

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

December 1955

SUMMARY OF MOTOR-VEHICLE TRAVEL IN DECEMBER (PRELIMINARY) AND NOVEMBER (REVISED)

Class of road:	Preliminary data for December 1955			Revised data for November 1955		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change
	1954	1955		1954	1955	
Main rural roads.....	16,696	17,447	+4.5	17,208	18,013	+4.7
Local rural roads.....	7,715	8,128	+5.4	7,763	7,705	-0.7
All rural roads.....	24,411	25,575	+4.8	24,971	25,718	+3.0
City streets.....	.....	.....	+2.0	.....	.....	+1.6
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	+3.5	.....	.....	+2.4
By region (main rural only): ¹						
Eastern regions.....	5,467	5,888	+7.7	5,591	6,061	+8.4
Central regions.....	8,374	8,730	+4.3	8,715	8,939	+2.6
Western regions.....	2,855	2,829	-0.9	2,902	3,013	+3.8

¹ Vehicle mileage on local roads included in reports, previous to September 1955, omitted because sample is inadequate for regional breakdown.

Table 1.—DECEMBER 1955 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from December 1954	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from December 1954
Alabama.....	8	+10.1	Nebraska.....	15	-6.1
Arizona.....	9	+4.9	Nevada.....	20	-3.3
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	New Hampshire.....	10	+3.0
California.....	.....	.....	New Jersey.....	9	+28.9
Colorado.....	.....	.....	New Mexico.....	26	+6.4
Connecticut.....	20	+0.4	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	8	+4.5	North Carolina.....	39	+10.2
Florida.....	34	+12.5	North Dakota.....	18	-14.7
Georgia.....	24	+6.4	Ohio.....	17	-0.4
Idaho.....	.....	.....	Oklahoma.....	19	+2.4
Illinois.....	6	+12.7	Oregon.....	29	-1.8
Indiana.....	21	+3.6	Pennsylvania.....	52	+6.8
Iowa.....	.....	.....	Rhode Island.....	1	0.0
Kansas.....	.....	.....	South Carolina.....	7	+5.2
Kentucky.....	15	+11.6	South Dakota.....	30	-5.1
Louisiana.....	35	+5.2	Tennessee.....	28	+11.6
Maine.....	11	+4.3	Texas.....	102	+4.6
Maryland.....	23	+4.9	Utah.....	12	+9.8
Massachusetts.....	9	+7.9	Vermont.....	7	+2.5
Michigan.....	29	+10.1	Virginia.....	.....	+3.9
Minnesota.....	27	-1.7	Washington.....	15	-4.0
Mississippi.....	27	-2.3	West Virginia.....	31	+10.8
Missouri.....	20	+6.0	Wisconsin.....	16	+6.7
Montana.....	19	-12.2	Wyoming.....	20	+3.4

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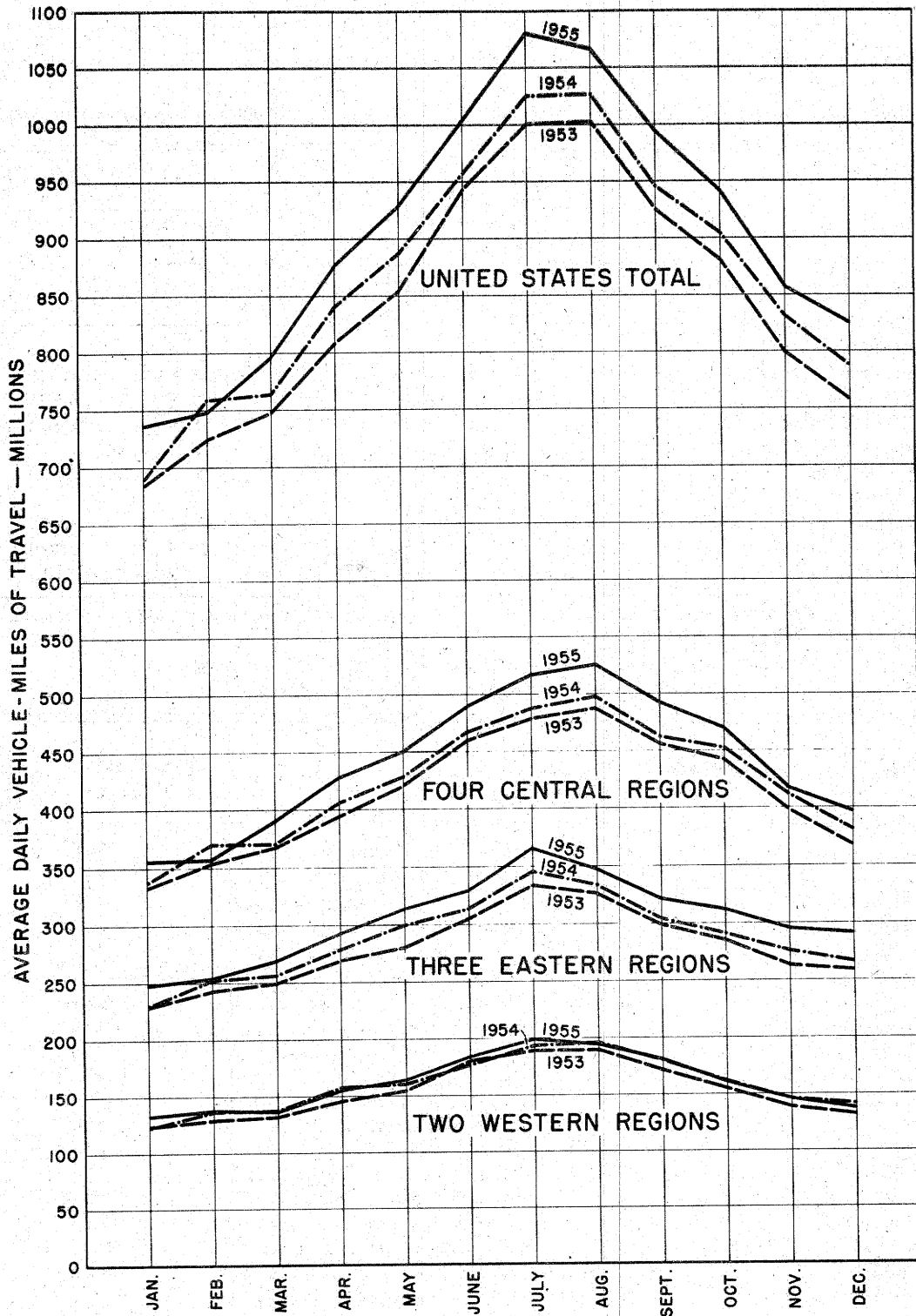


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

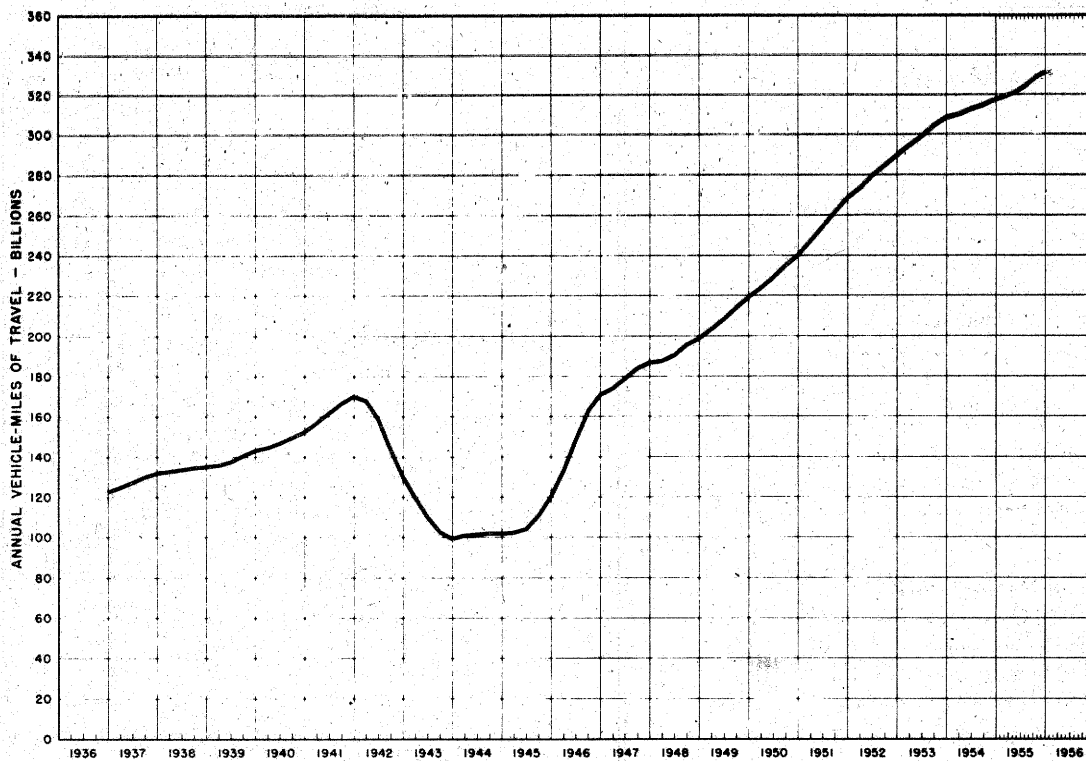


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

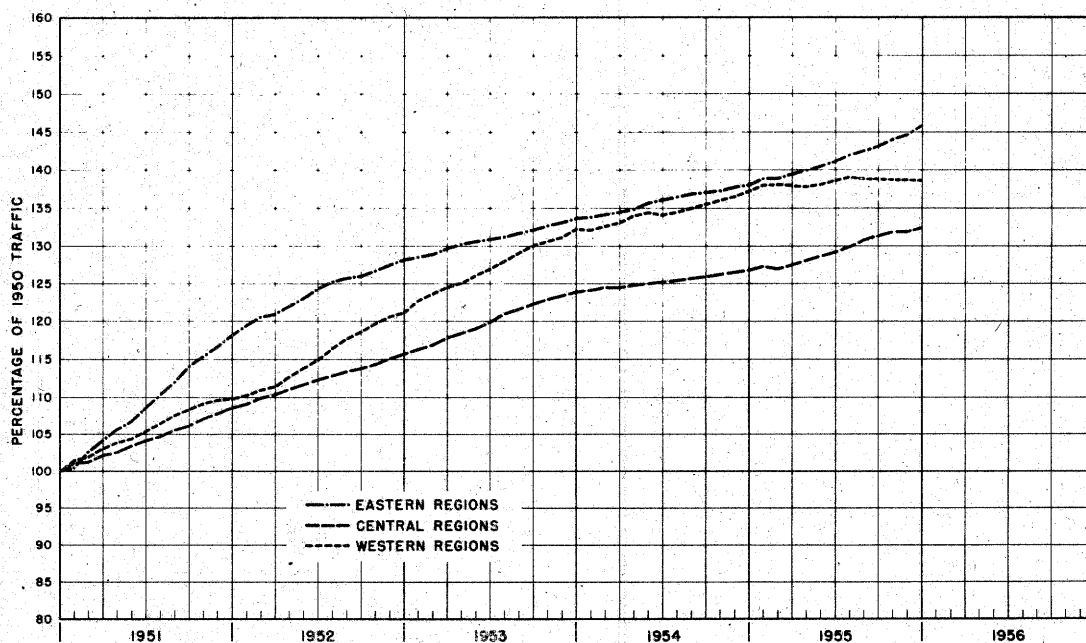


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

Table 2.—NOVEMBER 1955 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)

Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from November 1954	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from November 1954
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	20	+2.7	Alabama.....	8	+7.8
Maine.....	12	+1.6	Kentucky.....	15	+6.8
Massachusetts.....	11	+8.0	Mississippi.....	23	+1.0
New Hampshire.....	45	-0.7	Tennessee.....	29	-5.8
Rhode Island.....	4	+9.7			
Vermont.....	14	-0.8	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:		
			Iowa.....	34	-1.6
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Kansas.....	55	-5.8
New Jersey.....	9	+8.2	Minnesota.....	25	-5.5
New York.....			Missouri.....	27	-0.1
Pennsylvania.....	52	+6.8	Nebraska.....		-2.5
			North Dakota.....		-17.8
SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):			South Dakota.....	30	-5.2
Delaware.....	7	+9.6	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Maryland.....	28	+5.6	Arkansas.....	22	-2.6
Virginia.....		+4.3	Louisiana.....	35	+6.1
West Virginia.....	32	+4.6	Oklahoma.....	19	+0.9
			Texas.....	101	+3.2
SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):			MOUNTAIN:		
Florida.....	29	+8.9	Arizona.....	9	+6.1
Georgia.....	24	+4.3	Colorado.....	20	+3.8
North Carolina.....	40	+11.6	Idaho.....	9	-6.0
South Carolina.....	5	+8.3	Montana.....	19	-14.1
			Nevada.....	20	+2.3
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			New Mexico.....		+7.2
Illinois.....	6	+4.5	Utah.....	12	+6.7
Indiana.....	21	+2.9	Wyoming.....	20	+1.2
Michigan.....	28	+6.8	PACIFIC:		
Ohio.....		+3.2	California.....		+2.2
Wisconsin.....	15	+7.6	Oregon.....	29	-7.7
			Washington.....	15	-7.4