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SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN AUGUST (PRELIMINARY) AND JULY (REVISED)

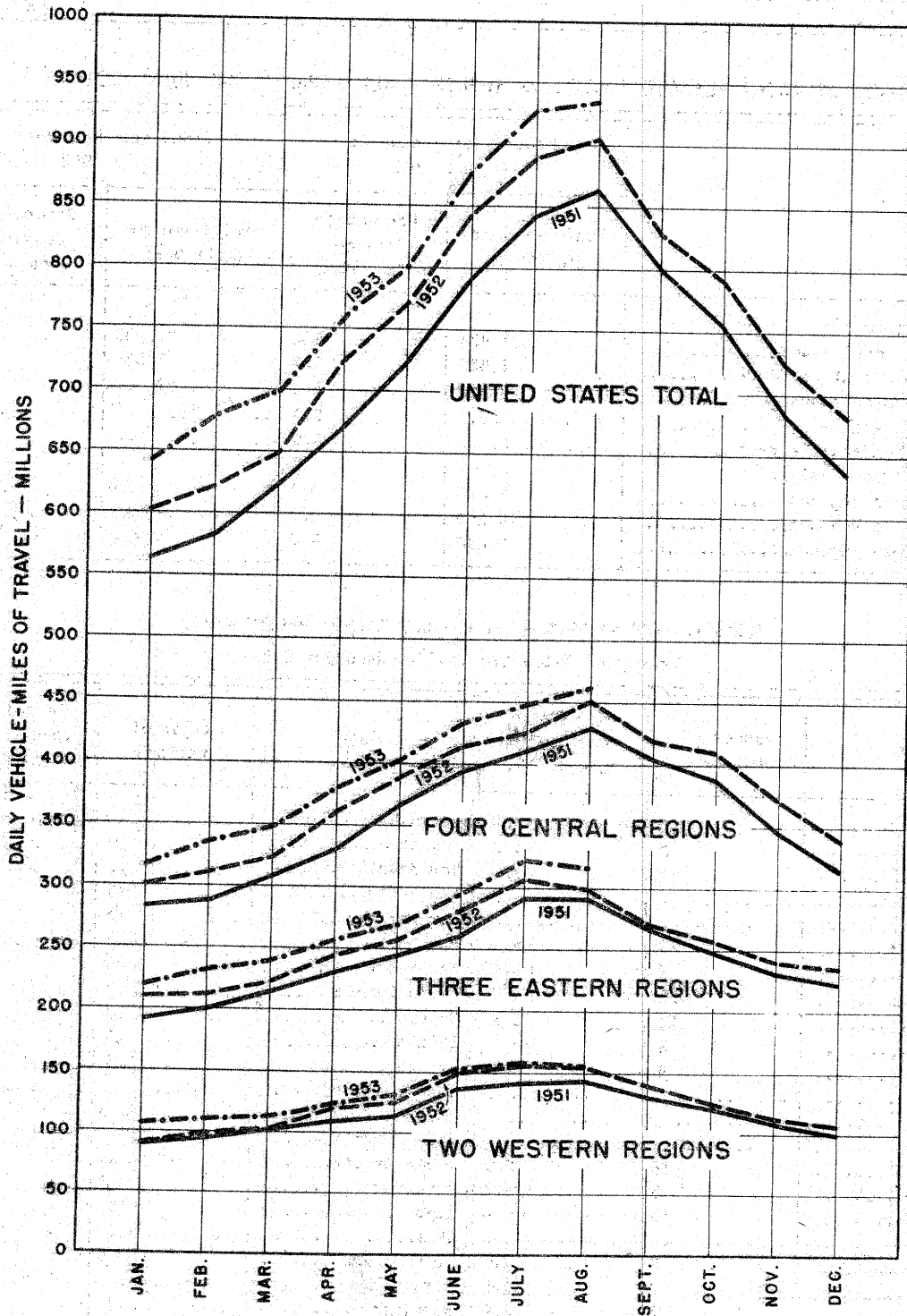
	Preliminary data for August 1953		Revised data for July 1953	
	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from 1952	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from 1952
Class of road:				
Main rural roads.....	21,474	3.2	21,195	4.2
Local rural roads.....	7,482	3.1	7,555	4.7
All rural roads.....	28,956	3.2	28,750	4.3
City streets.....	.....	5.1	.....	4.9
All roads and streets.....	.....	4.0	.....	4.6
By region (rural only):				
Eastern regions.....	9,831	7.0	9,975	4.7
Central regions.....	14,295	2.3	13,881	5.1
Western regions.....	4,830	0.3	4,894	1.5

Table 1.—AUGUST 1953 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)

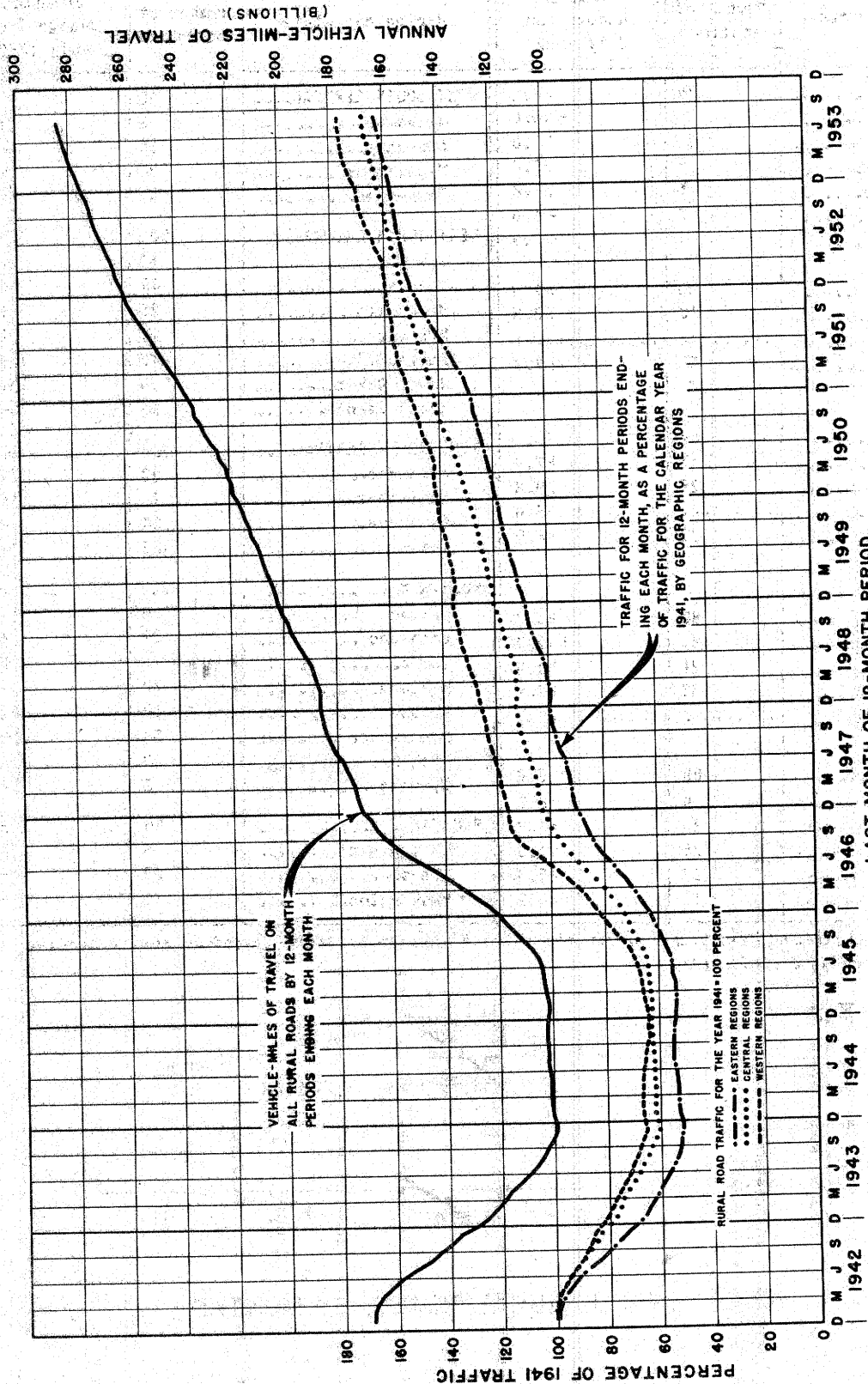
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from August 1952	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from August 1952
Alabama.....	10	+11.7	Nebraska.....	.....	.....
Arizona.....	6	+4.7	Nevada.....	19	+15.7
Arkansas.....	22	+2.8	New Hampshire.....	.....	.....
California.....	.....	.....	New Jersey.....	10	+7.1
Colorado.....	.....	.....	New Mexico ¹	25	+5.9
Connecticut.....	20	+5.9	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	7	+7.0	North Carolina.....	38	+2.9
Florida.....	22	+9.2	North Dakota.....	18	+3.3
Georgia.....	21	+3.8	Ohio.....	24	+3.9
Idaho.....	9	+3.1	Oklahoma.....	20	-5.3
Illinois.....	4	-2.7	Oregon.....	18	+0.5
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Pennsylvania.....	.....	.....
Iowa.....	.....	.....	Rhode Island.....	5	+2.0
Kansas.....	.....	.....	South Carolina.....	3	+13.3
Kentucky.....	15	-2.9	South Dakota.....	30	+4.6
Louisiana.....	38	+10.0	Tennessee.....	19	+3.7
Maine.....	10	+0.4	Texas.....	107	+2.1
Maryland.....	.....	.....	Utah.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts.....	9	+3.0	Vermont.....	6	+8.1
Michigan.....	29	-2.8	Virginia ¹.....	.....	+5.9
Minnesota.....	27	+2.4	Washington.....	15	-2.0
Mississippi.....	20	+7.3	West Virginia.....	30	+3.5
Missouri.....	27	+2.5	Wisconsin.....	11	+4.7
Montana.....	20	+2.4	Wyoming.....	.....	.....

¹Percentage calculated from trend in vehicle-miles furnished by State, based on more extensive counts in addition to the ATR data.



TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS



TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES AND AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1941

Table 2.—JULY 1953 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from July 1952	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from July 1952
NEW ENGLAND.....	74	+6.2	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL....	65	+5.2
Connecticut.....	22	+10.0	Alabama.....	9	+8.9
Maine.....	11	+0.8	Kentucky.....	15	+1.7
Massachusetts.....	9	+0.3	Mississippi.....	20	+7.2
New Hampshire.....	15	+5.8	Tennessee.....	21	+5.4
Rhode Island.....	3	-1.5	WEST NORTH CENTRAL....	208	+5.9
Vermont.....	14	+5.9	Iowa.....	33	+7.2
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	58	+2.3	Kansas.....	60	+5.1
New Jersey.....	10	+3.5	Minnesota.....	25	+6.4
New York.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	27	+5.6
Pennsylvania.....	48	+2.0	Nebraska ¹	15	+1.6
SOUTH ATLANTIC			North Dakota.....	18	+5.4
(North).....	64	+8.8	South Dakota.....	30	+8.6
Delaware.....	7	+7.8	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL....	191	+3.7
Maryland.....	25	+9.3	Arkansas.....	23	-3.8
Virginia ¹.....	.....	+5.6	Louisiana.....	41	+9.4
West Virginia.....	32	+8.0	Oklahoma.....	20	-4.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC			Texas.....	107	+4.6
(South).....	80	+5.2	MOUNTAIN.....	121	+4.6
Florida.....	21	+12.0	Arizona.....	6	+4.7
Georgia.....	21	+3.4	Colorado ¹	22	+2.3
North Carolina.....	38	+2.1	Idaho.....	9	+4.3
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	Montana.....	20	-0.5
EAST NORTH CENTRAL....	89	+3.6	Nevada.....	19	+13.7
Illinois.....	4	+8.7	New Mexico ¹	24	+6.2
Indiana.....	23	+4.3	Utah.....	13	+3.8
Michigan.....	28	+1.0	Wyoming.....	8	-1.7
Ohio.....	23	+5.6	PACIFIC.....	40	+2.7
Wisconsin.....	11	+6.9	California ¹	5	+1.4
			Oregon.....	20	+2.4
			Washington.....	15	+3.9

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