

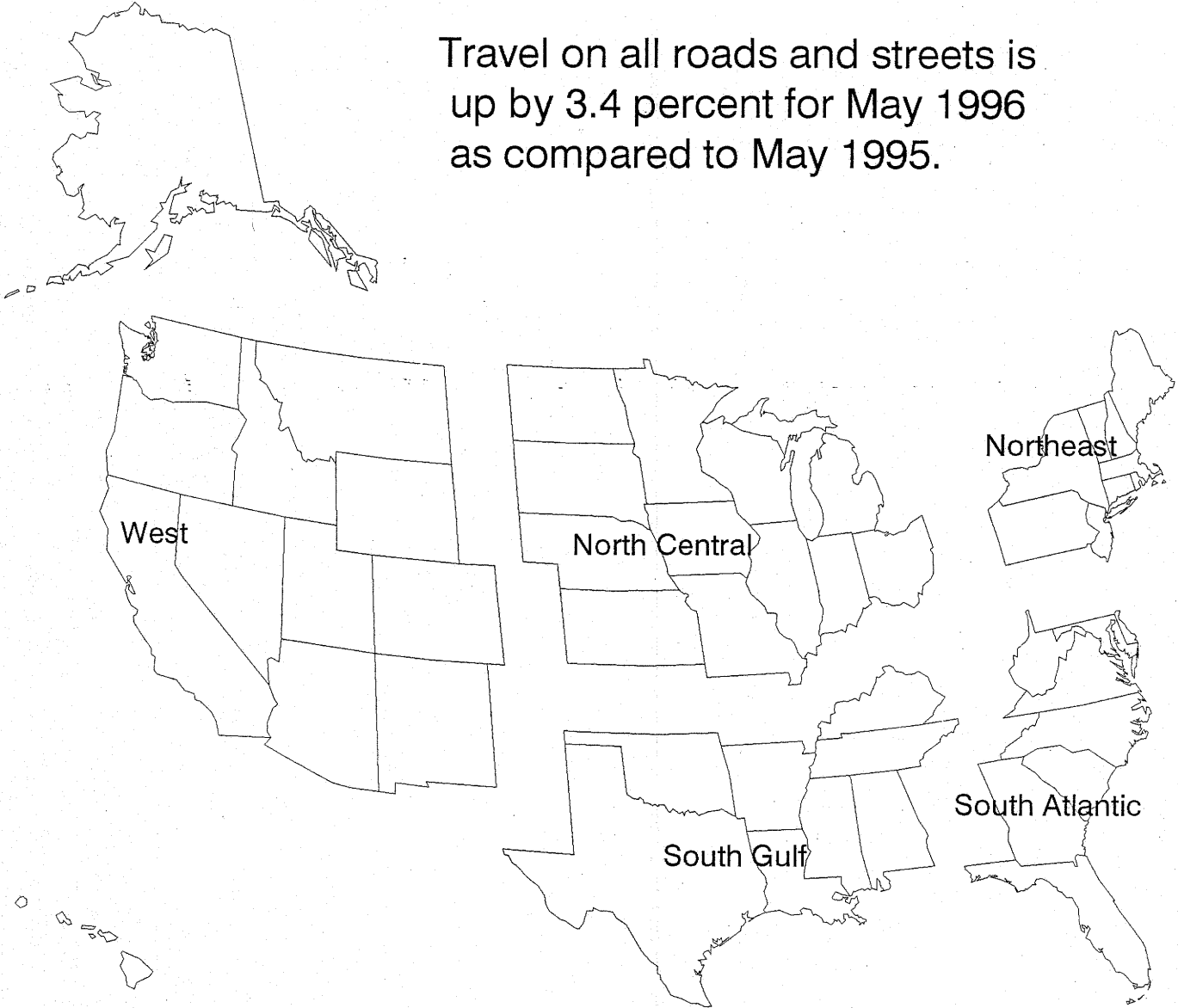


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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

May 1996

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as compared to May 1995.



Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region – May 1996 – (in Billions)

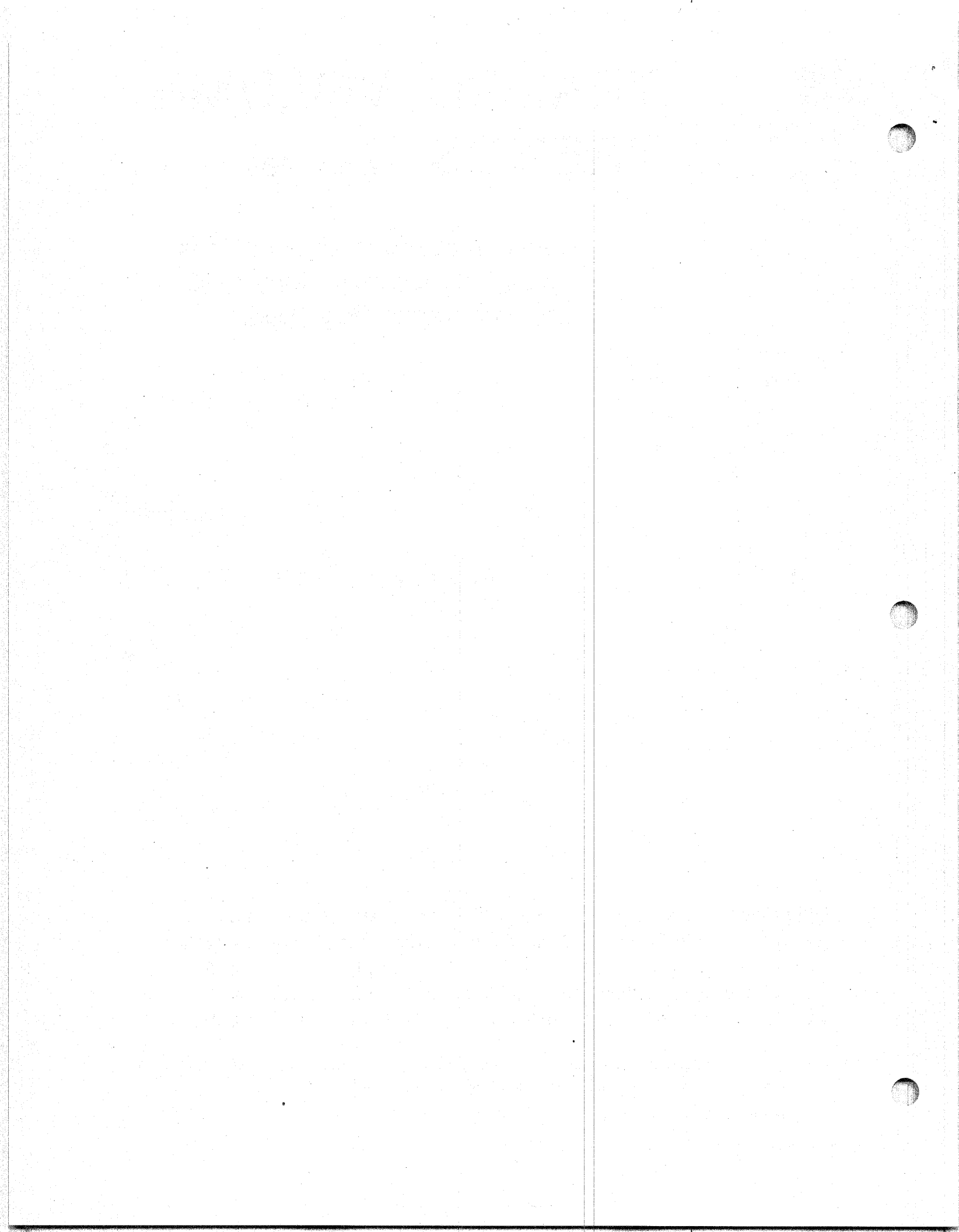
West	North Central	South Gulf	Northeast	South Atlantic
46.1	52.0	42.1	34.6	42.2
+3.3%	+2.4%	+4.2%	+2.5%	+4.8%

Change in Traffic as compared to the same month last year.

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 1994 Table VM-2 as a base

Compiled with data on hand as of July 23, 1996.



Traffic Volume Trends – May 1996

Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during May 1996 on all roads and streets in the nation increased by 3.4 percent as compared to May 1995 resulting in estimated travel for the month at 217.0 billion vehicle–miles. This total includes 85.1 billion vehicle–miles on rural roads and 131.9 billion vehicle–miles on urban roads and streets.

Travel for the current month as well 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	May	Year to Date
1970	97,972	435,765
1971	103,655	460,190
1972	110,945	497,847
1973	114,819	519,660
1974	112,167	498,938
1975	116,659	519,507
1976	123,278	555,564
1977	128,884	575,218
1978	134,427	599,057
1979	132,394	617,344
1980	131,269	605,946
1981	134,305	616,382
1982	140,283	615,579
1983	143,619	640,438
1984	151,046	669,693
1985	156,726	692,273
1986	160,459	718,443
1987	167,776	761,065
1988	178,042	803,309
1989	184,823	840,616
1990	189,247	864,210
1991	191,929	861,783
1992	196,091	891,538
1993	205,981	917,109
1994	206,972	934,921
1995	209,851	959,898
1996	217,037	979,915

Traffic Volume Trends is a monthly report 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 month of the previous year to obtain an estimate of travel for the current month.

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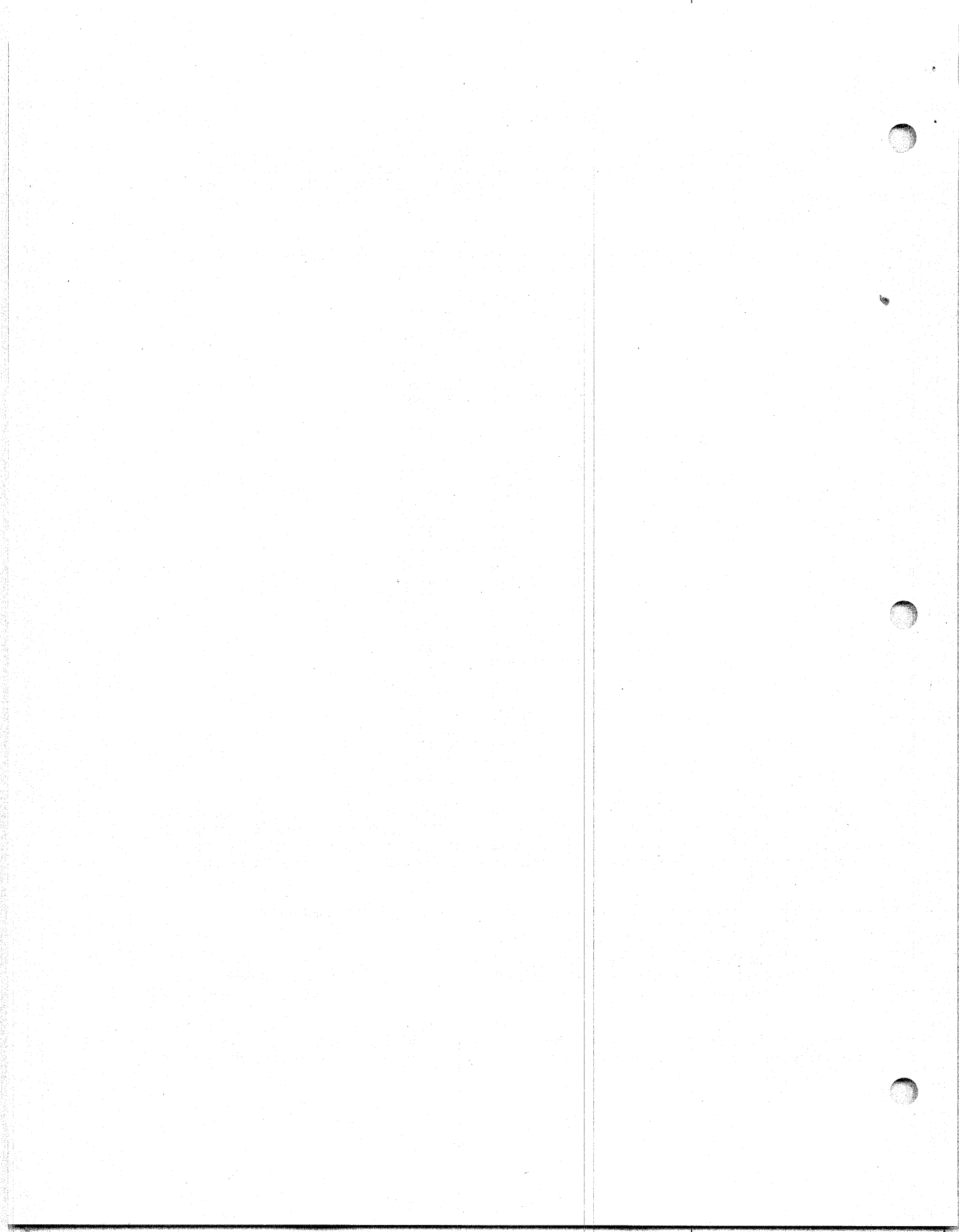


Table 1 – Estimated Individual Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1995 Individual Monthly Vehicle—Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	15.2	14.8	17.9	18.5	19.3	20.0	21.7	21.4	19.2	19.1	18.1	17.7
Rural Other Arterial	25.8	25.0	29.7	29.8	32.3	33.1	34.9	34.8	32.0	31.8	29.0	28.0
Other Rural	25.0	23.8	28.1	28.1	30.4	30.5	31.7	31.5	29.4	29.5	27.1	26.9
Urban Interstate	25.8	25.2	28.9	27.6	29.2	29.5	29.9	30.6	28.5	29.1	27.8	27.9
Urban Other Arterial	62.7	59.5	68.7	66.4	70.3	69.6	69.4	70.7	68.0	69.6	64.9	66.2
Other Urban	<u>25.0</u>	<u>23.8</u>	<u>27.7</u>	<u>26.9</u>	<u>28.4</u>	<u>28.3</u>	<u>28.7</u>	<u>29.1</u>	<u>27.6</u>	<u>28.0</u>	<u>26.4</u>	<u>26.4</u>
All Systems	179.5	172.3	200.9	197.4	209.9	211.0	216.3	218.1	204.8	207.0	193.3	192.9
1996 Individual Monthly Vehicle—Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	15.4	15.2	18.6	18.9	20.4							
Rural Other Arterial	25.9	25.5	30.1	30.7	33.5							
Other Rural	25.1	24.3	28.1	28.9	31.2							
Urban Interstate	26.5	25.9	29.2	28.5	30.4							
Urban Other Arterial	63.3	60.5	68.6	68.5	72.0							
Other Urban	<u>25.3</u>	<u>24.3</u>	<u>27.8</u>	<u>27.8</u>	<u>29.5</u>							
All Systems	181.5	175.8	202.3	203.2	217.0							
Percent Change In Individual Monthly Travel 1996 vs. 1995												
Rural Interstate	1.1	2.3	4.0	2.5	5.9							
Rural Other Arterial	0.5	2.0	1.4	2.9	3.8							
Other Rural	0.2	2.0	0.0	2.5	2.6							
Urban Interstate	2.6	2.7	1.2	3.2	4.2							
Urban Other Arterial	1.0	1.7	-0.2	3.1	2.5							
Other Urban	<u>1.1</u>	<u>2.2</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>3.4</u>	<u>3.6</u>							
All Systems	1.1	2.0	0.7	3.0	3.4							

Table 2 – Estimated Cumulative Monthly Motor Vehicle Travel In The United States

System	Month											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1995 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle—Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	15.2	30.1	47.9	66.4	85.7	105.7	127.4	148.8	168.0	187.0	205.1	222.8
Rural Other Arterial	25.8	50.8	80.5	110.4	142.7	175.8	210.7	245.5	277.5	309.3	338.3	366.2
Other Rural	25.0	48.8	76.9	105.1	135.4	165.9	197.6	229.1	258.5	287.9	315.0	341.9
Urban Interstate	25.8	51.1	79.9	107.5	136.7	166.2	196.1	226.7	255.2	284.2	312.0	339.9
Urban Other Arterial	62.7	122.2	190.9	257.4	327.6	397.2	466.6	537.3	605.4	675.0	739.9	806.1
Other Urban	<u>25.0</u>	<u>48.8</u>	<u>76.4</u>	<u>103.3</u>	<u>131.7</u>	<u>160.0</u>	<u>188.7</u>	<u>217.9</u>	<u>245.5</u>	<u>273.5</u>	<u>299.9</u>	<u>326.3</u>
All Systems	179.5	351.8	552.7	750.0	959.9	1170.9	1387.2	1605.3	1810.0	2017.0	2210.3	2403.3
1996 Cumulative Monthly Vehicle—Miles of Travel In Billions *												
Rural Interstate	15.4	30.6	49.2	68.1	88.5							
Rural Other Arterial	25.9	51.5	81.6	112.3	145.8							
Other Rural	25.1	49.4	77.5	106.3	137.5							
Urban Interstate	26.5	52.5	81.7	110.1	140.5							
Urban Other Arterial	63.3	123.8	192.4	260.9	332.9							
Other Urban	<u>25.3</u>	<u>49.6</u>	<u>77.4</u>	<u>105.1</u>	<u>134.6</u>							
All Systems	181.5	357.3	559.6	762.9	979.9							
Percent Change In Cumulative Monthly Travel 1996 vs. 1995												
Rural Interstate	1.1	1.7	2.5	2.5	3.3							
Rural Other Arterial	0.5	1.2	1.3	1.7	2.2							
Other Rural	0.2	1.1	0.7	1.2	1.5							
Urban Interstate	2.6	2.7	2.2	2.4	2.8							
Urban Other Arterial	1.0	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.6							
Other Urban	<u>1.1</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>1.2</u>	<u>1.8</u>	<u>2.2</u>							
All Systems	1.1	1.6	1.3	1.7	2.1							

* System entries may not add to give "All Systems" total due to rounding.

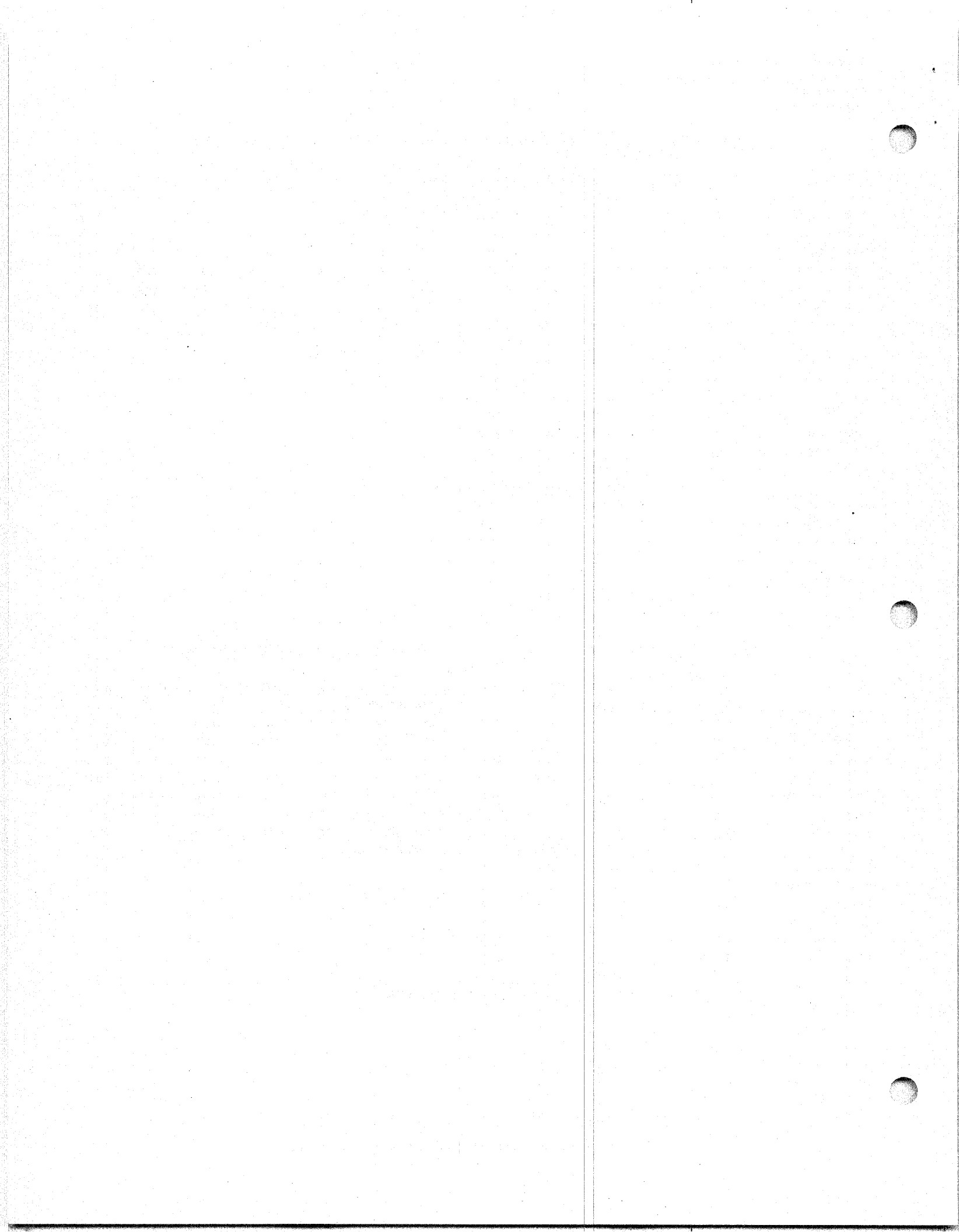


Table 3 – Changes On Rural Arterial Roads By Region and State

Region and State	May				April			
	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change	Number of Stations	Vehicle-Miles (Millions)		Percent Change
		1996 (Preliminary)	1995			1996 (Revised)	1995	
Northeast								
Connecticut	18	372	358	3.9	22	327	325	0.7
Maine	35	475	457	3.8	36	400	396	1.0
Massachusetts	–	466	449	3.8	20	385	381	1.0
New Hampshire	50	350	339	3.3	56	305	302	1.2
New Jersey	12	639	617	3.6	8	579	557	3.9
New York	–	1,537	1,486	3.4	–	1,354	1,313	3.1
Pennsylvania	–	2,367	2,293	3.2	18	2,183	2,110	3.5
Rhode Island	–	38	37	4.7	–	54	53	1.1
Vermont	34	234	227	2.7	34	204	202	1.2
		6,477	6,264	3.4		5,791	5,638	2.7
South Atlantic								
Delaware	21	161	155	3.7	22	142	138	2.3
Dist Of Columbia	–	0	0	0.0	–	0	0	0.0
Florida	179	2,183	2,122	2.9	183	2,211	2,186	1.1
Georgia	39	1,986	1,888	5.2	41	1,941	1,889	2.8
Maryland	–	805	791	1.8	–	747	724	3.2
North Carolina	26	1,927	1,791	7.6	19	1,644	1,676	-1.9
South Carolina	15	1,603	1,479	8.4	13	1,469	1,433	2.5
Virginia	–	1,853	1,744	6.3	–	1,722	1,703	1.1
West Virginia	–	729	701	4.0	–	661	644	2.5
		11,248	10,671	5.4		10,537	10,394	1.4
North Central								
Illinois	28	1,647	1,591	3.5	26	1,630	1,552	5.0
Indiana	–	1,562	1,506	3.7	–	1,480	1,433	3.3
Iowa	125	1,032	1,005	2.8	125	942	910	3.4
Kansas	66	815	778	4.7	67	699	679	2.9
Michigan	–	1,802	1,748	3.1	–	1,580	1,559	1.4
Minnesota	–	1,285	1,242	3.4	96	1,089	1,087	0.2
Missouri	–	1,548	1,495	3.6	63	1,414	1,371	3.1
Nebraska	27	619	601	3.0	27	558	538	3.7
North Dakota	40	285	272	4.6	40	247	244	1.5
Ohio	–	1,917	1,829	4.8	–	1,751	1,699	3.1
South Dakota	46	369	348	6.0	43	332	304	9.0
Wisconsin	114	1,613	1,565	3.1	115	1,361	1,344	1.3
		14,494	13,981	3.7		13,082	12,720	2.8
South Gulf								
Alabama	–	1,374	1,314	4.6	–	1,260	1,225	2.9
Arkansas	–	993	937	6.0	–	923	891	3.7
Kentucky	48	1,101	1,059	4.0	51	1,052	1,045	0.7
Louisiana	–	1,052	989	6.4	–	944	906	4.2
Mississippi	71	1,019	978	4.3	77	955	921	3.7
Oklahoma	–	1,066	1,001	6.5	–	940	903	4.1
Tennessee	24	1,651	1,550	6.5	26	1,499	1,426	5.1
Texas	116	3,580	3,349	6.9	116	3,339	3,198	4.4
		11,836	11,176	5.9		10,912	10,515	3.8
West								
Alaska	45	114	111	2.9	48	93	92	1.4
Arizona	–	822	773	6.4	–	804	772	4.1
California	17	3,494	3,317	5.3	19	3,220	3,095	4.0
Colorado	–	826	787	5.0	–	816	786	3.8
Hawaii	7	119	120	-0.2	8	105	105	-0.2
Idaho	–	402	394	2.0	–	356	350	1.7
Montana	–	453	432	4.8	40	372	367	1.3
Nevada	40	305	294	4.1	38	285	276	3.4
New Mexico	–	689	645	6.9	–	895	860	4.1
Oregon	125	907	907	0.0	116	827	828	-0.1
Utah	68	481	448	7.4	62	424	403	5.2
Washington	50	942	945	-0.3	52	862	854	0.8
Wyoming	125	326	310	5.3	126	267	258	3.7
		9,882	9,482	4.2		9,328	9,048	3.1
TOTALS		53,938	51,574	4.6		49,649	48,314	2.8

Note: Where Number of Stations are shown as dashes, the values for Vehicle-Miles and Percent Change are derived from the estimated VMT based on data from surrounding States or the Nationwide average VMT.

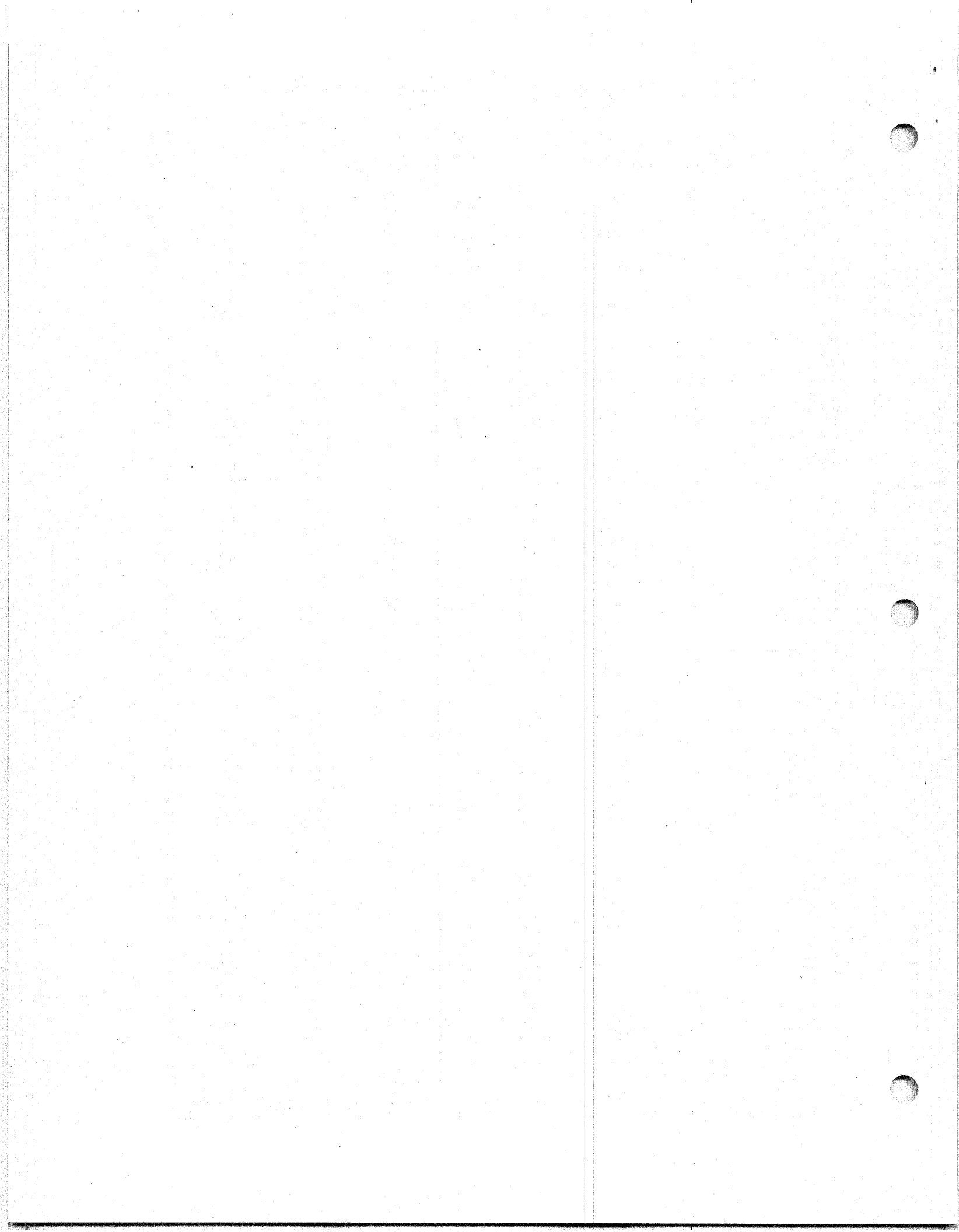
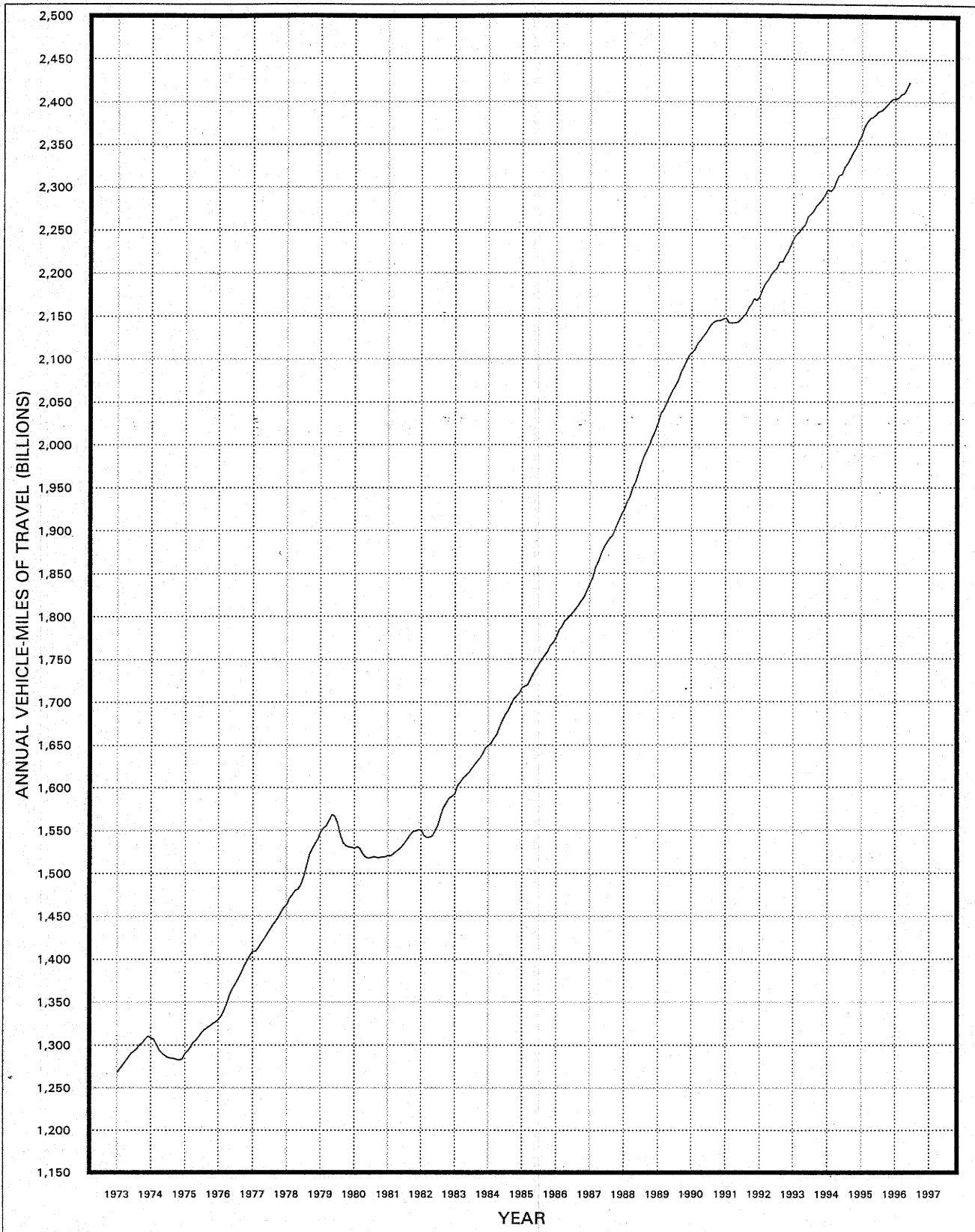


FIGURE 1 - MOVING 12-MONTH TOTAL ON ALL HIGHWAYS



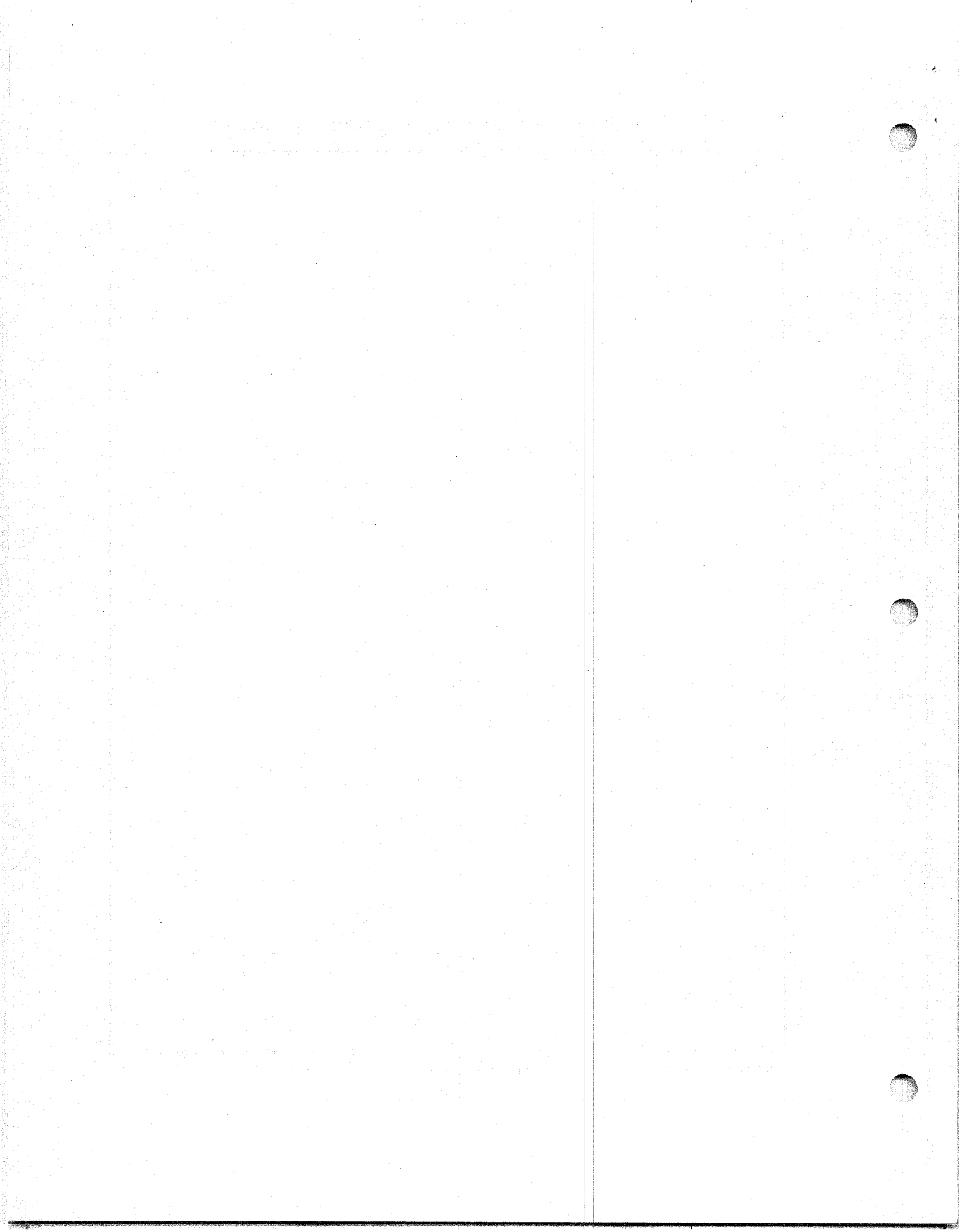


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON U.S. HIGHWAYS BY MONTH

