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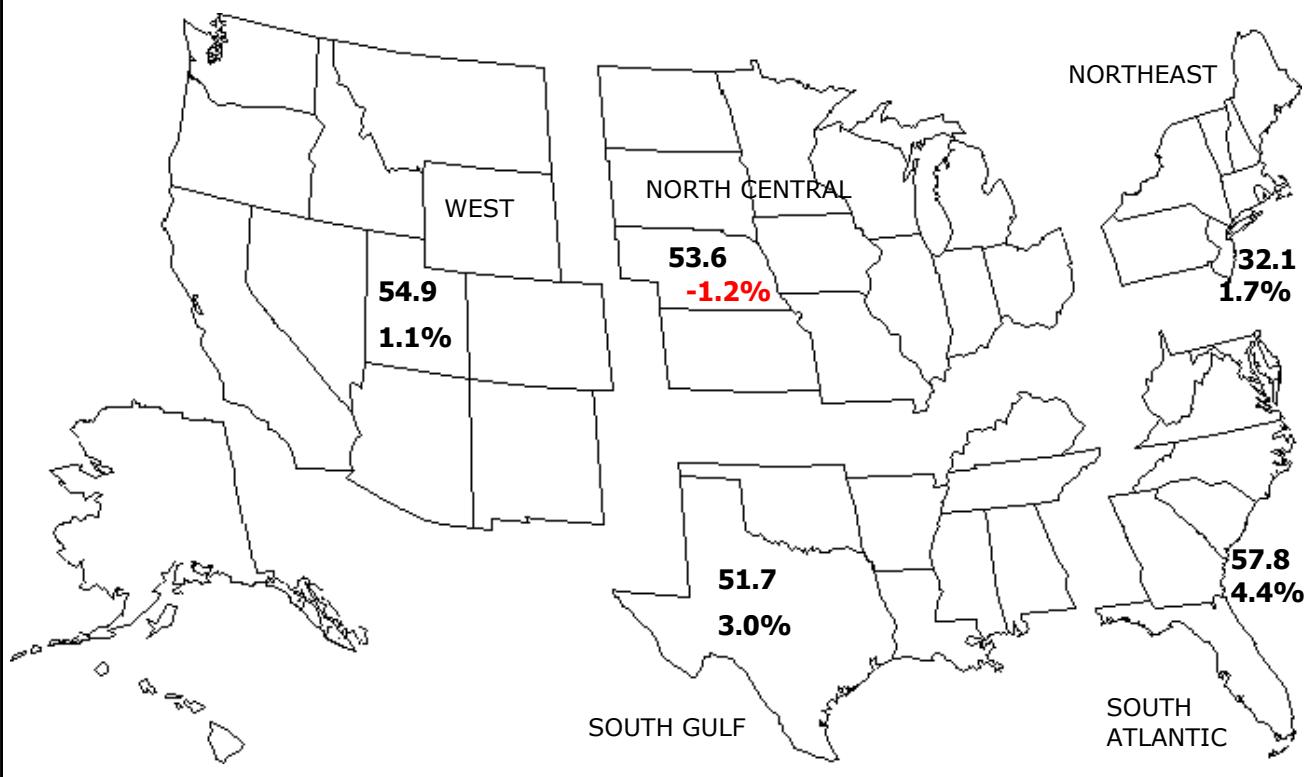
Travel on all roads and streets changed by **+1.8%** (+4.5 billion vehicle miles) for January 2019 as compared with January 2018. Travel for the month is estimated to be 250.1 billion vehicle miles.

The seasonally adjusted vehicle miles traveled for January 2019 is 270.9 billion miles, a 1.5% (3.9 billion vehicle miles) increase over January 2018. It also represents -0.2% decline (-0.5 billion vehicle miles) compared with December 2018.

Cumulative Travel for 2019 changed by **+1.8%** (+4.5 billion vehicle miles). The Cumulative estimate for the year is 250.1 billion vehicle miles of travel.

Estimated Vehicle-Miles of Travel by Region - January 2019 - (in Billions)

Change in Traffic as compared to 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 Highway Statistics 2016 Table VM-2 as a base.

Compiled with data on hand as of April 15, 2019.

Some historical data were revised based on HPMS and amended TTV data as of December 2016.

For information on total licensed drivers in the U.S. visit <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hss/hsspubs.htm>.

Select the year of interest then Section 6 (Driver Licensing).

For information on total registered motor vehicles in the U.S., visit <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/hss/hsspubs.htm>

Select the year of interest and Section 7 (Motor Vehicles).

Based on preliminary reports from the State Highway Agencies, travel during January 2019 on all roads and streets in the nation changed by **+1.8%** (+4.5 billion vehicle miles) resulting in estimated travel for the month at **250.1**** billion vehicle-miles.

This total includes **71.3** billion vehicle-miles on rural roads and **178.8** billion vehicle-miles on urban roads and streets.

Cumulative Travel changed by **+1.8%** (+4.5 billion vehicle miles).

The larger changes to rural and urban travel are primarily because of the expansion in urban boundaries reflected in the 2000 census. Travel estimates for 2004 and beyond will also reflect this adjustment.

Travel for the current month, the cumulative yearly total, as well as the moving 12-month total on all roads and streets is shown below. Similar totals for each year since 1994 are also included.

Travel in Millions of Vehicle Miles

All Roads and Streets

Year	January	Year to Date	Moving 12-Month
1994	169,314	169,314	2,294,338
1995	193,838	193,838	2,382,111
1996	183,465	183,465	2,412,403
1997	190,126	190,126	2,488,862
1998	196,870	196,870	2,567,117
1999	193,581	193,581	2,622,074
2000	203,442	203,442	2,689,319
2001	209,685	209,685	2,753,170
2002	215,215	215,215	2,801,140
2003	218,534	218,534	2,858,829
2004	222,450	222,450	2,894,137
2005	224,072	224,072	2,966,412
2006	233,282	233,282	2,998,640
2007	233,621	233,621	3,014,455
2008	232,920	232,920	3,029,121
2009	225,529	225,529	2,966,118
2010	220,839	220,839	2,952,073
2011	223,790	223,790	2,970,218
2012	227,527	227,527	2,954,139
2013	229,419	229,419	2,970,461
2014	226,413	226,413	2,985,274
2015	233,498	233,498	3,032,741
2016	239,679	239,679	3,101,553
2017	244,587	244,587	3,179,316
2018	245,602	245,602	3,213,683
2019	250,064	250,064	3,229,145

Traffic Volume Trends is a monthly report based on hourly traffic count data. These data, collected at approximately 5,000 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. Because of the limited sample sizes, caution should be used with these estimates. The Highway Performance Monitoring System provides more accurate information on an annual basis.

** System entries may not add to give "All Systems" total due to rounding for Page 2 to 8.

Figure - 1. Moving 12-Month Total on ALL Roads

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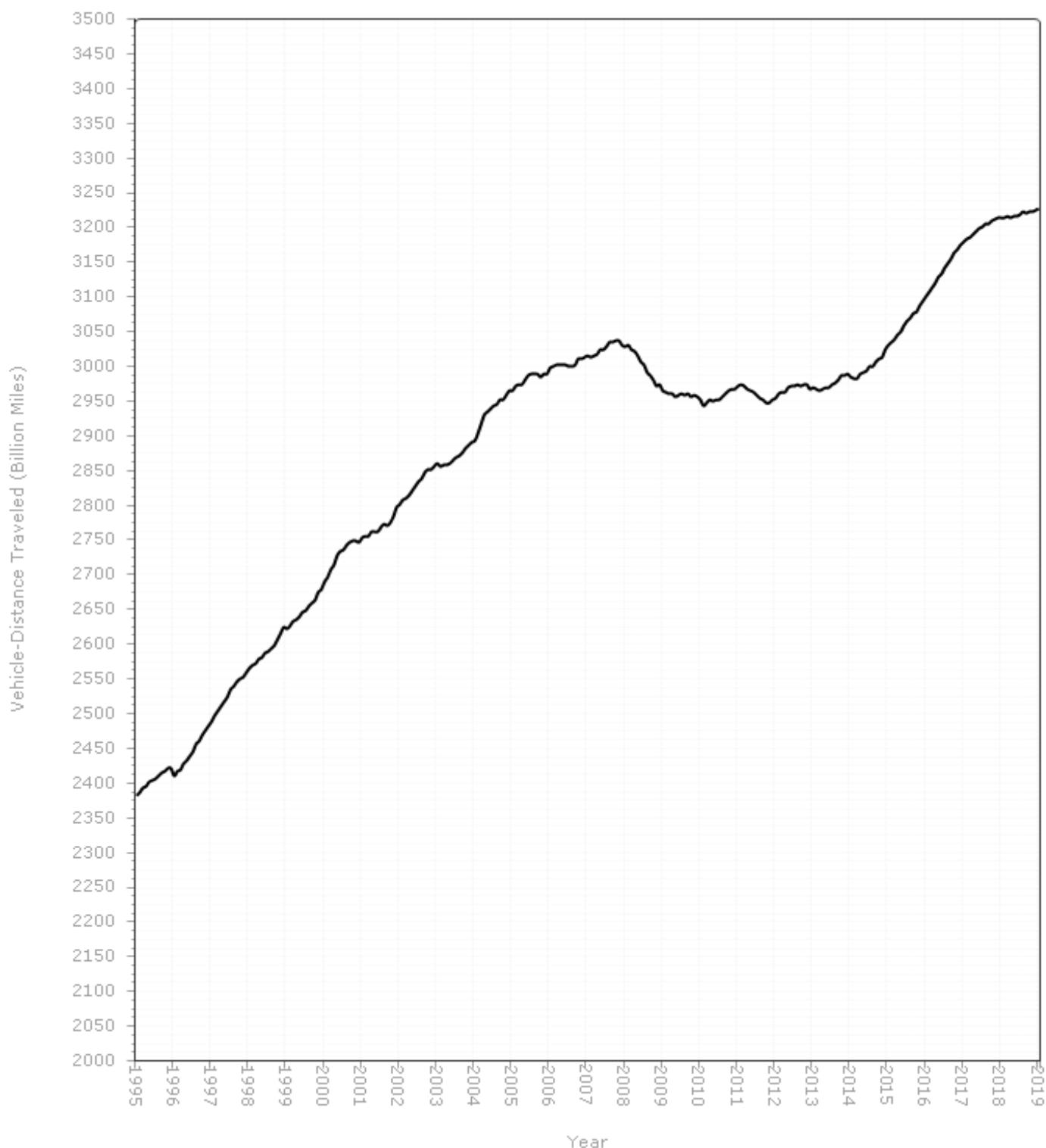


Figure - 2. Travel on U.S. Highways by Month

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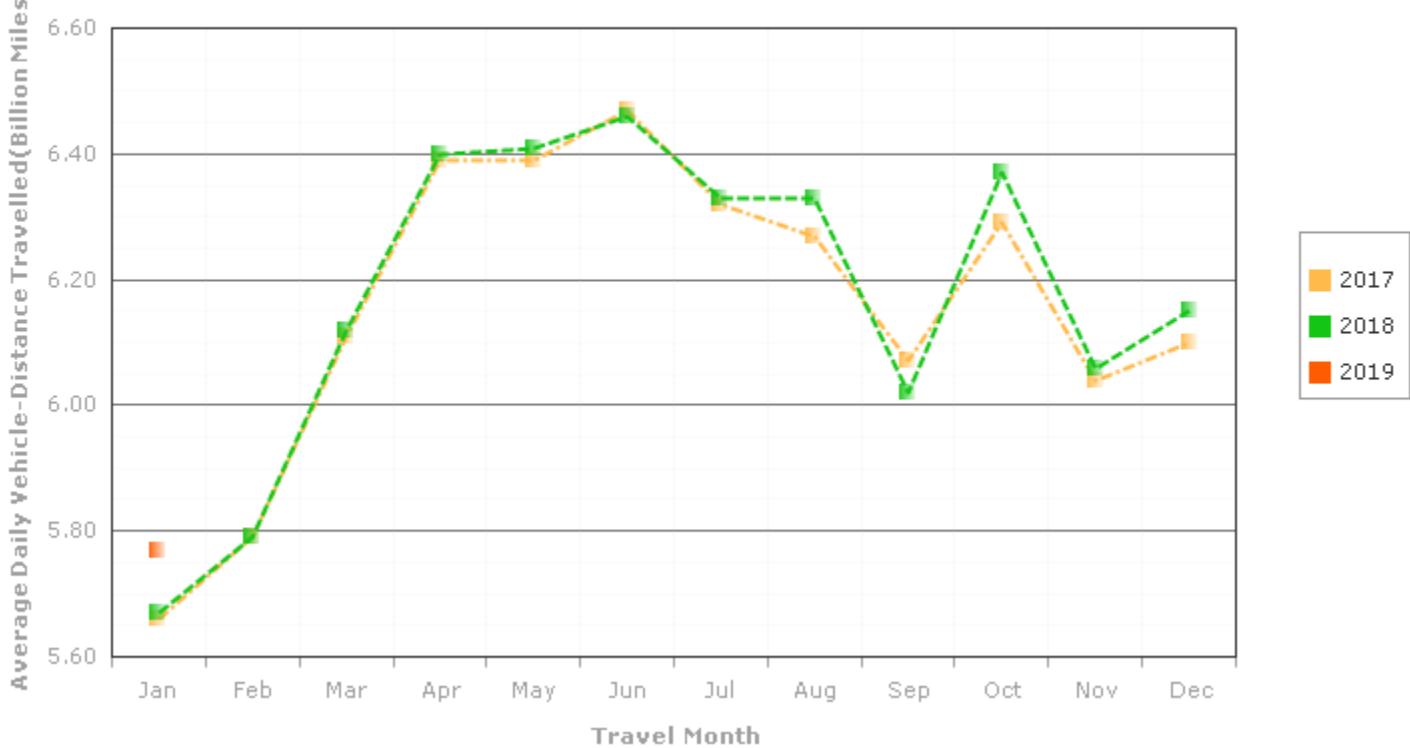
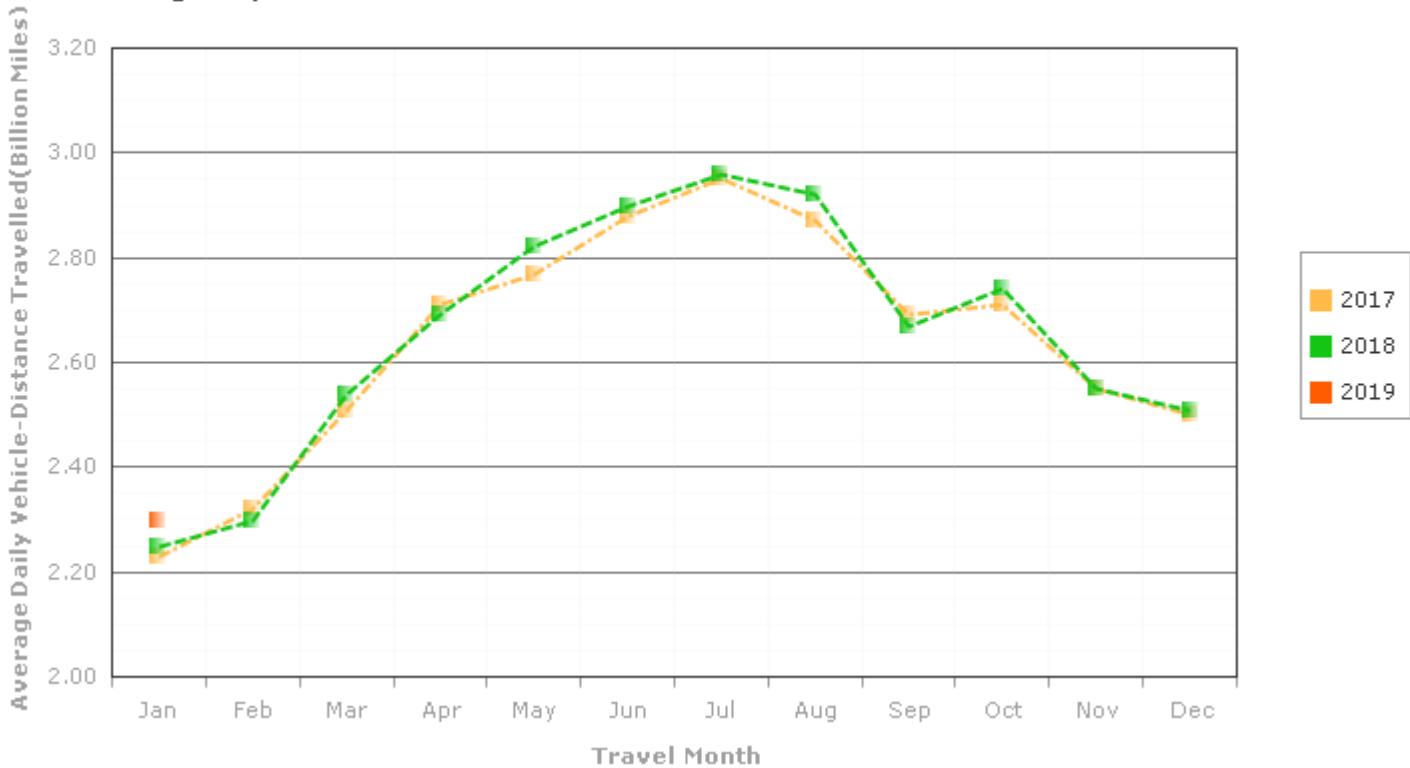
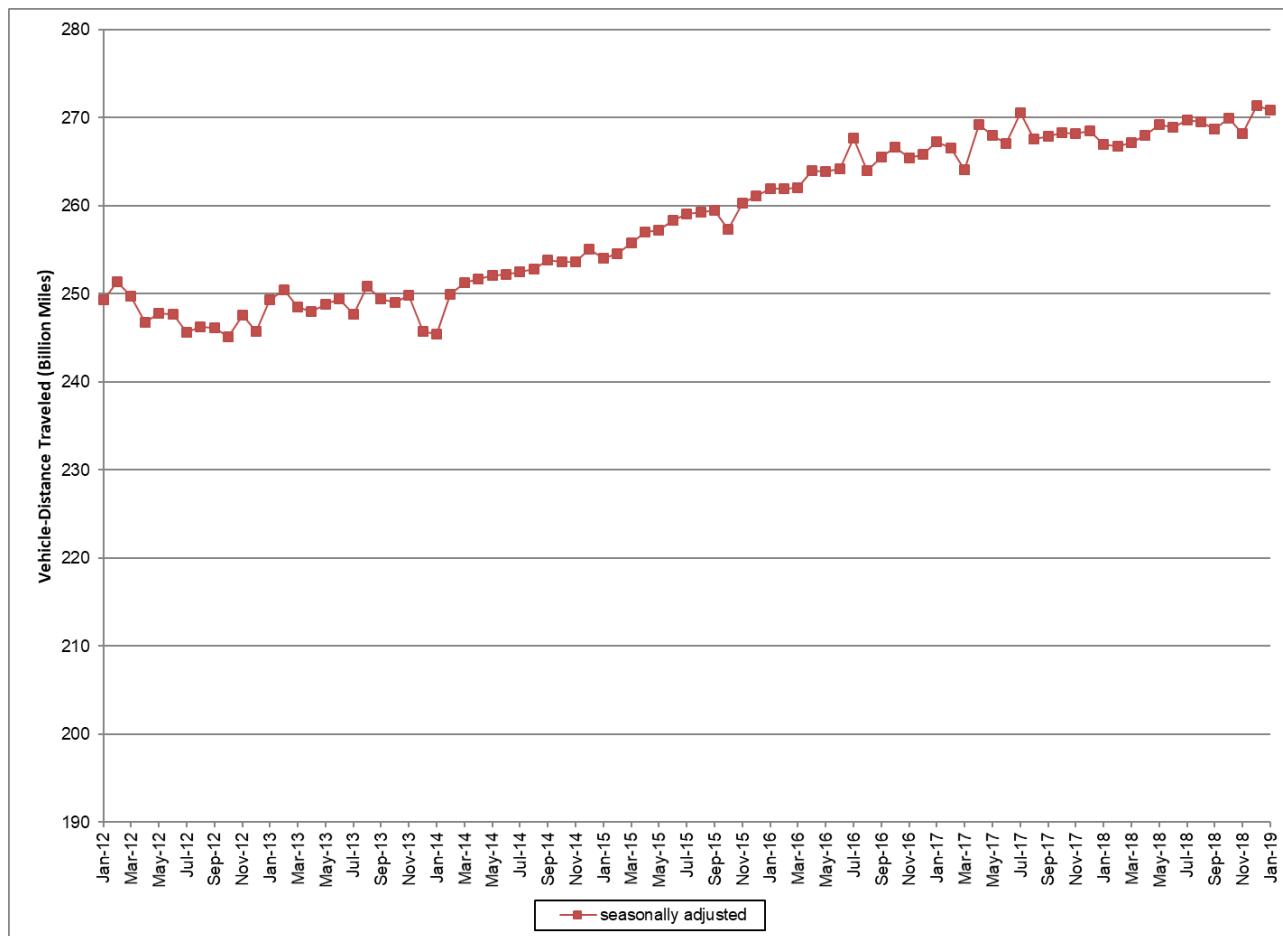
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Figure3: Seasonally Adjusted Vehicle Miles Traveled by Month

Seasonally adjusted data are modeled by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation. See <http://www.transtats.bts.gov/OSEA/SeasonalAdjustment/> for additional seasonally adjusted travel data and information.