1	8	13.7	MISSISSIPPI.....	36	8.5	36	8.0
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	-	-	-	-	TENNESSEE.....	13	2.4	13	8.9
RHODE ISLAND.....	-	-	-	-	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	-	-	27	10.3	IOWA.....	58	3.2	60	6.3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	60	4.0	54	12.7
NEW JERSEY.....	-	-	-	-	MINNESOTA.....	18	- 0.8	20	3.7
NEW YORK.....	19	- 1.1	19	6.1	MISSOURI.....	27	7.5	28	15.1
PENNSYLVANIA.....	-	-	-	-	NEBRASKA.....	19	0.9	21	8.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	28	0.8	26	7.3
DELAWARE.....	-	-	-	-	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	25	1.2	25	7.5
MARYLAND.....	-	-	27	9.0	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	4.1	-	5.0	ARKANSAS.....	15	1.0	16	8.0
WEST VIRGINIA.....	12	8.6	10	12.3	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	34	3.1	30	9.4
FLORIDA.....	43	8.7	43	8.8	TEXAS.....	-	-	-	-
GEORGIA.....	-	-	-	-	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	22	6.3	23	10.8	ARIZONA.....	-	-	-	-
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	10	6.8	10	7.9	COLORADO.....	-	-	-	-
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	-	-	-	-
ILLINOIS.....	-	-	28	12.8	MONTANA.....	-	-	32	3.6
INDIANA.....	-	-	-	-	NEVADA.....	12	- 5.5	12	4.8
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	-	-
OHIO.....	15	10.6	12	14.0	UTAH.....	-	-	46	2.8
WISCONSIN.....	40	4.6	40	6.0	WYOMING.....	37	- 0.9	36	4.4
ALASKA.....	-	-	-	-	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	3	3.4	3	4.0	CALIFORNIA.....	-	4.4	-	7.5
					OREGON.....	-	-	-	-
					WASHINGTON.....	17	6.8	15	4.7

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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