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Summary of motor-vehicle travel in July (preliminary) and June (revised)

Class of road:	Preliminary data for July 1956			Revised data for June 1956		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles ¹ (millions)		Percent- age change
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
Main rural roads.....	23,457	24,077	+2.6	20,795	22,346	+7.5
Local rural roads.....	10,263	10,391	+1.2	9,570	10,182	+6.4
All rural roads.....	33,720	34,468	+2.2	30,365	32,528	+7.1
City streets.....	.....	.....	+4.4	.....	.....	+5.0
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	+3.1	.....	.....	+6.2
By region (main rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	8,018	8,250	+2.9	6,765	7,257	+7.3
Central regions.....	11,348	11,536	+1.7	10,381	11,000	+6.0
Western regions.....	4,091	4,291	+4.9	3,649	4,089	+12.1

¹Main vehicle-miles adjusted to State estimates, local vehicle-miles adjusted to trend in gasoline consumption.

Table 1.—JULY 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data¹

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from July 1955	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from July 1955
Alabama.....	7	+1.5	Nebraska.....	12	+2.3
Arizona.....	11	+5.8	Nevada.....	20	+1.3
Arkansas.....	22	-0.7	New Hampshire.....	.....	.....
California.....	.....	+6.6	New Jersey.....	7	+0.5
Colorado.....	21	+5.3	New Mexico.....	26	+5.9
Connecticut.....	15	+2.1	New York.....	.....	-2.1
Delaware.....	7	+1.9	North Carolina.....	28	+6.1
Florida.....	.....	.....	North Dakota.....	17	+2.6
Georgia.....	25	+3.9	Ohio.....	.....	.....
Idaho.....	9	+7.2	Oklahoma.....	22	-6.0
Illinois.....	7	+13.3	Oregon.....	30	+4.3
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Pennsylvania.....	51	-0.1
Iowa.....	26	+4.1	Rhode Island.....	5	-4.2
Kansas.....	51	+4.8	South Carolina.....	8	+5.8
Kentucky.....	14	+1.1	South Dakota.....	28	+2.5
Louisiana.....	35	+9.1	Tennessee.....	20	+1.5
Maine.....	11	+3.0	Texas.....	79	-0.9
Maryland.....	25	+1.4	Utah.....	11	+5.4
Massachusetts.....	11	+4.5	Vermont.....	7	+4.8
Michigan.....	27	-3.0	Virginia.....	.....	+4.4
Minnesota.....	25	+1.0	Washington.....	8	-0.1
Mississippi.....	35	-5.9	West Virginia.....	23	+0.5
Missouri.....	26	+3.6	Wisconsin.....	15	+1.5
Montana.....	18	+4.0	Wyoming.....	25	+1.2

¹Main roads only.

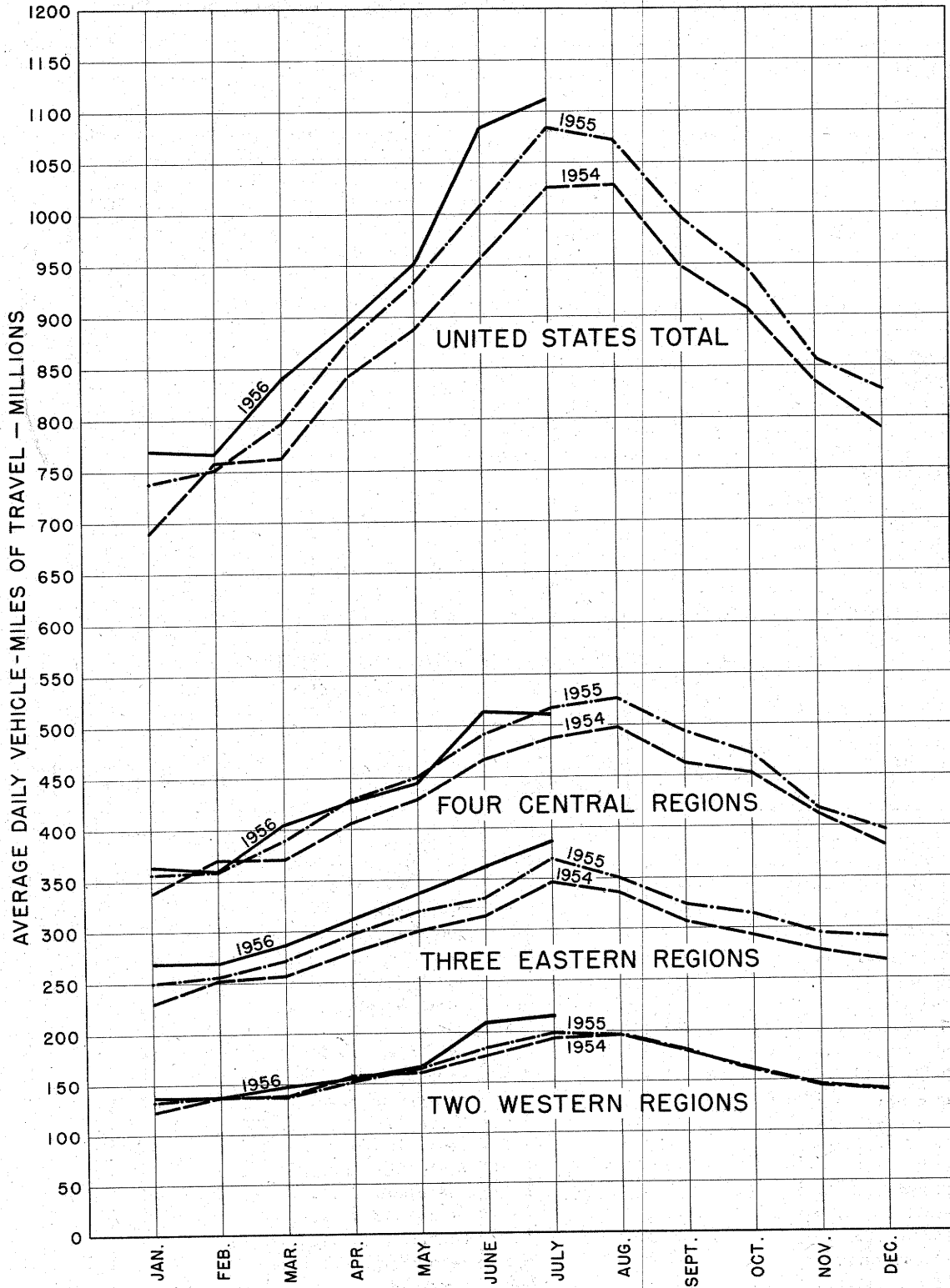


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

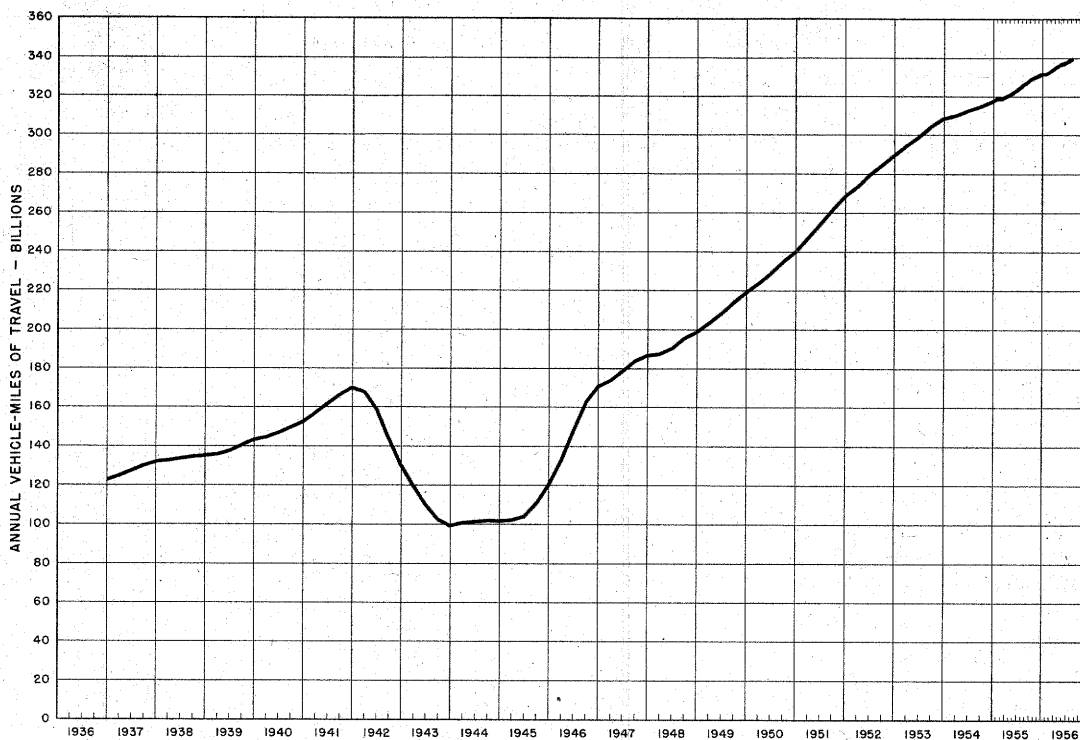


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

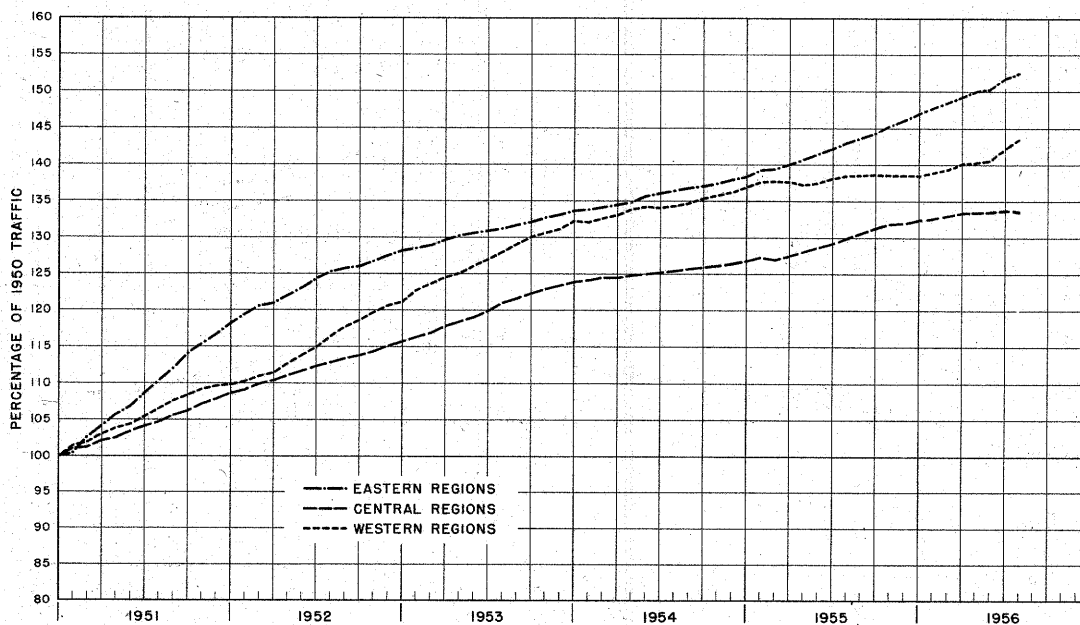


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

Table 2.—JUNE 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data¹

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from June 1955	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from June 1955
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	17	+ 5.7	Alabama.....	5	+12.3
Maine.....	11	+ 6.6	Kentucky.....	14	+ 8.3
Massachusetts.....	12	+12.4	Mississippi.....	36	- 4.8
New Hampshire.....	44	+12.8	Tennessee.....	21	+ 5.1
Rhode Island.....	4	- 6.8			
Vermont.....	13	+ 6.4	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:		
			Iowa.....	26	+ 3.8
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Kansas.....	51	+ 5.4
New Jersey.....	7	+ 8.3	Minnesota.....	26	+ 4.6
New York.....	.....	+ 1.9	Missouri.....	26	+ 5.4
Pennsylvania.....	52	+ 5.7	Nebraska.....	.....	+ 0.4
			North Dakota.....	.....	- 0.2
SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):			South Dakota.....	28	+ 1.0
Delaware.....	7	+ 8.5	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Maryland.....	29	+ 6.6	Arkansas.....	23	+ 3.9
Virginia.....	.....	+ 4.3	Louisiana.....	37	+ 8.8
West Virginia.....	23	+ 5.1	Oklahoma.....	22	0.0
			Texas.....	80	+ 3.5
SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):			MOUNTAIN:		
Florida.....	54	+11.9	Arizona.....	11	+ 6.2
Georgia.....	25	+ 6.2	Colorado.....	21	+10.1
North Carolina.....	28	+10.6	Idaho.....	9	+ 5.0
South Carolina.....	9	+ 5.1	Montana.....	18	+ 8.3
			Nevada.....	20	+ 9.0
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			New Mexico.....	.....	+ 6.4
Illinois.....	7	+16.7	Utah.....	12	+ 7.4
Indiana.....	22	+ 1.6	Wyoming.....	25	+ 6.3
Michigan.....	28	+ 4.3	PACIFIC:		
Ohio.....	+ 4.3	California.....	+18.7
Wisconsin.....	15	+ 8.0	Oregon.....	30	+ 9.6
			Washington.....	8	+ 3.8

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