

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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SUMMARY OF MOTOR-VEHICLE TRAVEL IN OCTOBER (PRELIMINARY) AND SEPTEMBER (REVISED)

Class of road:	Preliminary data for October 1956			Revised data for September 1956		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
Main rural roads.....	19,982	20,577	+3.0	20,520	21,201	+3.3
Local rural roads.....	.....	.....	+6.8	.....	.....	+3.6
All rural roads.....	.....	.....	+4.2	.....	.....	+3.4
City streets.....	.....	.....	+3.4	.....	.....	+2.6
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	+3.8	.....	.....	+3.1
By region (Main rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	6,535	6,815	+4.3	6,761	7,061	+4.4
Central regions.....	10,033	10,209	+1.8	10,174	10,356	+1.8
Western regions.....	3,414	3,553	+4.1	3,585	3,784	+5.6

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

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from October 1955	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from October 1955
Alabama.....	8	+3.1	Nebraska.....	.....	+0.2
Arizona.....	11	+2.2	Nevada.....	20	+3.1
Arkansas.....	22	+1.8	New Hampshire.....	15	+14.1
California.....	.....	+7.0	New Jersey.....	7	+9.7
Colorado.....	19	+1.2	New Mexico.....	.....	+5.4
Connecticut.....	17	+7.9	New York.....	.....	+0.9
Delaware.....	7	+1.2	North Carolina.....	31	+1.4
Florida.....	55	+5.9	North Dakota.....	.....	+5.7
Georgia.....	25	+2.4	Ohio.....	.....	+2.2
Idaho.....	9	-4.0	Oklahoma.....	21	-5.2
Illinois.....	6	+5.5	Oregon.....	28	-2.0
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Pennsylvania.....	51	-0.4
Iowa.....	26	-1.7	Rhode Island.....	1	+17.6
Kansas.....	14	+9.5	South Carolina.....	10	+3.2
Kentucky.....	14	-0.1	South Dakota.....	28	+1.4
Louisiana.....	34	+2.9	Tennessee.....	22	+4.0
Maine.....	8	+2.3	Texas.....	76	+1.6
Maryland.....	24	+4.7	Utah.....	12	+1.7
Massachusetts.....	12	+10.0	Vermont.....	7	+12.0
Michigan.....	31	-1.1	Virginia.....	.....	+6.0
Minnesota.....	25	+3.7	Washington.....	.....	.....
Mississippi.....	.....	.....	West Virginia.....	23	+2.9
Missouri.....	19	+2.3	Wisconsin.....	15	+3.9
Montana.....	17	+0.8	Wyoming.....	25	+1.0

¹Main roads only.

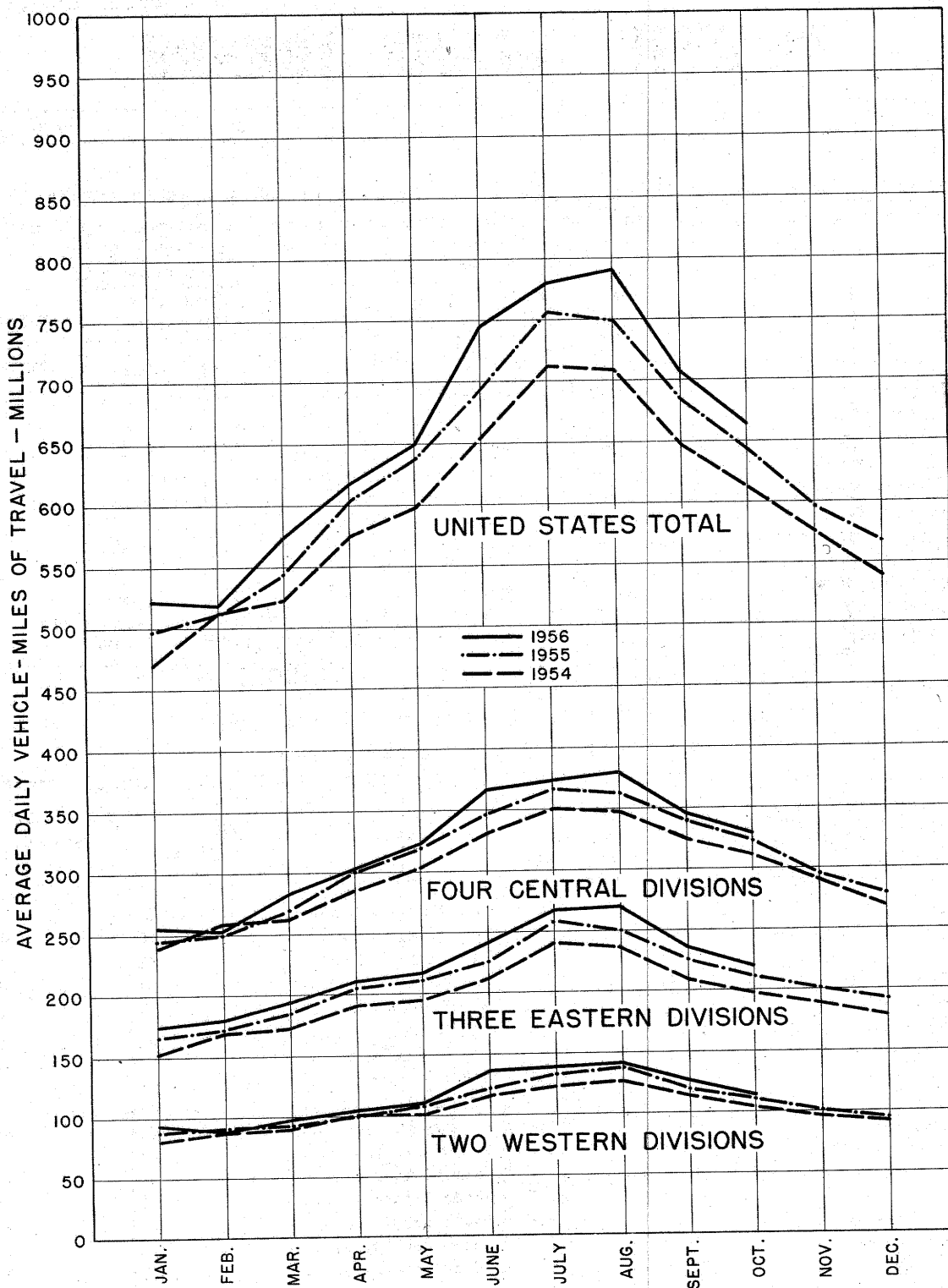


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN¹ RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS
¹Prior to August 1956 issue, data concerning all rural roads were included

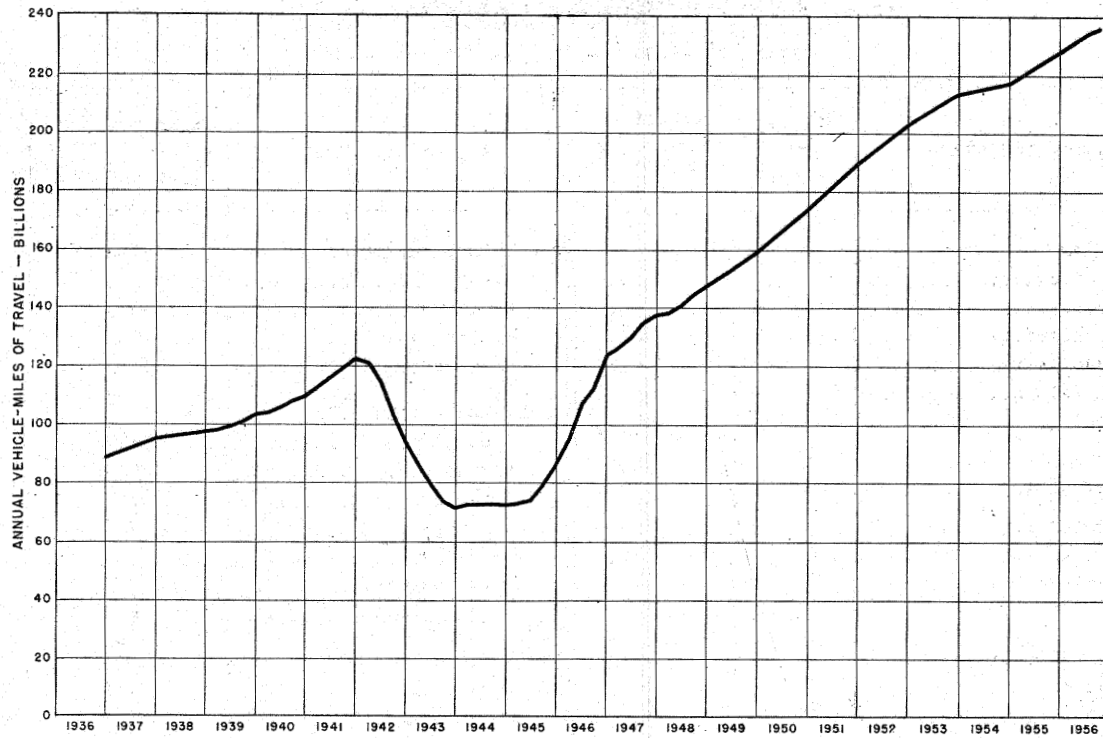


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON MAIN^v RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

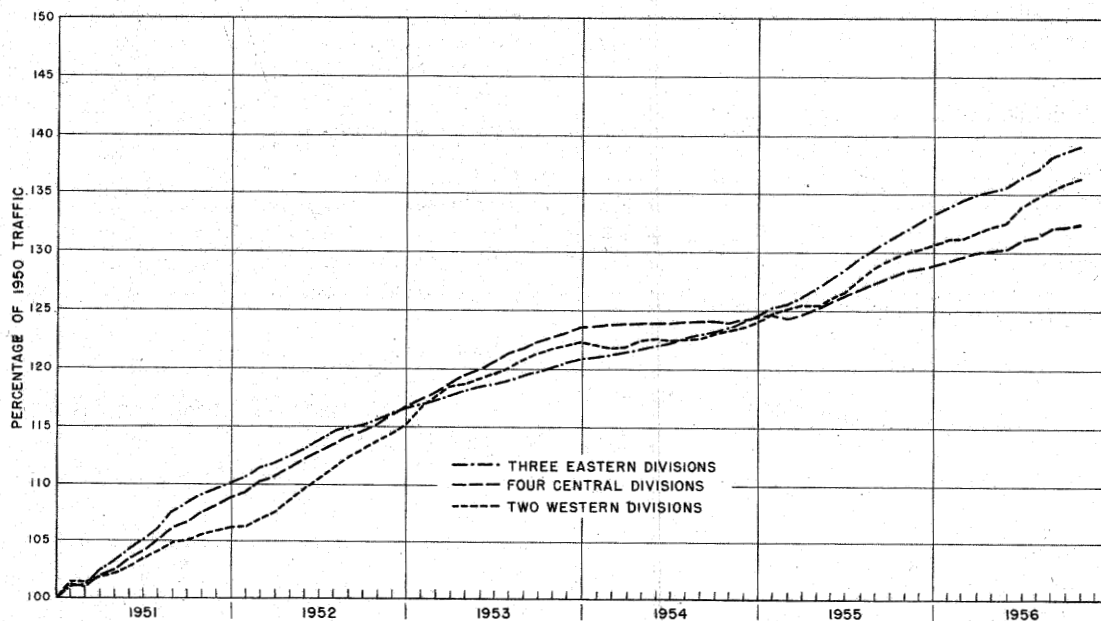


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON MAIN^v RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

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Table 2.—SEPTEMBER 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)

Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data¹

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from September 1955	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from September 1955
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	17	+0.4	Alabama.....	5	+11.2
Maine.....	8	-5.1	Kentucky.....	14	-4.4
Massachusetts.....	12	+5.3	Mississippi.....	35	+6.4
New Hampshire.....	44	-0.5	Tennessee.....	21	+1.9
Rhode Island.....	1	+6.5			
Vermont.....	13	+2.5	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:		
			Iowa.....	26	+0.4
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Kansas.....	14	-7.6
New Jersey.....	7	+4.5	Minnesota.....	25	+0.5
New York.....	.....	+3.8	Missouri.....	26	+1.5
Pennsylvania.....	51	-0.7	Nebraska.....	.....	+2.3
			North Dakota.....	.....	-7.6
SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):			South Dakota.....	28	-2.5
Delaware.....	8	+4.0	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Maryland.....	28	+0.3	Arkansas.....	22	+1.6
Virginia.....	.....	+7.0	Louisiana.....	33	+6.9
West Virginia.....	23	-0.7	Oklahoma.....	21	-7.0
			Texas.....	79	+1.5
SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):			MOUNTAIN:		
Florida.....	53	+8.7	Arizona.....	11	+7.9
Georgia.....	25	+3.5	Colorado.....	19	-0.6
North Carolina.....	30	+7.6	Idaho.....	9	+3.8
South Carolina.....	6	+0.9	Montana.....	17	+3.4
			Nevada.....	20	-0.1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			New Mexico.....	.....	+5.9
Illinois.....	5	+3.9	Utah.....	12	+4.8
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Wyoming.....	25	+2.3
Michigan.....	30	-2.7	PACIFIC:		
Ohio.....	+2.6	California.....	+6.9
Wisconsin.....	15	+1.0	Oregon.....	28	+1.9
			Washington.....	8	-0.8

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