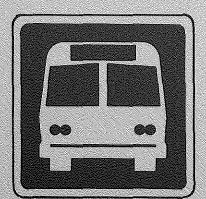
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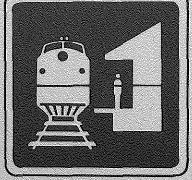
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Control Tower Locations

Since 1980 the 15 airport control towers identified in Map 1 have operated in Michigan. Fourteen of the towers are located in the southern half of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. One control tower, Traverse City, is located in the northern part of the Lower Peninsula. There are no control towers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Two of the control towers were closed as a result of the PATCO strike. The tower in Ann Arbor was closed during 1982 and reopened in 1983. The Benton Harbor tower closed in 1982 and remains closed to date.

Control Tower Annual Operations and Trends

Table 1 identifies the itinerant, local and total operations at each of the 15 control tower airports for each year between 1980 and 1984. The percent change in total operations from the previous year is also identified. The trend is graphically portrayed in Figure 1. Table 3 provides a detailed breakdown of operations for 1983 and 1984.

Refer to Table 2 for the hours that the control towers are open for operational counts. It is interesting to note that Pontiac is open only 18 hours a day, while the towers at Detroit City, Willow Run and Detroit Metropolitan are open 24 hours a day.

Since 1980, when the 3-year decline in operations began, total operations have declined between 11.8 and 18.2 percent each year through 1982. In 1983 the declining trend in total operations was reversed and an increase of 18.6 percent occurred. The trend continued in 1984 with a 6.3 percent increase. Total annual operations from 1980 to 1984 have declined by more than 176,000 or 9.0 percent.

Observations and Conclusions

Figures 2 through 15 identify the monthly trend in total operations at each of the 14 FAA governed control tower airports between 1980 and 1984. Seasonal variations and the yearly growth trends are clearly visible. Figures 16 through 20 depict the percent of total operations that each of the seven busiest control tower airports had of the total operational activity for each year 1980 to 1984. The seven busiest towers have increased their percentage share from 67 percent in 1980 to 72.8 percent in 1984. The percentage share declined for the remaining seven locations. Among those airports operating in 1980, only Pontiac and Detroit Metropolitan increased total operation levels over 1980 levels, 12.6 percent and 21.6 percent, respectively. Three locations showed decreases in total operations from 1983 to 1984 - Battle Creek, 7.9 percent; Kalamazoo, 5.7 percent; and Lansing, 5.3 percent. A two year trend of increased statewide local and itinerant operations has been experienced with a 1983 increase of 18.6 percent followed by a 1984 increase of 6.3 percent.

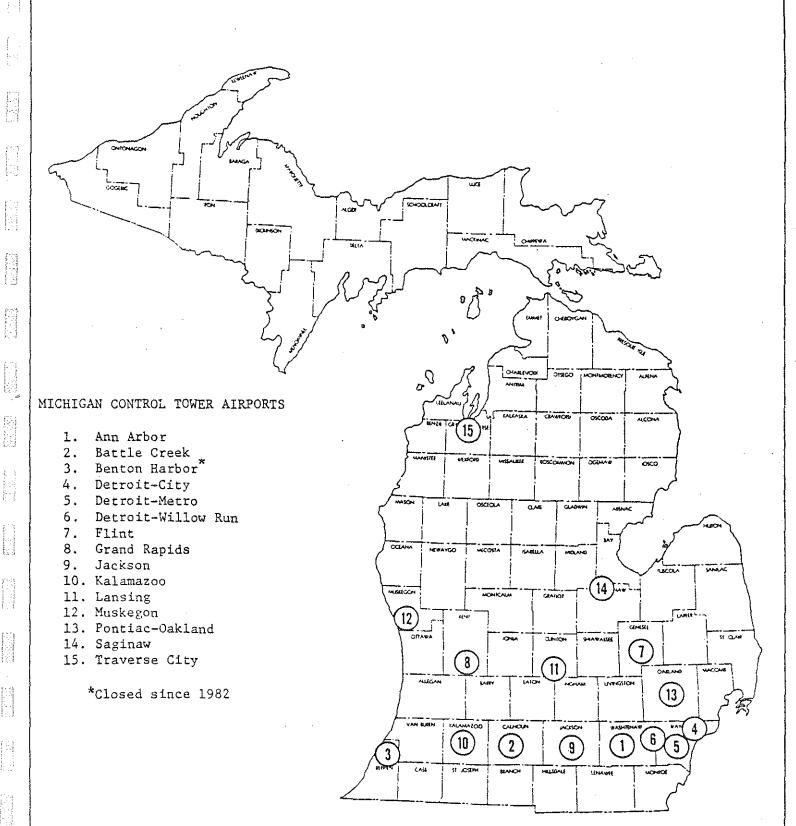


TABLE 1
ITINERANT, LOCAL AND TOTAL OPERATIONS AT CONTROL TOWER AIRPORTS, 1980-84

er my	VEST	ITINER	LOCAL	TOTAL	PERCENT
CITY	· YEAR	OPERAT.	OPERAT.	OPERAT.	CHANGE
ANN ARBOR	1980	44,949	71,812	116,761	
•	1981	31,763	47,350	79,113	(32.2)
	1982 .	Control	tower closed	•	
	1983a 🚬	32,336	47,825	80,161	1.3
	1984	35,946	58,056	94,002	17.3
BATTLE CREEK	1980	30,890	18,213	49,103	
	1981	27,868	18,112	45,980	(6.4)
•	1982	24,603	15,344	39,947	(13.1)
	1983	24,977	18,259	43,236	8.2
	1984	25,112	14,728	39,840	(7.9)
BENTON HARBOR	1980	20,882	13,978	34,860	
	1981	13,099	8,927	22,026	(36.8)
	1982	Control	tower closed		
	1983	Control	tower closed		
	1984	Control	tower closed		
DETROIT - CITY	1980	108,049	50,357	158,406	
	1981	97,843	42,856	140,699	(11.2)
<u>.</u>	1982	72,357	33,280	105,637	(24.9)
\$	1983	84,901	45,767	130,668	23.7
	1984	102,772	41,358	144,130	10.3
DETROIT - METRO	1980	268,270	0	268,270	
	1981	261,018	0	261,018	(2.7)
	1982	249,138	0	249,138	(4.6)
	1983	282,241	0	282,241	13.3
	1984	326,270	0	326,270	15.6
DETROIT -	1980	75,130	90,123	165,253	
WILLOW RUN	1981	67,542	87,462	155,004	(6.2)
	1982	58,783	79,458	138,241	(10.8)
•	1983	68,021	74,934	142,955	21.0
	1984	76,961	76,548	153,509	74
FLINT	1980	65,925	85,846	151,771	
	1981	58,626	65,157	123,783	(18.4)
•	1982	48,048	41,460	89,508	(27.7)
•	1983	54,312	46,857	101,169	13.0
	1984	59,223	51,680	110,903	9.6
GRAND RAPIDS	1980	104,414	58,455	162,869	
	1981	86,539	40,965	127,504	(21.7)
	1982	80,219	28,657	108,876	(14.6)
•	1983	93,683	35,192	128,875	18.4
•	1984	98,558	33,679	132,237	2.6

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JACKSON	1980	42,681	35,633	78,314	
	.1981	37,119	25,012	62,131	(20.7)
	1982	29,414	16,584	45,998	(26.0)
·	1983	33,430	21,245	54,675	18.9
	1984	34,753	23,810	58,563	7.1
KALAMAZOO	1980	57,900	45,868	103,768	
	1981	54,727	43,444	98,171	(5.4)
	1982	49,77	36,119	85,895	(12.5)
	1983	55,098	35,534	90,632	5.5
	1984	57,58C	27,897	85,477	(5.7)
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LANSING	1980	77,991	49,721	127,712	
	1981	72,495	53,102	125,598	(1.7)
	1982	63,727	48,681	112,408	(10.5)
	1983	74,787	48,479	123,266	9.7
•	1984	71,536	45,258	116,794	(5.3)
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KUSKEGON	1980	38,365	37,383	75,748	(17.3)
	1981	39,282	29,285	68,567	(9.5)
	1982	37,350	25,009	62,359	(9.1)
	1993	40,297	20,495	60,793	(2.5)
	1984	43,959	19,155	63,115	3.8
PONTIAC - OAKLAND	1980	148,538	122,738	271,276	
	1981	127,100	129,554	256,654	(5.4)
	1982	110,361	128,201	238,582	(7.0)
	1983	131,090	157,664	288,754	21.0
	1984	144,627	160,893	305,520	5.8
SAGINAV	1980	49,671	23,444	73,115	
5755211111	,1981	41,421	17,929	59,350	(18.8)
	1982	37,147	9,916	47,063	(20.7)
•	1983	42,317	12,814	55,131	17.1
	1984	41,754	14,957	56,711	2.9
	1201	11,751	117557	30,711	2.13
TRAVERSE CITY	1980	51,386	60,686	112,072	
	1981	44,644	49,483	94,127	(16.0)
	1982	40,861	41,804	82,665	(12.2)
	1983	45,509	40,208	85,717	3.7
	1984	45,957	40,106	86,063	0.4
TOTAL	1980	1,185,041	764,257	1,949,298	
10165	1981	1,165,041	659,638	1,719,725	(11.8)
	1981 1982	901,805	504,512	1,406,317	(18.2)
	1983	1,062,999	605,274	1,668,273	18.6
	1984	1,165,007	608,125	1,773,132	6.3
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Source: FAA Control Tower Monthly Reports as compiled by Michigan Department of Transportation Aviation Planning Unit.

Note: Ann Arbor control tower reopened in 1983. Percent change is calculated from 1981 to 1983.

Table 2

Control Tower Hours of Operation

Location	1983	1984
Ann Arbor	Open February 1983 5 days/week 8:00 a.m 4:00 p.m. (Closed Wednesday & Thursday) July 1, 1983 - 7 days/week 8:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.	7 days/week 8:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.
Battle Creek	7:00 a.m 9:00 p.m.	6:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.
Benton Harbor	Closed	Closed
Detroit City	7:00 a.m 10:00 p.m. October 1983 - 24 Hours	24 Hours
Detroit Metropolitan	24 Hours	24 Hours
Detroit Willow Run	24 Hours	24 Hours
Flint	6:30 a.m 11:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m 11:00 p.m.
Grand Rapids	6:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	6:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
Jackson	7:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.
Kalamazoo	6:00 a.m 9:30 p.m.	6:00 a.m 9:30 p.m. November 11, 1984 6:00 a.m 11:00 p.m.
Lansing	6:30 a.m 11:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m 11:00 p.m. November 1984 6:30 a.m 12:00 p.m.
Muskegon	6:00 a.m 11:00 p.m.	6:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
Pontiac	6:00 a.m 10:00 p.m. July 1, 1983 6:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	6:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
Saginaw	6:30 a.m 11:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m 11:00 p.m.
Traverse City	Winter/October 27-April 27 7:00 a.m 9:00 p.m. Summer/April 28-October 26 7:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.	Winter/October 27-April 27 7:00 a.m 9:00 p.m. Summer/April 28-October 26 7:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.

Source: Control Tower Managers

Figure 1

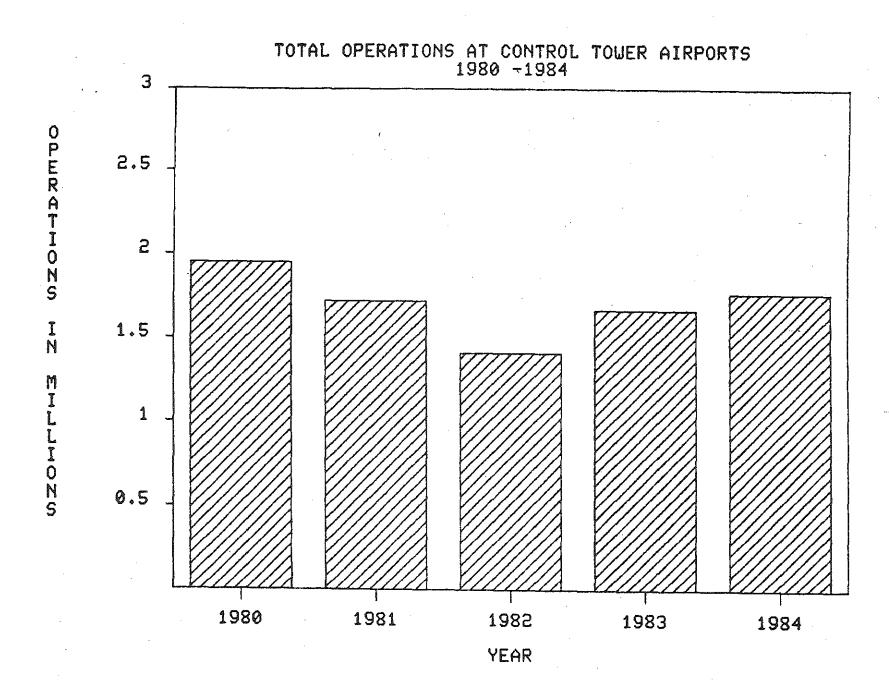


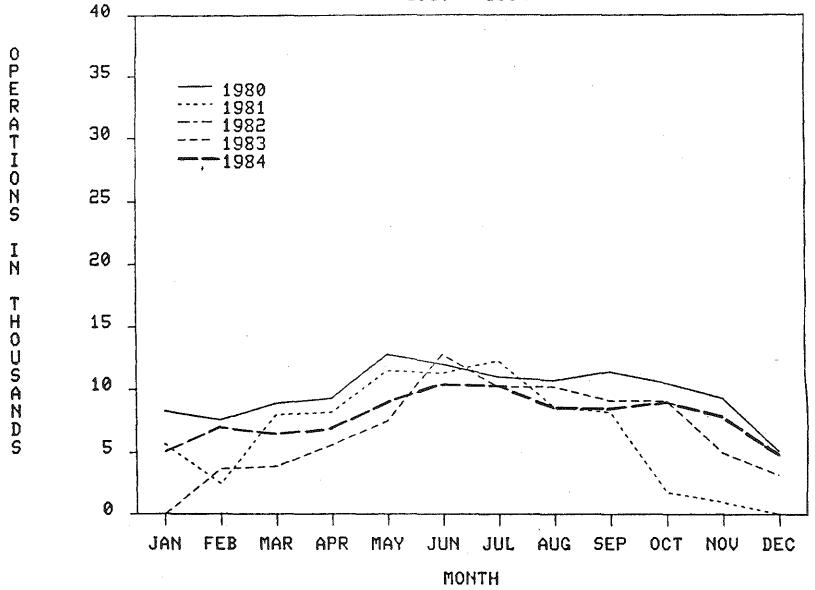
Table 3

ITINERANT, LOCAL & TOTAL OPERATIONS FOR TOWER AIRPORTS JAN-DEC . 1984 (AIRPORTS LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)

	JAN	ITINERANT OPERATIONS			LOCAL OPERATIONS			000	INSTRUMENT OPS		
AIRPORT NAME (COMMUNITY)	THRU DEC	AIR CARRIER		AIR TAXI MILITARY	TOTAL ITINERANT	GENERAL AVIATION MILITARY	TOTAL	- TOTAL OPERATIONS		OPER- ATIONS	APPRO- ACHES
ANN ARBOR MUNICIPAL (ANN ARBOR)	1984 1983 %CHG	0 0 + 0.0%	35,359 31,854 + 11.0%	587 482 + 21.8%	35,946 32,336 + 11.2%	57.956 100 47.758 67 + 21.4% + 49.3%	58.056 47.825 + 21.4%	94,002 80,161 + 17.3%	8 10	5.000 3,844 + 30.1%	0 0 + 0.0%
W. K. KELLOGG REGIONAL (BATTLE CREEK)	1984 1983 %CHG	4,256 4,705 - 9.5%	15,986 16,391 - 2.5%	4,870 3,881 + 25.5%	25,112 24,977 + 0.5%	12.120 2.608 15.651 2.608 - 22.6% + 0.0%	14.728 18.259 - 19.3%	39,840 43,236 - 7.9%	14 14	13,971 13,653 + 2.3%	0 0 + 0.0%
ROSS FIELD (BENTON HARBOR)	1984 1983 %CHG	0 0 + 0.0%	0 ·0 + 0.0%	0 0 + 0.0%	0 0 + 0.0%	· 0 0 + 0.0% + 0.0%	0 0 + 0.0%	0 0 + 0.0%		0 0 + 0.0% ·	0 0 + 0.0%
DETROIT CITY (DETROIT)	1984 1983 %CHG	4.406 3,020 + 45.9%	•	15,603 13,946 + 11.9%	102,772 84.901 + 21.0%	41,343 15 45,654 113 - 9,4% - 86,7%	41,358 45,767 - 9.6%	144,130 130,668 + 10.3%	4 4	51,043 42,136 + 21.1%	0 0 + 0.0%
DETROIT METROPOLITAN (DETROIT)	1984 1983 %CHG	195.157 169.007 + 15.5%		65.740 52.267 + 25.8%	326,270 282,241 + 15.6%	0 0 0 + 0.0% + 0.0%	0 + * 0.0%	326,270 282,241 + 15.6%	1 2	526,831 459,109 + 14,8%	33,954 25,037 + 35.6%
DETROIT-WILLOW RUN (DETROIT)	1984 1983 %CHG	16,854 13,232 + 27.4%	42.367 47.058 - 10.0%	17,740 7,731 +129.5%	76,961 68,021 + 13.1%	76.426 122 74.815 119 + 2.2% + 2.5%	76,548 74,934 + 2.2%	153,509 142,955 + 7.4%	3	43,535 34,421 + 26.5%	0 0 + 0.0%
BISHOP (FLINT)	1984 1983 %CHG	3,499 1,733 +101.9%	39.751 38,963 + 2.0%	15,973 13,616 + 17.3%	59,223 54,312 + 9.0%	50.622 1.058 46.072 785 + 9.9% + 34.8%	51,680 46,857 + 10.3%	110,903 101,169 + 9.6%	7 7	108,367 102,169 + 6.1%	3,857 3,388 + 13.8%
KENT COUNTY INTERNATIONAL (GRAND RAPIDS)	1984 1983 %CHG	30,429 28,823 + 5.6%	58,639 58.037 + 1.0%	9,490 6,823 + 39.1%	98.558 93.683 + 5.2%	32,393 1,286 34,292 900 - 5.5% + 42.9%	33,679 35,192 - 4.3%	132,237 128,875 + 2.6%	5 5	132,683 124,942 + 6.2%	6.484 7.121 - 8.9%
JACKSON COUNTY REYNOLDS (JACKSON)	1984 1983 %CHG	2 0 +100.0%	32.196 29.960 + 7.5%	2,555 3,470 - 26.4%	34.753 33.430 + 4.0%	23.468 342 21.039 206 + 11.5% + 66.0%	23,810 21,245 + 12.1%	58,563 54,675 + 7.1%	12 13	22,716 22,322 + 1.8%	1,152 1,281 - 10.1%
KALAMAZOO MUNICIPAL (KALAMAZOO)	1984 1983 %CHG	8.870 6.952 + 27.6%	40.918 41.648 - 1.8%	7,792 6,498 + 19,9%	57.580 55,098 4 4.5%	27,733 164 35,332 202 - 21.5% - 18.8%	27,897 35,534 - 21.5%	85,477 90,632 - 5.7%	10 8	109.099 103,623 + 5.3%	3,353 3,879 - 13.6%
CAPITAL CITY (LANSING)	1984 1983 %CHG	9.872 12.845 - 23.1%	50,840 52,416 - 3.0%	10.824 9.526 + 13.6%	71.536 74.787 - 4.3%	43,680 1,578 41,543 6,936 + 5.1% - 77.2%	45,258 48,479 - 6.6%	116,794 123,266 - 5.3%	6 6	118.809 118.320 + 0.4%	3,657 4,216 - 13.3%
MUSKEGON COUNTY (MUSKEGON)	1984 1983 %CHG	7,297 6,920 + 5.4%	27,673 26,218 + 5.5%	8.988 7,159 + 25.5%	43,958 40,297 + 9.1%	17.263 1.892 18.846 1.650 - 8.4% + 14.7%	19,155 20,496 6.5%	63,113 60,793 + 3.8%	1 1 1 1	75,485 75,996 ~ 0.7%	1,617 2,414 - 33.0%
OAKLAND-PONTIAC (PONTIAC)	1984 1983 %CHG	852 907 ~ 6.1%	136,898 123,814 + 10.6%	6,877 6,369 + 8.0%	144,627 131,090 + 10,3%	150,686 207 157,418 246 + 2.1% - 15.9%	160,893 157,664 + 2.0%	305,520 288,754 + 5.8%	2	39,986 35,560 + 12.4% +	0 0 + 0.0%

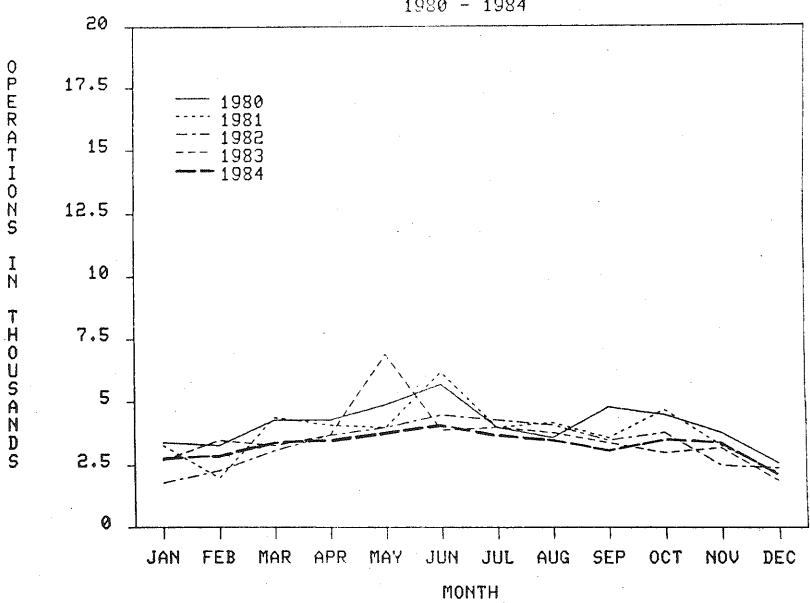
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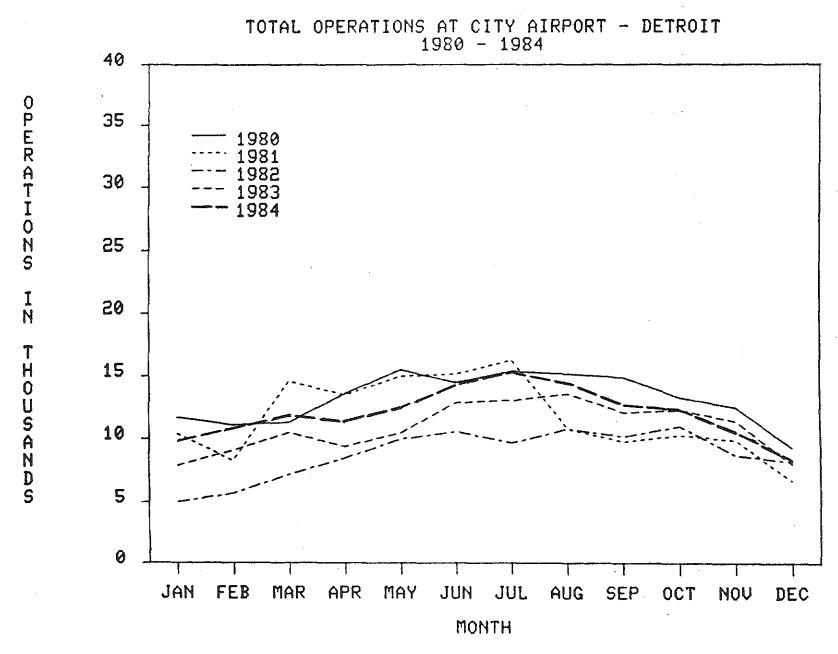
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TRI-CITY INTERNATIONAL (SAGINAW)	1984 1983 %CHG	9,021 9,570 - 5,7%	23.237 9.196 22.604 10.143 + 2.8% - 6.4%	41.754 42.317 - 1.3%	14.753 204 12.466 348 + 18.3% - 41.4%	14,957 12,814 + 16.7%	56,711 13 55,131 12 + 2.9%	79,8 7 9 79,211 + 0.8% -	3,393 3,732 - 9.1%
CHERRY CAPITAL (TRAVERSE CITY)	1984 1983 %CHG	6.088 6.077 + 0.2%	28,631 11.238 27,663 11.769 + 3.5% - 4.5%	45,957 45,509 + 1.0%	33,169 6,937 32,586 7,622 + 1.8% - 9.0%	40,106 40,208 - 0.3%	86,063 9 85,717 9 + 0.4%	20.563 20.909 - 1.7% +	0 0 + 0.0%
TOTAL (MICHIGAN)	1984 1983 %CHG	296,603 263,791 + 12.4%	680,631 187,773 645,528 153,680 + 5.4% + 22.2%		591,612 16,513 583,472 21,802 + 1,4% - 24,3%	608,125 605,274 + 0.5%	•		57,467 51,068 12.5%

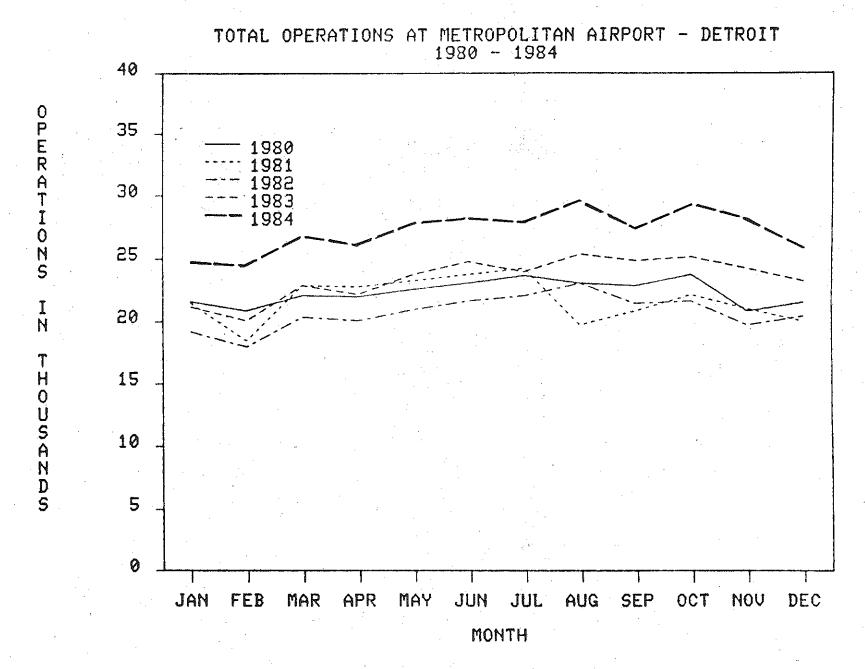


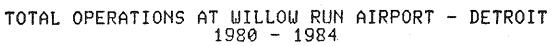
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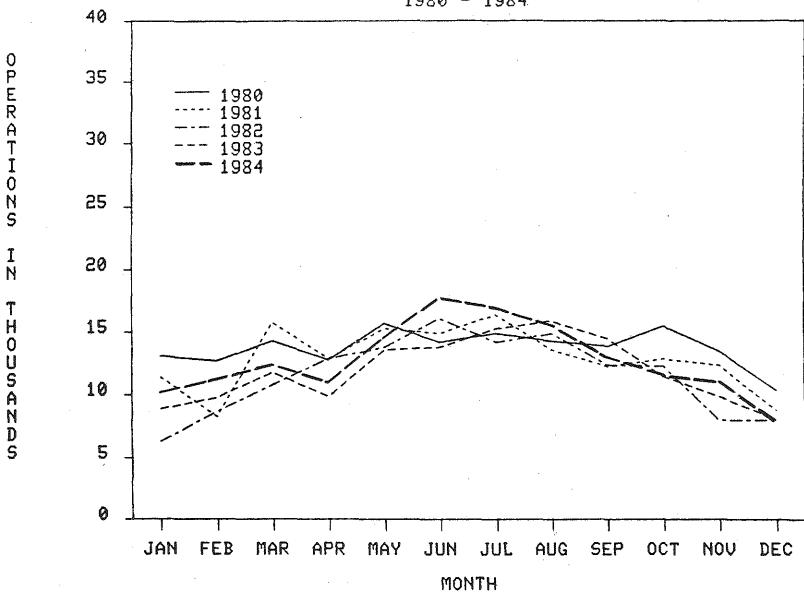
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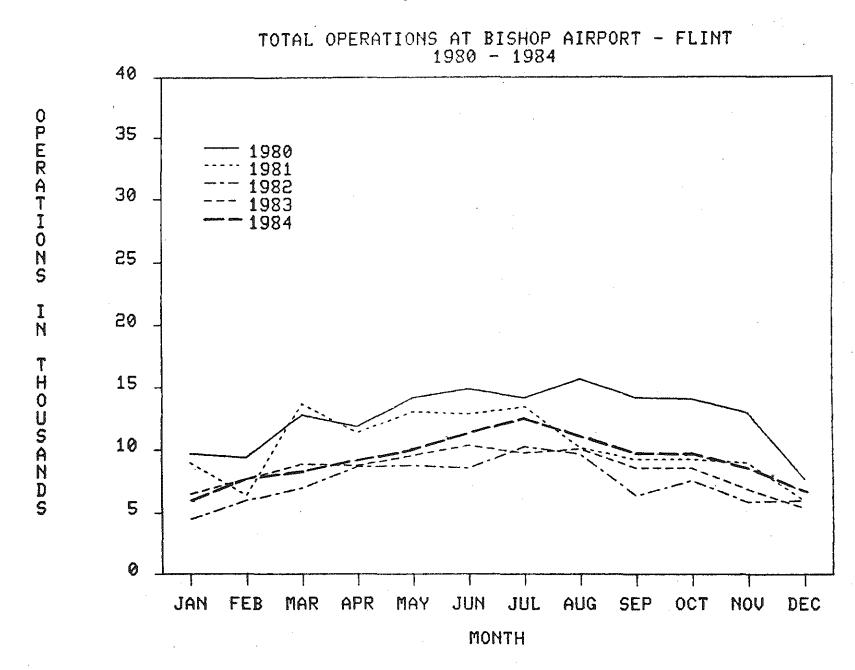


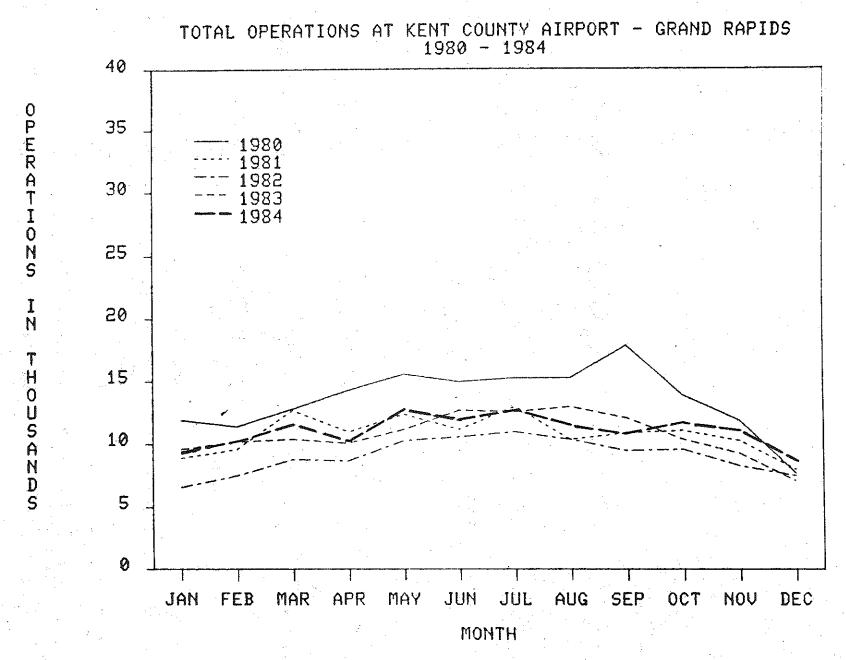


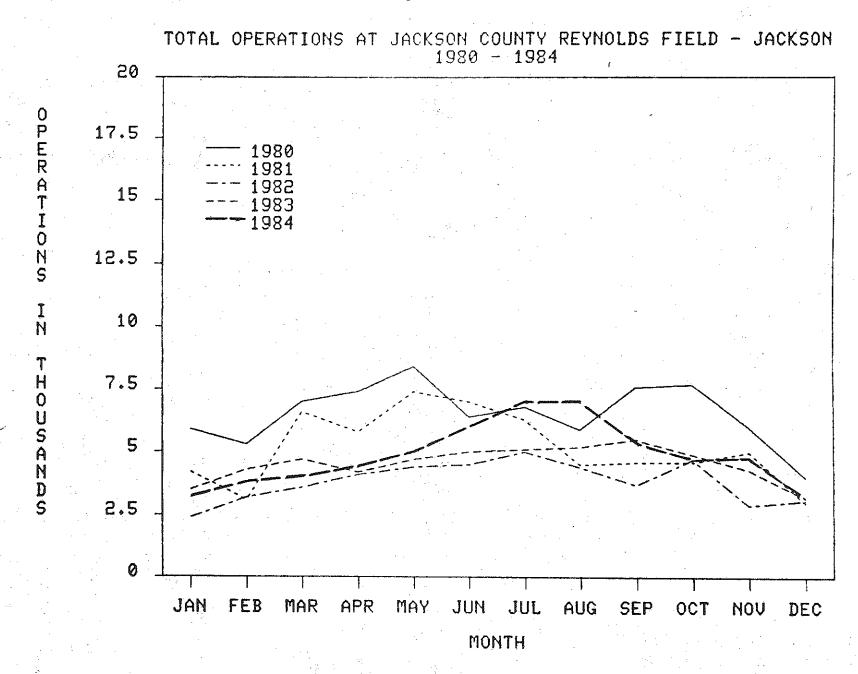


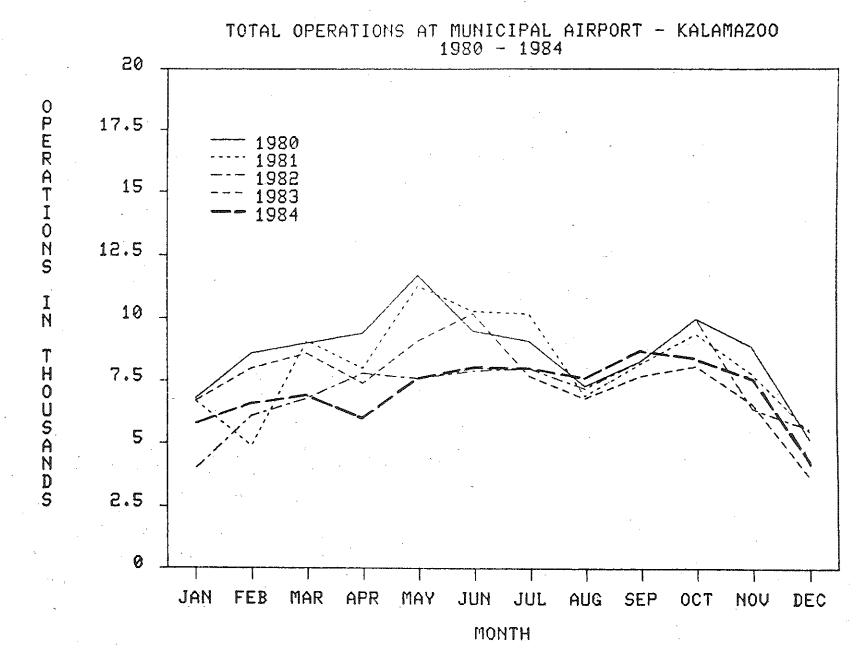


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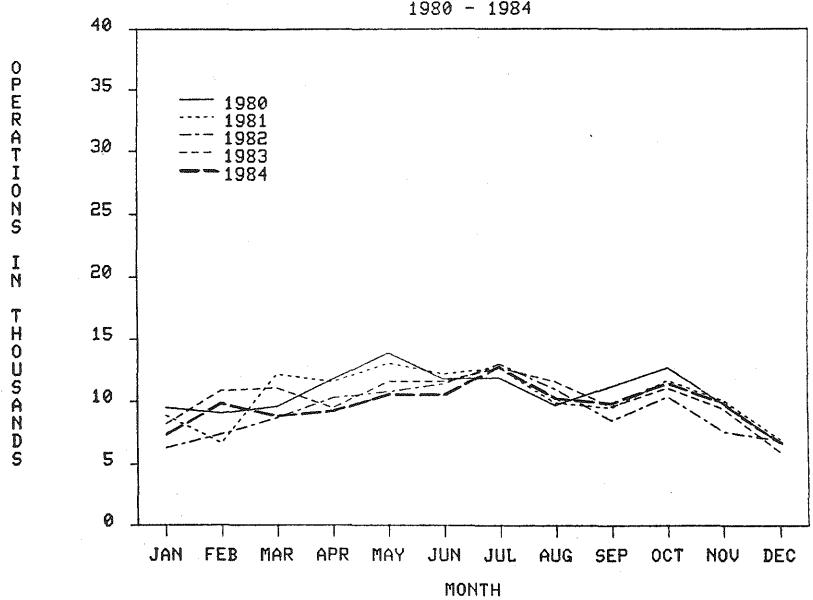


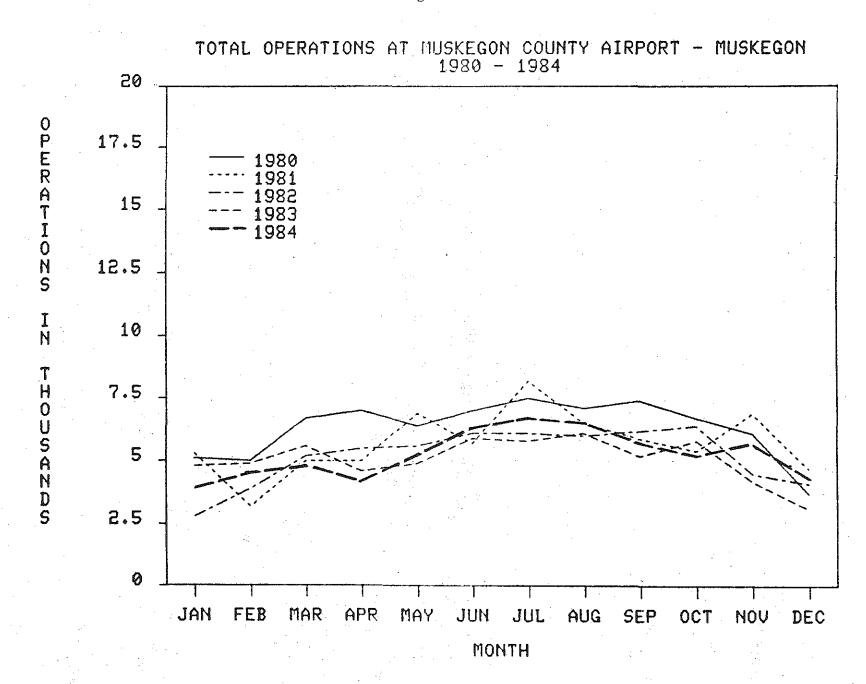




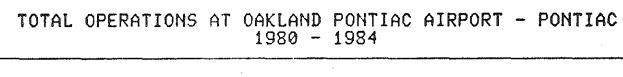


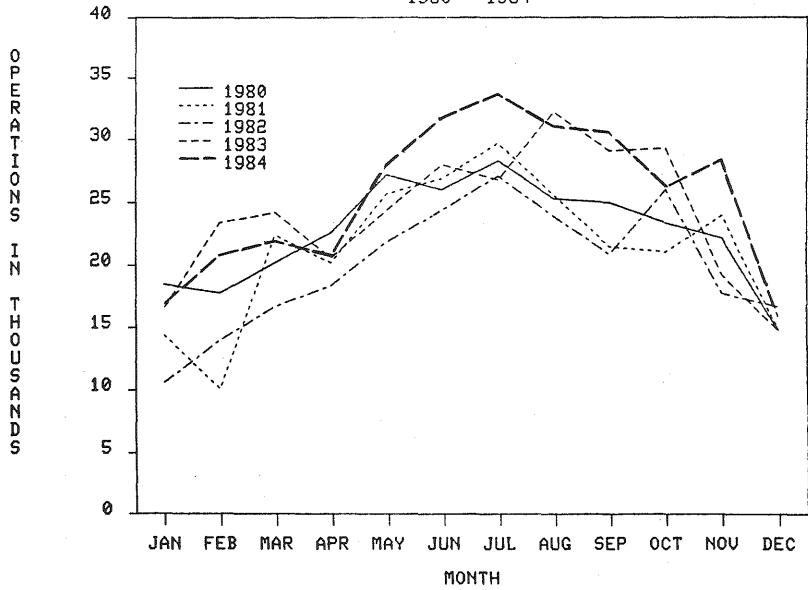
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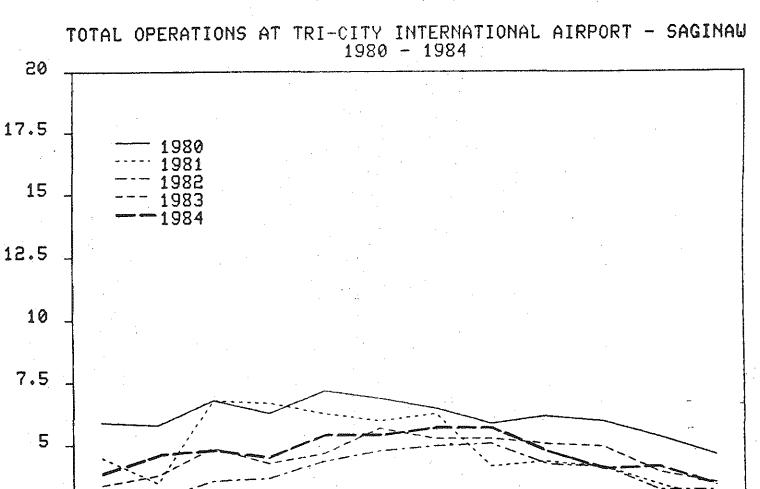
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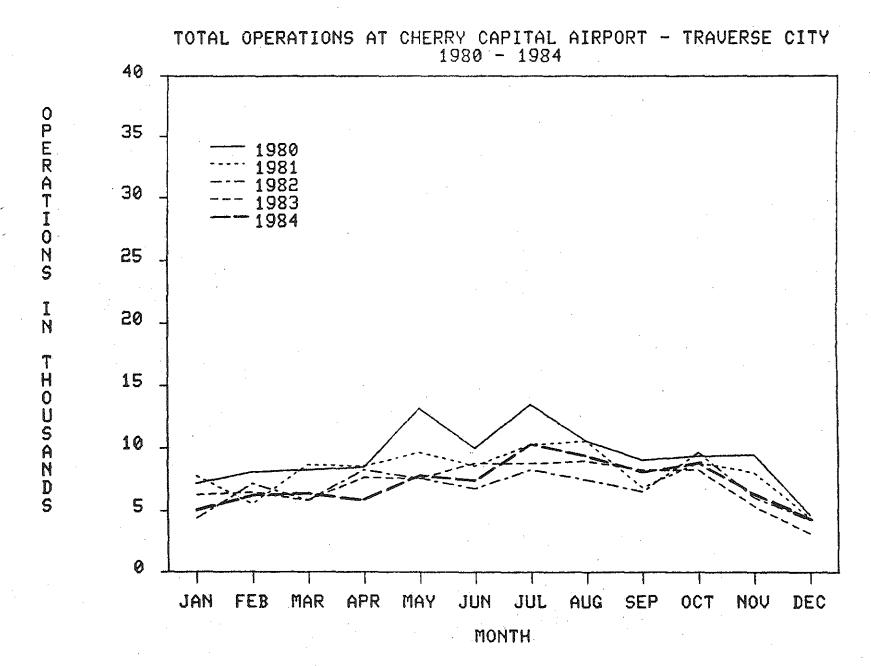
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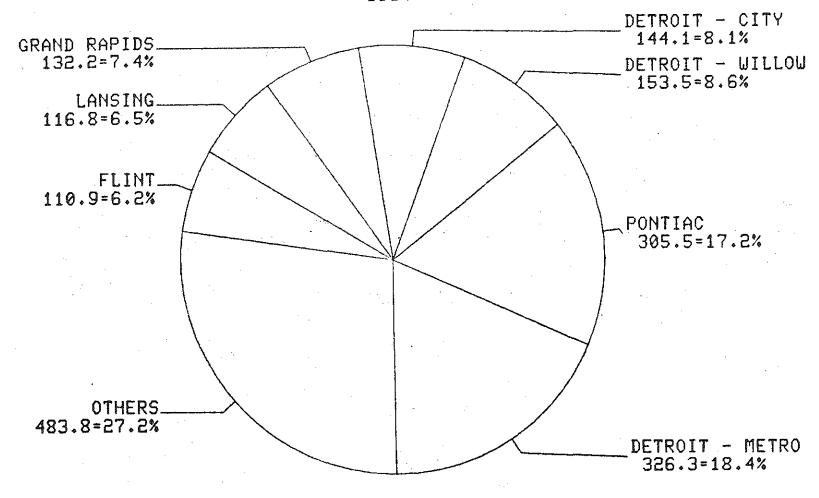
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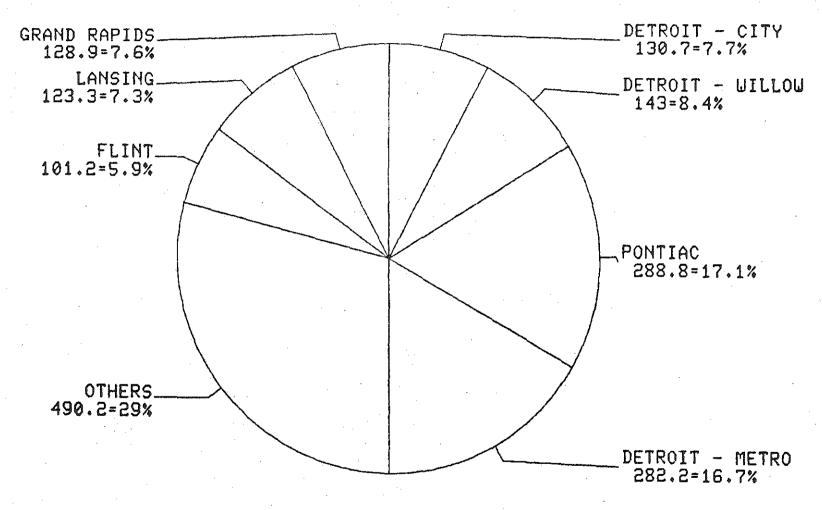
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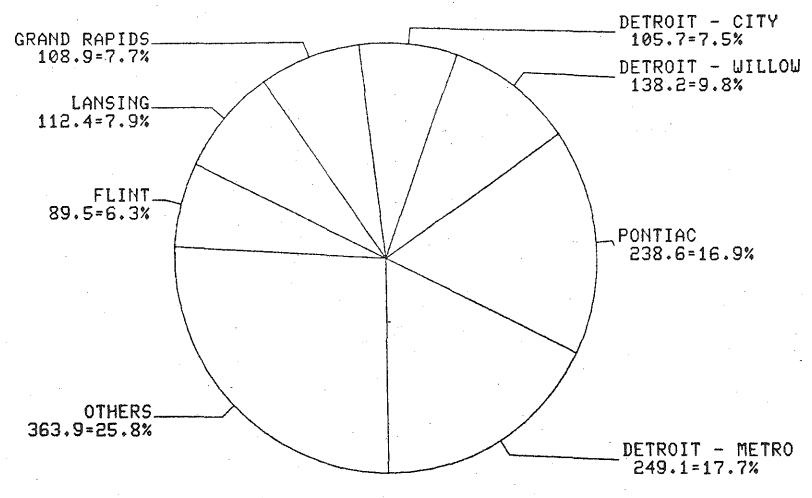


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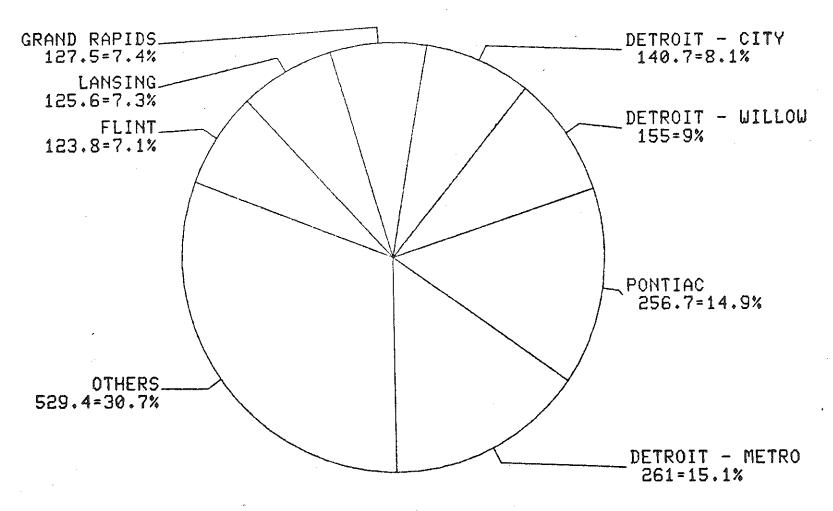




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