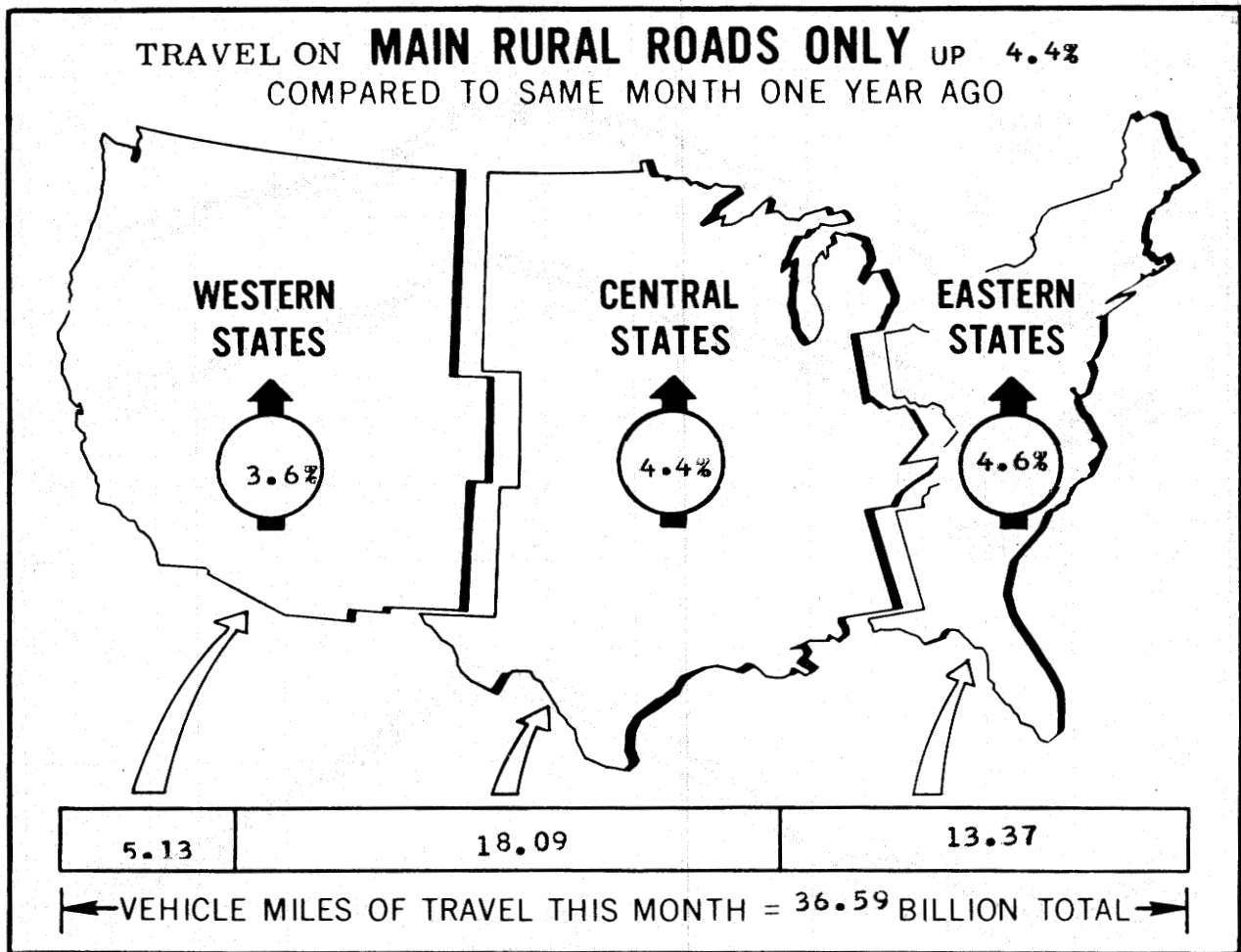


# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

DECEMBER 1975 <sup>1/</sup>

TRAVEL ON **ALL ROADS AND STREETS** Up 4.1%  
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 1973 VM-2 DATA AS A BASE.

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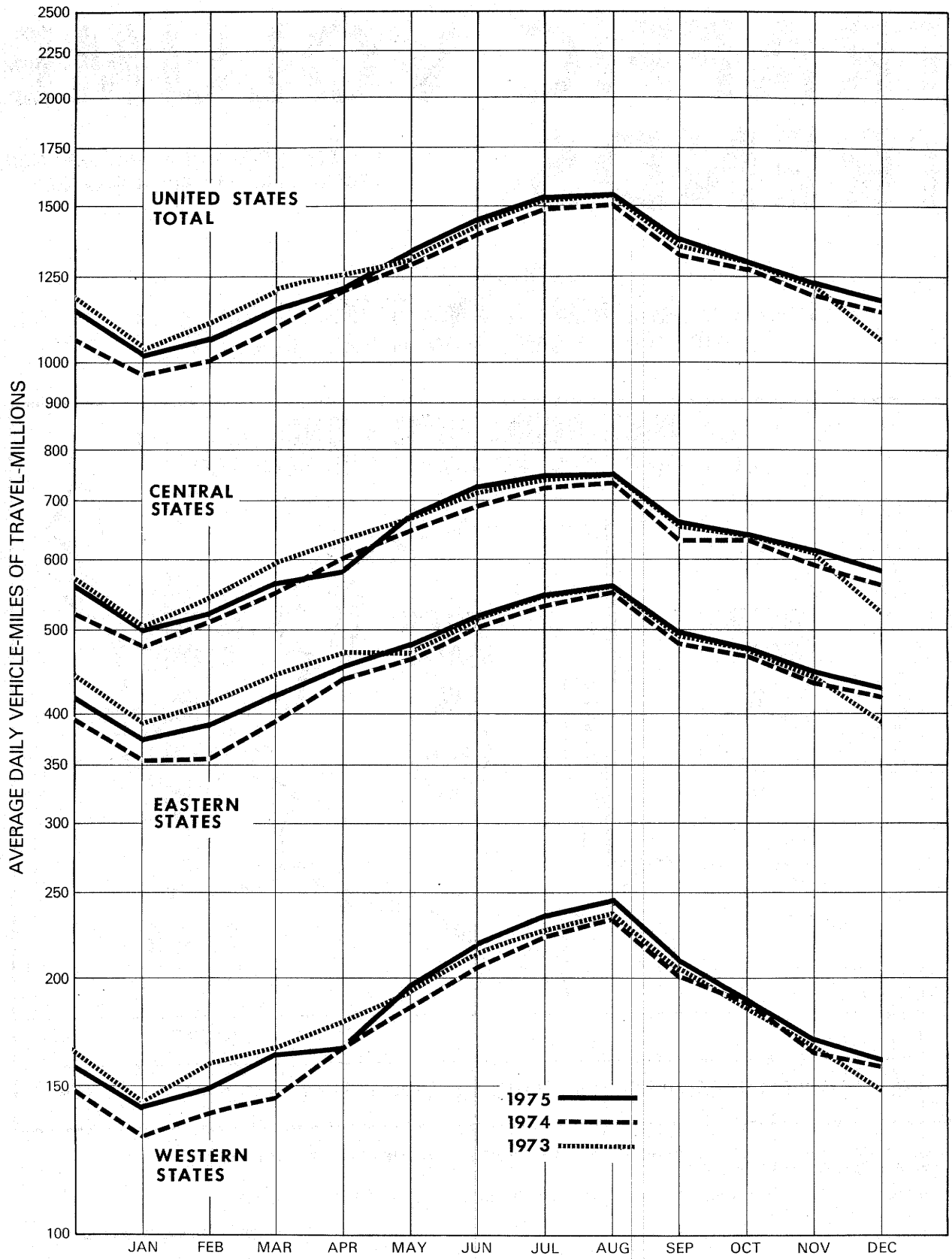


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

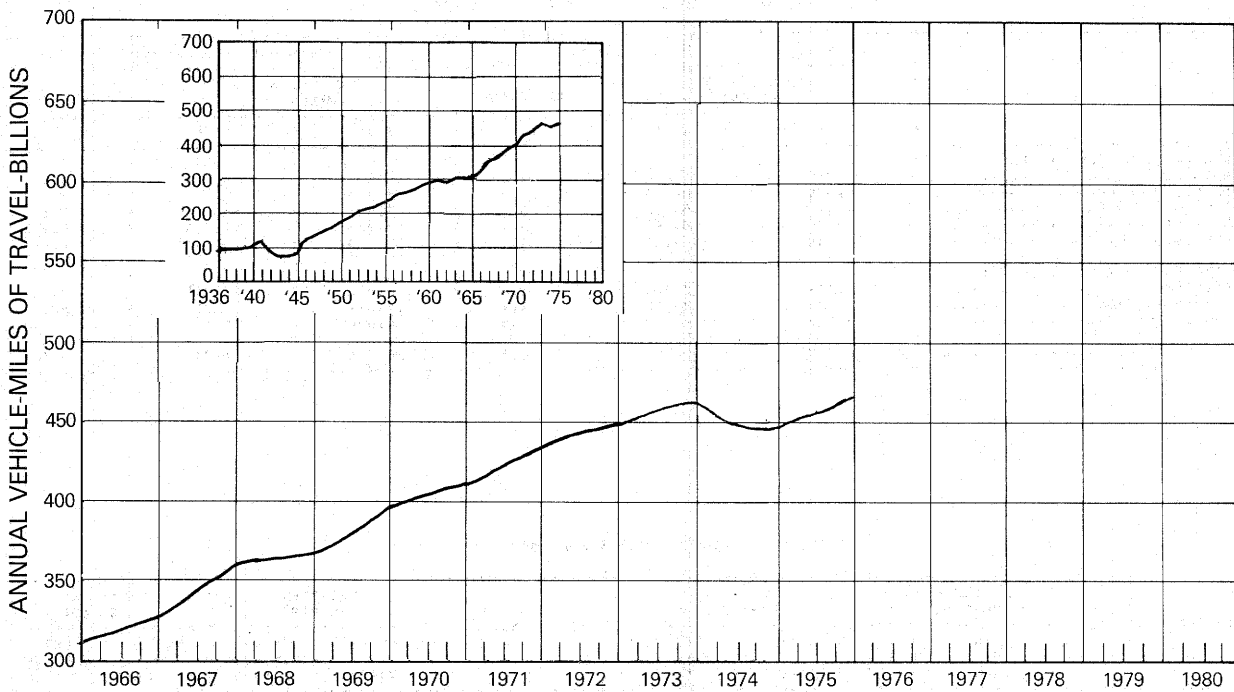


FIGURE 2 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS FOR 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN MONTH SHOWN

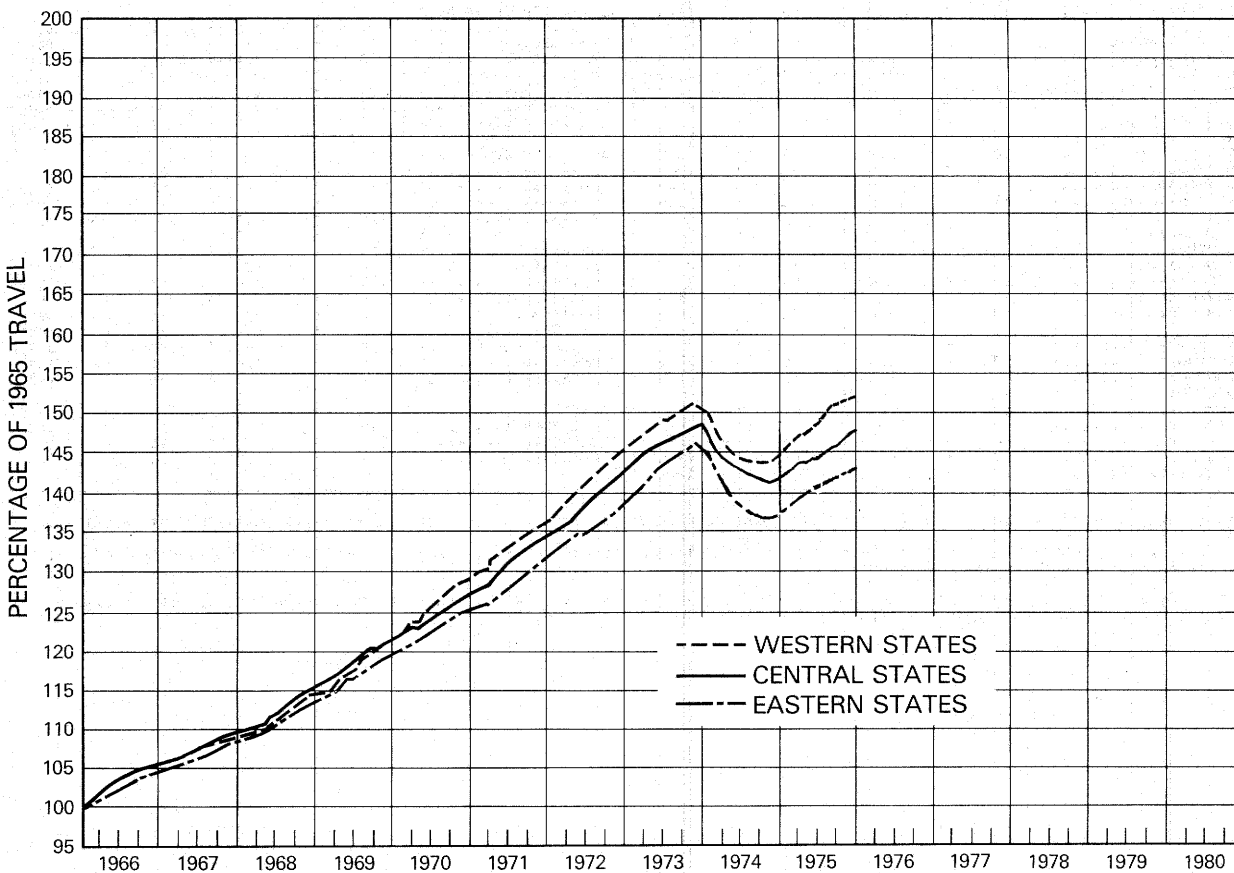


FIGURE 3 - ANNUAL TRAVEL ON MAIN RURAL ROADS AS PERCENTAGE OF YEAR 1965

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

CLASS OF ROAD—ALL STATES:	PRELIMINARY DATA FOR DECEMBER			REVISED DATA FOR NOVEMBER		
	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	VEHICLE-MILES (MILLIONS)		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	1975	1974		1975	1974	
MAIN RURAL ROADS.....	36,762	35,222	4.4	36,467	35,154	3.7
LOCAL RURAL ROADS.....	10,979	10,714	2.5	11,471	11,235	2.1
ALL RURAL ROADS.....	47,741	45,936	3.9	47,938	46,389	3.3
CITY STREETS.....	60,639	58,193	4.2	57,864	56,556	2.3
ALL ROADS AND STREETS.....	108,379	104,129	4.1	105,803	102,945	2.8
48 STATES (MAIN RURAL ONLY):						
EASTERN REGION.....	13,369	12,782	4.6	13,321	12,745	4.5
CENTRAL REGION.....	18,094	17,330	4.4	17,859	17,314	3.1
WESTERN REGION.....	5,127	4,947	3.6	5,096	4,928	3.4
TOTAL.....	36,590	35,059	4.4	36,276	34,987	3.7

TABLE 2.—CHANGES ON MAIN RURAL ROADS BY STATES

DIVISION AND STATE	DECEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		NOVEMBER (REVISED)		DIVISION AND STATE	DECEMBER (PRELIMINARY)		NOVEMBER (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.....	19	- 0.5	19	5.4	ALABAMA.....	55	7.4	52	6.9
MAINE.....	23	1.3	22	8.8	KENTUCKY.....	-	-	-	-
MASSACHUSETTS.....	6	- 2.2	4	8.4	MISSISSIPPI.....	43	5.1	44	5.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	54	1.3	46	7.6	TENNESSEE.....	-	-	13	- 0.2
RHODE ISLAND.....	1	- 0.3	3	5.4	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:				
VERMONT.....	44	0.0	45	4.2	IOWA.....	31	1.8	31	0.9
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:					KANSAS.....	-	-	72	0.7
NEW JERSEY.....	18	6.2	18	6.9	MINNESOTA.....	40	3.4	39	1.0
NEW YORK.....	-	-	30	6.6	MISSOURI.....	-	-	58	2.2
PENNSYLVANIA.....	41	4.8	41	2.3	NEBRASKA.....	20	2.5	19	- 3.5
SOUTH ATLANTIC (NORTH):					NORTH DAKOTA.....	37	- 0.7	37	- 2.4
DELAWARE.....	14	1.9	15	2.7	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	34	- 1.0	32	- 4.0
MARYLAND.....	-	-	35	3.8	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
VIRGINIA.....	-	5.0	-	4.7	ARKANSAS.....	-	-	27	2.9
WEST VIRGINIA.....	28	10.0	26	7.9	LOUISIANA.....	-	-	40	4.6
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SOUTH):					OKLAHOMA.....	-	-	-	-
FLORIDA.....	-	-	-	-	TEXAS.....	118	6.3	116	8.1
GEORGIA.....	31	5.4	26	4.7	MOUNTAIN:				
NORTH CAROLINA.....	-	-	39	4.8	ARIZONA.....	22	1.5	23	4.0
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	9	4.0	8	0.9	COLORADO.....	41	5.6	42	1.0
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:					IDAHO.....	-	-	-	-
ILLINOIS.....	19	4.4	19	3.5	MONTANA.....	26	- 0.7	24	- 4.1
INDIANA.....	23	1.5	25	2.3	NEVADA.....	22	6.7	25	1.5
MICHIGAN.....	-	-	-	-	NEW MEXICO.....	-	-	33	3.7
OHIO.....	15	5.5	-	-	UTAH.....	39	3.8	42	- 1.9
WISCONSIN.....	-	-	-	-	WYOMING.....	36	0.2	36	- 0.5
ALASKA.....	17	6.1	13	19.0	PACIFIC:				
HAWAII.....	-	-	4	12.1	CALIFORNIA.....	16	4.8	16	6.2
					OREGON.....	-	-	81	4.4
					WASHINGTON.....	8	2.5	20	3.2

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.

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
1974 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	29.7	27.8	33.3	35.6	39.6	41.4	45.5	46.3	38.5	39.3	35.2	35.2
LOCAL RURAL	10.0	9.7	11.0	11.3	12.0	12.2	12.5	12.9	11.4	12.4	11.2	10.7
URBAN	52.5	47.3	55.2	56.5	59.8	59.3	62.2	63.6	58.4	60.5	56.6	58.2
ALL SYSTEMS	92.2	84.8	99.5	103.3	111.4	112.9	120.2	122.9	108.4	112.2	102.9	104.1
1975 INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	31.6	29.8	35.9	36.3	41.5	43.5	47.4	47.4	39.3	40.3	36.5	36.8
LOCAL RURAL	10.2	10.0	11.3	11.4	12.4	12.6	12.9	13.1	11.6	12.7	11.5	11.0
URBAN	55.0	50.8	57.9	57.8	61.7	61.1	63.3	63.9	59.6	61.7	57.9	60.6
ALL SYSTEMS	96.9	90.6	105.0	105.5	115.6	117.2	123.6	124.5	110.5	114.7	105.8	108.4
PERCENT CHANGE IN INDIVIDUAL MONTHLY TRAVEL 1975 VS. 1974												
MAIN RURAL	6.5	7.4	7.7	2.0	4.8	4.9	4.1	2.4	1.9	2.7	3.7	4.4
LOCAL RURAL	2.8	3.3	2.5	1.3	3.4	3.5	2.7	1.6	1.3	1.9	2.1	2.5
URBAN	4.8	7.3	4.9	2.3	3.2	3.0	1.8	0.4	2.0	2.0	2.3	4.2
ALL SYSTEMS	5.1	6.9	5.5	2.1	3.8	3.8	2.8	1.3	1.9	2.2	2.8	4.1

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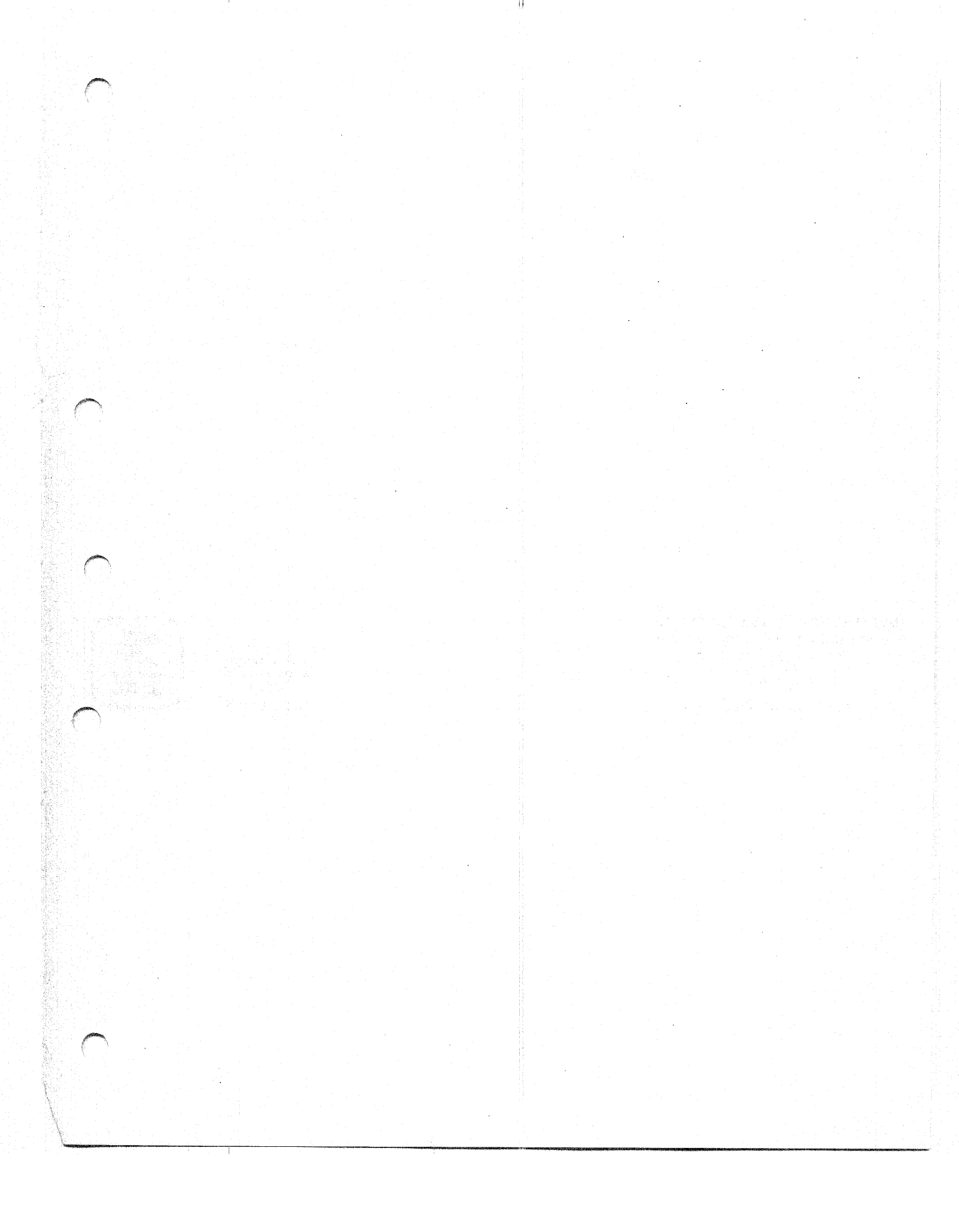
ESTIMATED CUMULATIVE MONTHLY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES \*\*\*

SYSTEM	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1974 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS*												
MAIN RURAL	29.7	57.5	90.8	126.4	166.0	207.4	253.0	299.3	337.8	377.1	412.3	447.5
LOCAL RURAL	10.0	19.6	30.6	41.9	53.9	66.1	78.6	91.5	103.0	115.4	126.7	137.4
URBAN	52.5	99.8	155.0	211.4	271.2	330.6	392.8	456.4	514.8	575.3	631.9	690.1
ALL SYSTEMS	92.2	176.9	276.4	379.8	491.2	604.1	724.3	847.2	955.6	1067.8	1170.8	1274.9
1975 CUMULATIVE MONTHLY VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL IN BILLIONS**												
MAIN RURAL	31.6	61.5	97.3	133.7	175.1	218.6	266.0	313.5	352.7	393.0	429.5	466.3
LOCAL RURAL	10.2	20.2	31.5	42.9	55.3	68.0	80.8	93.9	105.5	118.2	129.7	140.7
URBAN	55.0	105.8	163.7	221.5	283.2	344.3	407.6	471.5	531.1	592.8	650.7	711.3
ALL SYSTEMS	96.9	187.5	292.5	398.0	513.7	630.9	754.4	878.9	989.3	1104.1	1209.9	1318.3
PERCENT CHANGE IN CUMULATIVE MONTHLY TRAVEL 1975 VS. 1974												
MAIN RURAL	6.5	6.9	7.2	5.7	5.5	5.4	5.2	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2
LOCAL RURAL	2.8	3.1	2.9	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
URBAN	4.8	6.0	5.6	4.7	4.4	4.2	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.1
ALL SYSTEMS	5.1	6.0	5.8	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.2	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.4

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