

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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

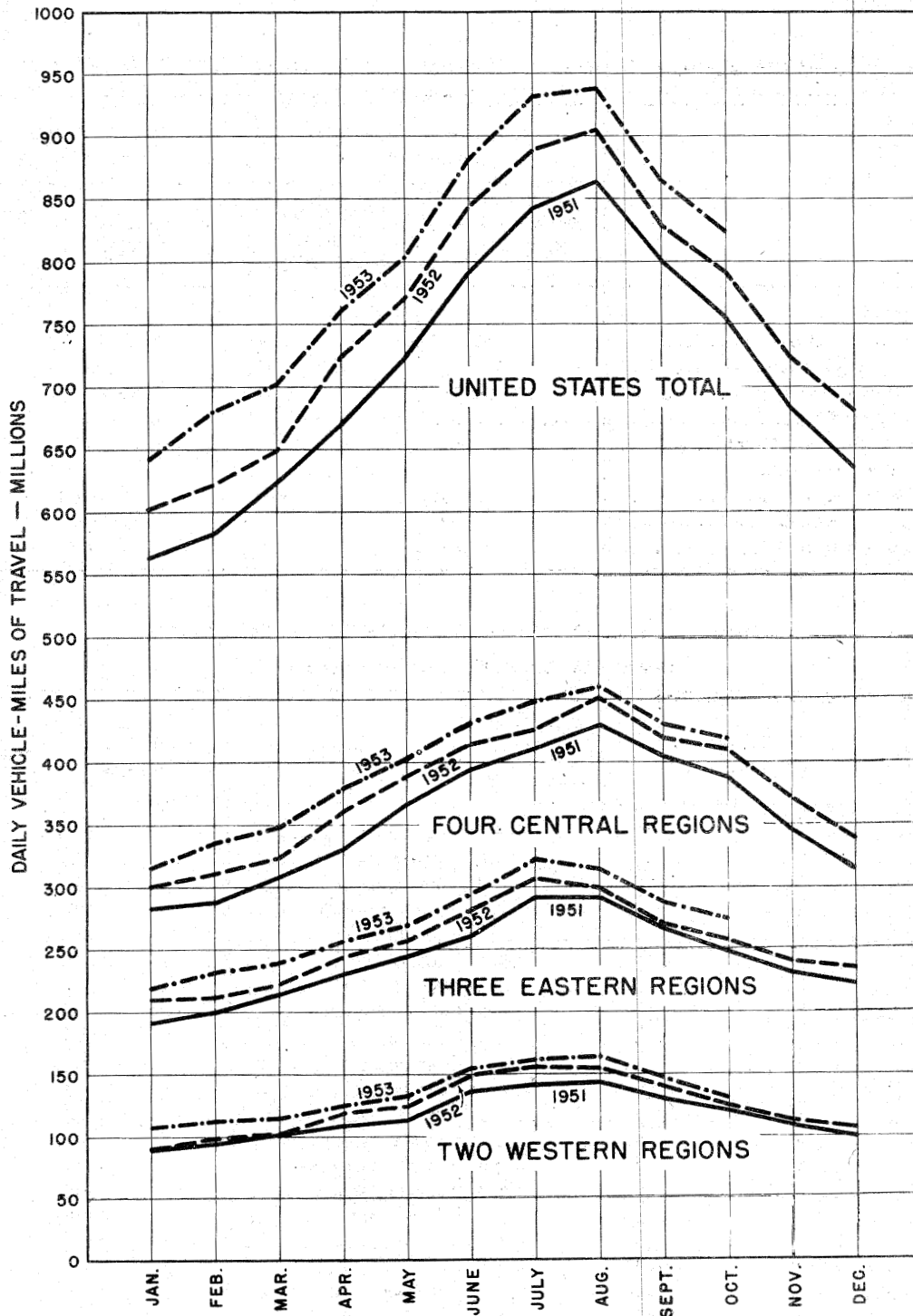
Class of road:	Preliminary data for October 1953		Revised data for September 1953	
	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from 1952	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from 1952
Main rural roads.....	18,427	2.4	18,846	4.7
Local rural roads.....	7,106	5.6	7,113	3.7
All rural roads.....	25,533	4.1	25,959	4.4
City streets.....	.....	4.3	.....	5.1
All roads and streets.....	.....	4.2	.....	4.7
By region (rural only):				
Eastern regions.....	8,497	6.6	8,646	6.7
Central regions.....	12,994	2.5	12,911	2.7
Western regions.....	4,042	3.8	4,402	4.8

Table 1.—OCTOBER 1953 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)  
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

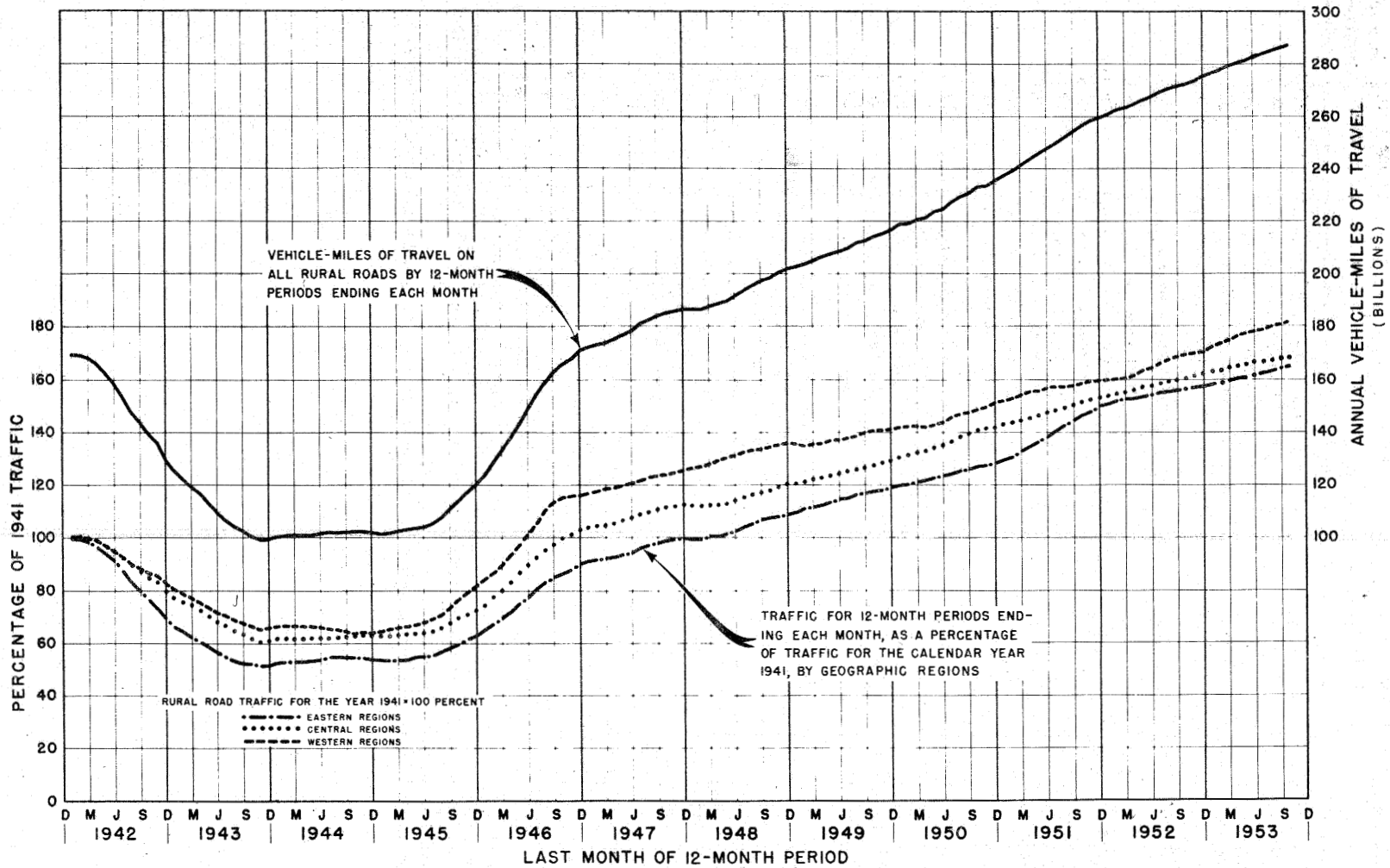
State	Number of stations	Percentage change from October 1952	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from October 1952
Alabama.....	10	+8.4	Nebraska.....	14	+3.6
Arizona.....	6	-2.8	Nevada.....	19	+15.3
Arkansas.....	3	-3.3	New Hampshire.....	14	+7.7
California.....	6	-1.1	New Jersey.....	10	+5.6
Colorado.....	.....	.....	New Mexico.....	24	+1.9
Connecticut.....	20	+8.9	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	.....	.....	North Carolina.....	39	+5.5
Florida.....	21	+8.9	North Dakota.....	16	+3.8
Georgia.....	21	+6.2	Ohio.....	22	+3.7
Idaho.....	.....	.....	Oklahoma <sup>2</sup> .....	20	-6.2
Illinois.....	2	-0.9	Oregon.....	18	+1.0
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Pennsylvania.....	48	+4.7
Iowa.....	.....	.....	Rhode Island.....	4	+1.1
Kansas.....	13	-2.4	South Carolina.....	7	+1.5
Kentucky.....	15	+2.0	South Dakota.....	30	+3.6
Louisiana.....	40	+7.4	Tennessee.....	22	+4.2
Maine.....	9	+4.5	Texas.....	102	-0.2
Maryland.....	22	+8.9	Utah.....	12	+3.1
Massachusetts.....	8	+6.5	Vermont.....	7	+3.6
Michigan.....	30	-0.3	Virginia <sup>1</sup> .....	.....	+5.3
Minnesota.....	27	+3.0	Washington.....	14	+1.9
Mississippi.....	20	+5.2	West Virginia.....	31	+6.3
Missouri.....	20	+5.9	Wisconsin.....	10	+7.2
Montana.....	20	+3.1	Wyoming.....	.....	.....

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

<sup>2</sup>Turnpike opened in May 1953 diverting considerable traffic from some of these stations.



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.—SEPTEMBER 1953 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)  
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from September 1952	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from September 1952
<b>NEW ENGLAND.....</b>	71	+7.6	<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL....</b>	60	+5.2
Connecticut.....	22	+8.1	Alabama.....	10	+7.0
Maine.....	11	+0.7	Kentucky.....	14	+0.7
Massachusetts.....	7	+9.5	Mississippi.....	20	+5.5
New Hampshire.....	14	+9.7	Tennessee.....	16	+10.5
Rhode Island.....	5	+10.2	<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL....</b>	212	+6.6
Vermont.....	12	+6.9	Iowa.....	32	+8.8
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....</b>	57	+3.8	Kansas.....	64	+4.8
New Jersey.....	10	+9.7	Minnesota.....	27	+7.0
New York.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	27	+6.6
Pennsylvania.....	47	+2.7	Nebraska <sup>1</sup> .....	15	+6.7
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>			North Dakota.....	17	+7.5
(North).....	59	+6.8	South Dakota.....	30	+5.6
Delaware.....	6	+9.2	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL....</b>	179	+4.4
Maryland.....	26	+5.9	Arkansas.....	17	-0.2
Virginia <sup>1</sup> .....	.....	+5.3	Louisiana.....	40	+11.4
West Virginia.....	27	+8.1	Oklahoma <sup>2</sup> .....	20	+0.3
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>			Texas.....	102	+2.6
(South).....	86	+4.0	<b>MOUNTAIN.....</b>	122	+7.1
Florida.....	22	+10.0	Arizona.....	7	+3.0
Georgia.....	19	+0.6	Colorado.....	22	+9.4
North Carolina.....	39	+3.3	Idaho.....	9	+4.5
South Carolina.....	6	-1.8	Montana.....	20	+3.2
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL....</b>	83	+3.7	Nevada.....	19	+21.0
Illinois.....	3	-3.1	New Mexico <sup>1</sup> .....	25	+4.9
Indiana.....	21	+5.6	Utah.....	12	+1.9
Michigan.....	30	+0.6	Wyoming.....	8	+3.9
Ohio.....	18	+4.9	<b>PACIFIC.....</b>	40	+5.1
Wisconsin.....	11	+11.5	California <sup>1</sup> .....	5	+5.8
			Oregon.....	18	+4.7
			Washington.....	17	+5.0

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