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Interstate buses carried 142,862,908 passengers during the third quarter of 1972, an increase of 25,658,956 over the same period a year ago, according to a quarterly activity report issued today by the Department of Transportation.

With the exception of rail passenger service, which declined from 65,977,323 to 63,887,031, a drop of 2,090,291, all other forms of passenger service increased during the third quarter of this year compared to the same period last year.

The airlines flew 45.95 billion passenger-miles during this time, an increase of 3.99 billion passenger-miles over the third quarter in 1971. Passengers traveling interstate by ship increased from 2,003,872 to 2,120,590, a gain of 6,718. Private car vehicle-miles increased from 270 billion to 285 billion.

Increases in freight service were also posted in air ton-miles, highway tonnage, interstate water tonnage, and pipeline barrels. Railroad freight declined from 609,601,684 tons to 604,013,322 tons, a drop of 588,362 tons.

Comparison of activity by transportation mode is attached.

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# NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM ACTIVITY

THIRD QUARTER 1972

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

	Third Quarter 1971	Third Quarter 1972
<u>Passengers Carried</u>		
Railroad (Class I) (Passengers)	65,977,323	63,887,031
Air (Domestic Passenger-Miles)	41.96 billion	45.95 billion
Bus (Class I Interstate) (Passengers)	117,203,952	142,862,908
Water (Interstate) (Passengers)	2,003,872	2,120,590
Highway (Private Car Vehicle-Miles)	270 billion	285 billion
<u>Freight Carried</u>		
Railroad (Class I) (Tons)	609,601,684	604,013,322
Air (Domestic Ton-Miles)	1,007,200,000	1,066,700,000
Highway (Class I) (Tons)	153,229,407	187,595,011
Water (Interstate) (Tons)	40,808,148	44,464,498
Pipeline (Barrels)	2,052,614,083	2,228,066,376

Source: Office of Systems Analysis and Information, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation; Civil Aeronautics Board; Interstate Commerce Commission and Federal Highway Administration.

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