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16. Abstract
 	
     This study examined recent changes in the amount of driving in urban and rural areas of the United States. The raw data consisted of the estimated annual distance driven by locale (urban and rural) and the type of roadway (interstates, other arterials, and other roads). The analysis covered 17 years from 2000 through 2016, and it involved normalizing the data relative to 2000.
     There are two main findings. First, the overall distance driven increased by 15% between 2000 and 2016. Second, during this period, urban distance driven *increased* by 33%, while rural distance driven *decreased* by 12%. While the increase in the overall distance driven can be fully accounted for by the increase in the U.S. population during the period examined, the divergent patterns of urban and rural driving are not fully accounted for by the corresponding changes in the amounts of urban and rural populations.		

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