

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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

| Class of road: | Preliminary data for January 1957 | | | Revised data for December 1956 | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| | Vehicle-miles (millions) | | Percent- age change | Vehicle-miles (millions) | | Percent- age change |
| | 1956 | 1957 | | 1955 | 1956 | |
| Main rural roads..... | 16,197 | 16,415 | + 1.3 | 17,614 | 18,195 | + 3.3 |
| Local rural roads..... | ..... | ..... | + 0.9 | ..... | ..... | + 6.3 |
| All rural roads..... | ..... | ..... | + 1.2 | ..... | ..... | + 4.3 |
| City streets..... | ..... | ..... | + 1.7 | ..... | ..... | + 1.5 |
| All roads and streets..... | ..... | ..... | + 1.4 | ..... | ..... | + 3.0 |
| Region (main rural only): | | | | | | |
| Eastern regions..... | 5,425 | 5,557 | + 2.4 | 5,981 | 6,229 | + 4.1 |
| Central regions..... | 7,917 | 7,923 | + 0.1 | 8,686 | 8,780 | + 1.1 |
| Western regions..... | 2,855 | 2,935 | + 2.8 | 2,947 | 3,186 | + 8.1 |

TABLE I.—JANUARY 1957 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data¹

| State | Number of stations | Percentage change from January 1956 | State | Number of stations | Percentage change from January 1956 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Alabama..... | 5 | + 3.7 | Nebraska..... | ..... | - 1.8 |
| Arizona..... | 11 | - 0.1 | Nevada..... | 20 | + 1.6 |
| Arkansas..... | 22 | - 0.8 | New Hampshire..... | 15 | + 1.8 |
| California..... | ..... | + 5.1 | New Jersey..... | 7 | + 5.6 |
| Colorado..... | 21 | - 1.4 | New Mexico..... | 25 | + 3.5 |
| Connecticut..... | 17 | - 1.0 | New York..... | ..... | ..... |
| Delaware..... | 6 | + 5.6 | North Carolina..... | 30 | + 2.2 |
| Florida..... | ..... | ..... | North Dakota..... | 16 | + 4.2 |
| Georgia..... | 25 | + 2.9 | Ohio..... | ..... | ..... |
| Idaho..... | 9 | + 0.4 | Oklahoma..... | 24 | - 8.1 |
| Illinois..... | 2 | + 1.6 | Oregon..... | 28 | - 6.3 |
| Indiana..... | 22 | + 4.0 | Pennsylvania..... | 51 | + 1.8 |
| Iowa..... | ..... | ..... | Rhode Island..... | 1 | 0.0 |
| Kansas..... | 14 | - 3.9 | South Carolina..... | 9 | - 1.3 |
| Kentucky..... | 14 | - 4.8 | South Dakota..... | 28 | - 0.2 |
| Louisiana..... | 37 | + 3.4 | Tennessee..... | 22 | - 1.1 |
| Maine..... | 11 | + 0.6 | Texas..... | 79 | + 0.8 |
| Maryland..... | 25 | - 0.8 | Utah..... | 14 | + 5.8 |
| Massachusetts..... | 12 | - 7.2 | Vermont..... | 7 | - 5.1 |
| Michigan..... | 30 | - 7.6 | Virginia..... | ..... | + 6.1 |
| Minnesota..... | 27 | + 3.0 | Washington..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mississippi..... | 35 | + 11.3 | West Virginia..... | 24 | + 4.7 |
| Missouri..... | 26 | + 1.9 | Wisconsin..... | 15 | - 6.9 |
| Montana..... | 17 | - 0.7 | Wyoming..... | 26 | + 5.5 |

¹Main roads only.

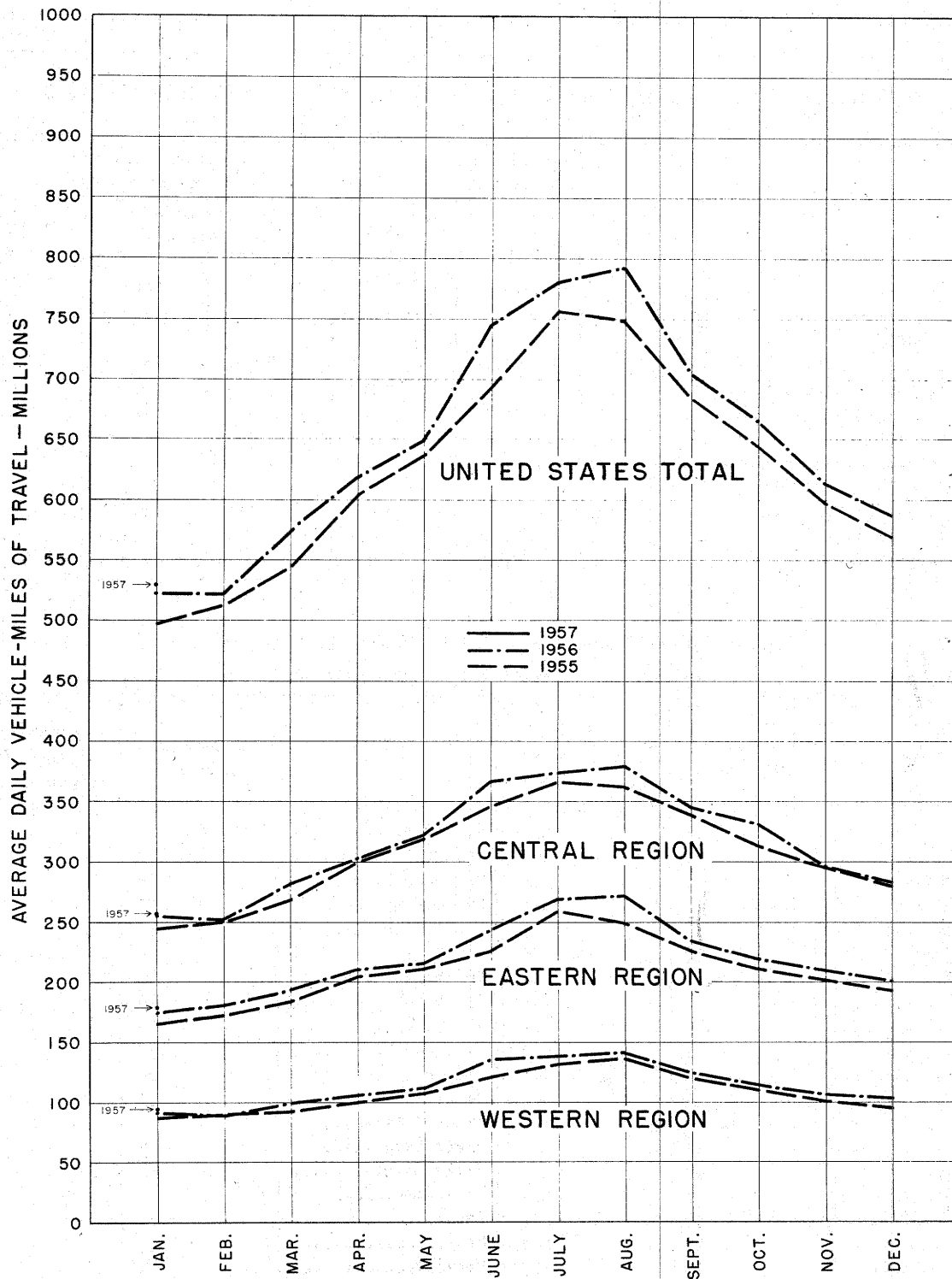


FIGURE 1—TRAVEL ON MAIN¹ RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

¹Prior to August 1956 issue, data concerning all rural roads were included

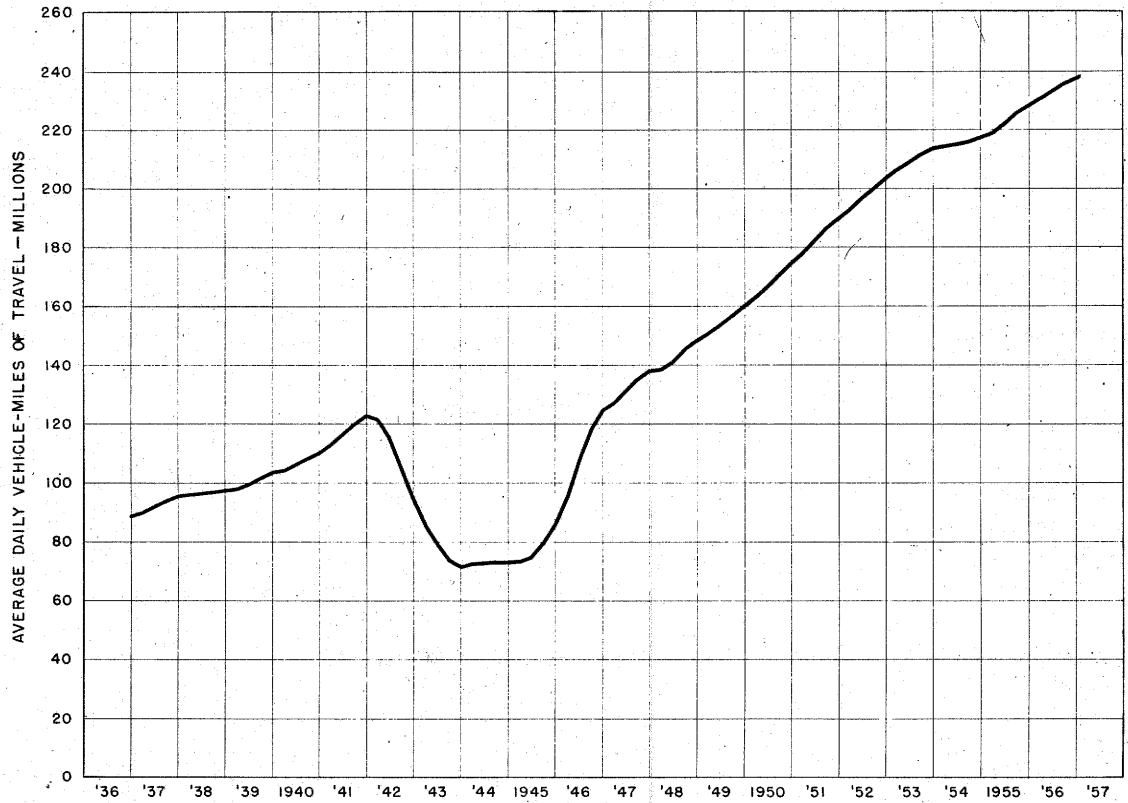


FIGURE 2—TRAVEL ON MAIN^{1/} RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

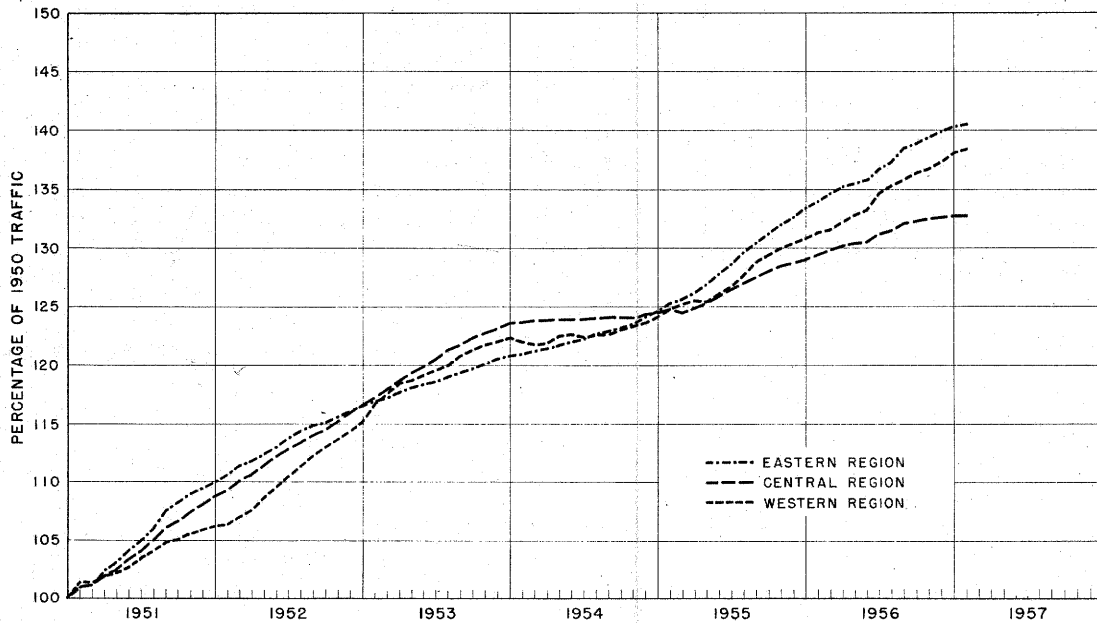


FIGURE 3—TRAVEL ON MAIN^{1/} RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

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

| Division and state | Number of stations | Percentage change from December 1955 | Division and state | Number of stations | Percentage change from December 1955 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| NEW ENGLAND: | | | EAST SOUTH CENTRAL: | | |
| Connecticut..... | 18 | + 1.5 | Alabama..... | 9 | + 0.5 |
| Maine..... | 11 | - 0.9 | Kentucky..... | 13 | + 2.8 |
| Massachusetts..... | 12 | - 4.4 | Mississippi..... | 36 | + 16.2 |
| New Hampshire..... | 45 | + 8.3 | Tennessee..... | 23 | + 1.5 |
| Rhode Island..... | 3 | + 1.1 | WEST NORTH CENTRAL: | | |
| Vermont..... | 13 | + 6.9 | Iowa..... | 26 | + 2.2 |
| MIDDLE ATLANTIC: | | | Kansas..... | 52 | - 3.9 |
| New Jersey..... | 7 | - 13.1 | Minnesota..... | 27 | + 6.6 |
| New York..... | ..... | ..... | Missouri..... | 26 | + 2.2 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 51 | + 2.5 | Nebraska..... | ..... | + 5.6 |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC (North): | | | North Dakota..... | ..... | ..... |
| Delaware..... | 8 | + 6.7 | South Dakota..... | 28 | + 12.8 |
| Maryland..... | 28 | + 4.3 | WEST SOUTH CENTRAL: | | |
| Virginia ¹..... | ..... | + 5.1 | Arkansas..... | 22 | - 0.7 |
| West Virginia..... | 22 | + 0.9 | Louisiana..... | 37 | + 2.6 |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC (South): | | | Oklahoma..... | 21 | - 4.9 |
| Florida..... | 55 | + 8.3 | Texas..... | 79 | + 2.4 |
| Georgia..... | 25 | + 4.4 | MOUNTAIN: | | |
| North Carolina..... | 32 | + 6.4 | Arizona..... | 11 | + 2.5 |
| South Carolina..... | 8 | + 2.3 | Colorado..... | 20 | + 1.0 |
| EAST NORTH CENTRAL: | | | Idaho..... | 9 | + 6.2 |
| Illinois..... | 6 | - 0.9 | Montana..... | 17 | + 14.6 |
| Indiana..... | 22 | + 1.6 | Nevada..... | 20 | + 12.5 |
| Michigan..... | 30 | - 5.4 | New Mexico..... | ..... | + 6.3 |
| Ohio..... | ..... | - 0.7 | Utah..... | 12 | + 6.4 |
| Wisconsin..... | 15 | + 0.7 | Wyoming..... | 25 | + 4.6 |
| | | | PACIFIC: | | |
| | | | California..... | | + 17.0 |
| | | | Oregon..... | 28 | + 3.5 |
| | | | Washington..... | 8 | + 9.8 |

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