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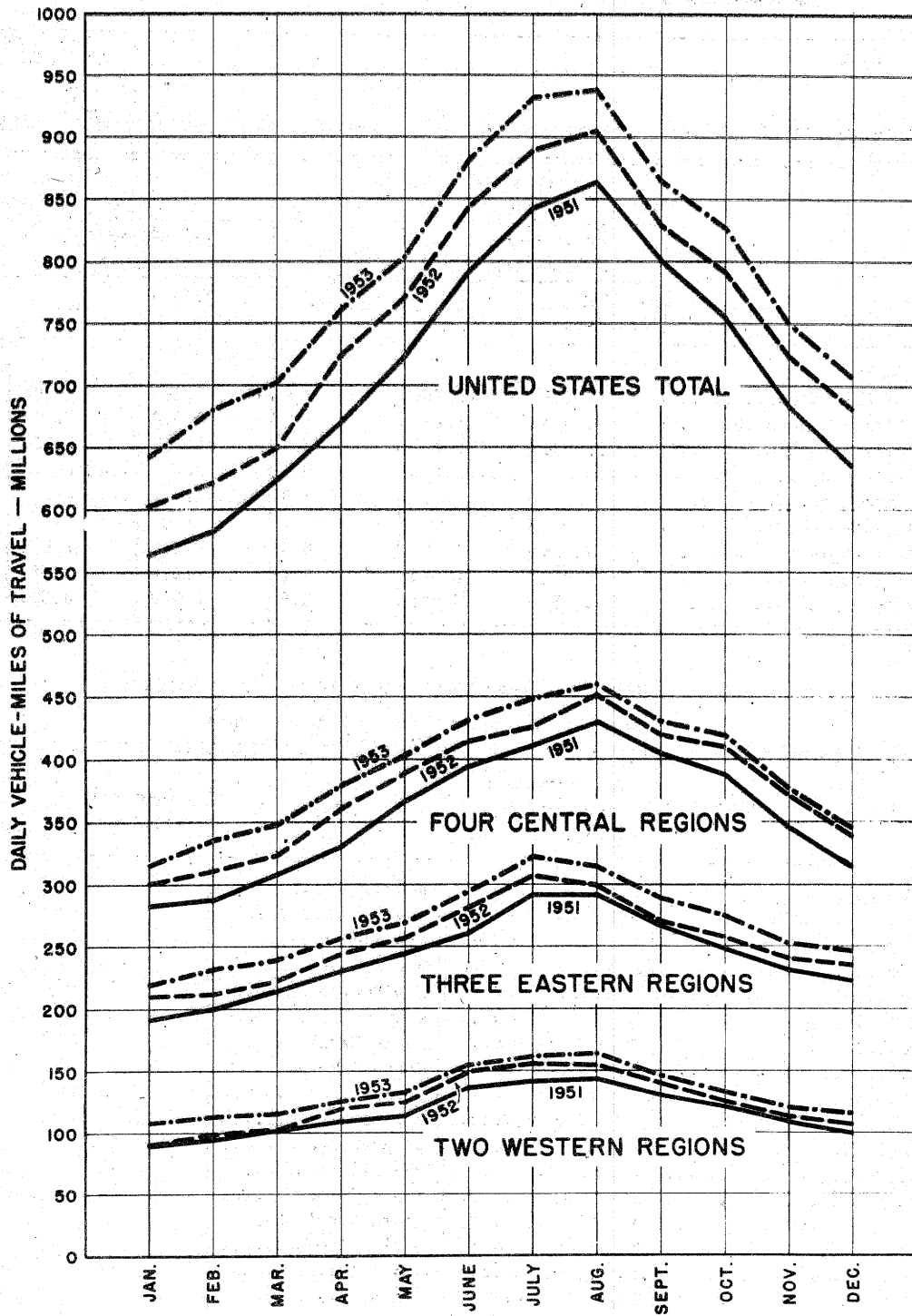
SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN DECEMBER (PRELIMINARY) AND NOVEMBER (REVISED)

Class of road:	Preliminary data for December 1953			Revised data for November 1953		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change
	1952 (revised)	1953		1952 (revised)	1953	
Main rural roads.....	15,306	15,710	2.6	15,945	16,343	2.5
Local rural roads.....	5,854	6,210	6.1	5,850	6,177	5.6
All rural roads.....	21,160	21,920	3.6	21,795	22,520	3.3
City streets.....	.....	.....	6.4	.....	.....	4.8
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	4.9	.....	.....	4.0
By region (rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	7,295	7,624	4.5	7,212	7,574	5.0
Central regions.....	10,414	10,688	2.6	11,074	11,321	2.2
Western regions.....	3,451	3,608	4.5	3,509	3,625	3.3

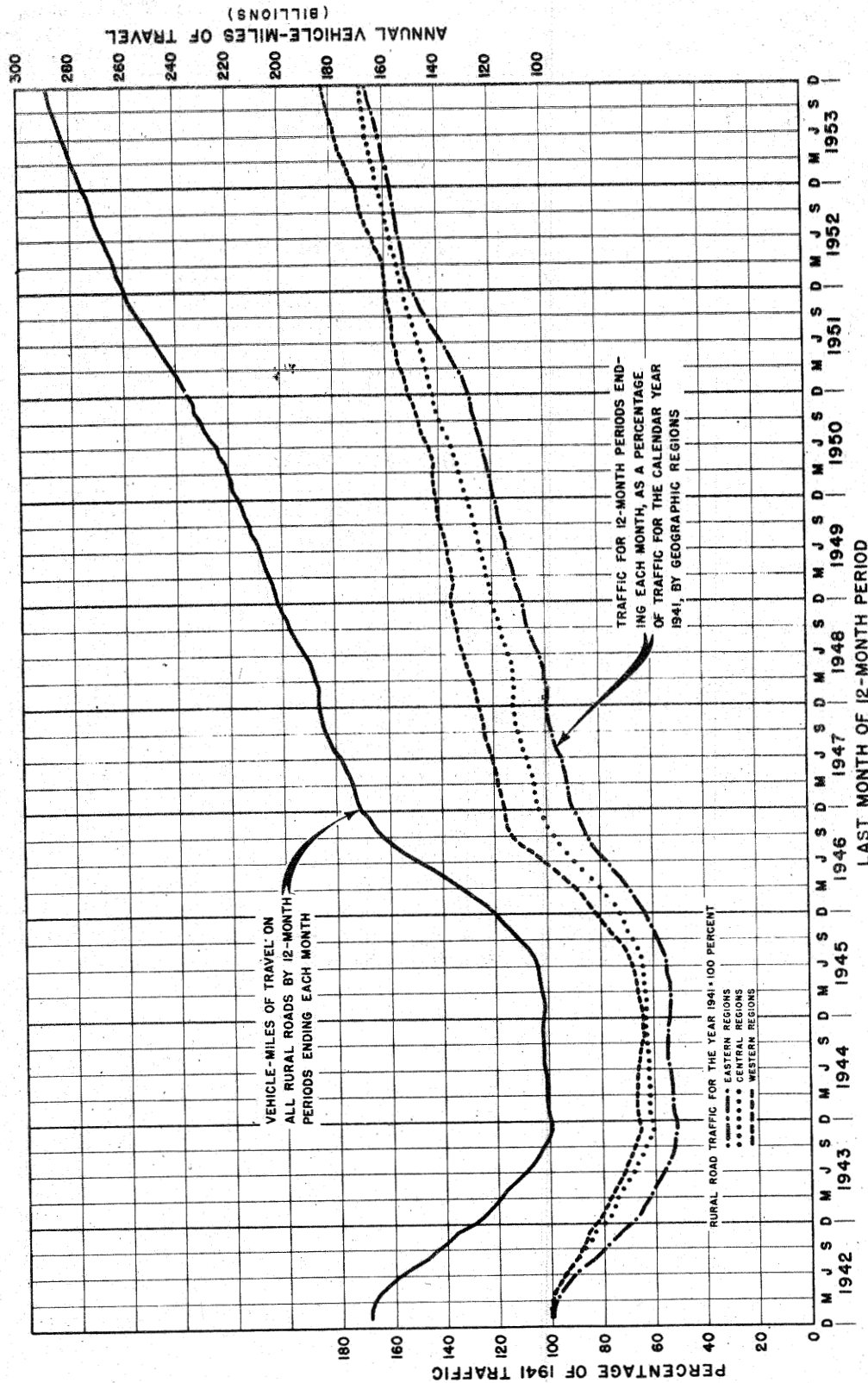
Table 1.—DECEMBER 1953 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from December 1952	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from December 1952
Alabama.....	9	+1.4	Nebraska.....	15	+8.5
Arizona.....	6	-2.9	Nevada.....	19	+5.5
Arkansas.....	3	+8.4	New Hampshire.....	.....	.....
California.....	.....	.....	New Jersey.....	10	+8.2
Colorado.....	.....	.....	New Mexico.....	25	+5.7
Connecticut.....	22	+9.5	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	7	+5.3	North Carolina.....	39	-0.3
Florida.....	.....	.....	North Dakota.....	18	-4.7
Georgia.....	.....	.....	Ohio.....	18	+4.5
Idaho.....	.....	.....	Oklahoma.....	18	+3.9
Illinois.....	3	+3.1	Oregon.....	17	+2.5
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Pennsylvania.....	51	+3.4
Iowa.....	.....	.....	Rhode Island.....	.....	.....
Kansas.....	14	+0.03	South Carolina.....	7	-1.9
Kentucky.....	14	+0.03	South Dakota.....	30	-1.2
Louisiana.....	.....	.....	Tennessee.....	20	+4.5
Maine.....	10	+4.9	Texas.....	98	+0.8
Maryland.....	22	+8.8	Utah.....	12	+6.9
Massachusetts.....	.....	.....	Vermont.....	7	+14.5
Michigan.....	30	-3.5	Virginia ¹.....	.....	+3.6
Minnesota.....	26	+3.3	Washington.....	11	+2.6
Mississippi.....	27	+3.4	West Virginia.....	31	+2.1
Missouri.....	20	+4.9	Wisconsin.....	26	+4.3
Montana.....	19	+10.5	Wyoming.....	8	-1.5

¹ Percentage calculated from trend in vehicle-miles furnished by State.



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.—NOVEMBER 1953 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)

Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from November 1952	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from November 1952
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	22	+6.7	Alabama.....	10	+6.9
Maine.....	10	+1.0	Kentucky.....	15	+0.4
Massachusetts.....	8	+14.4	Mississippi.....	20	+1.0
New Hampshire.....	3	+9.9	Tennessee.....	18	+12.7
Rhode Island.....	5	+2.6	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:		
Vermont.....	7	+9.5	Iowa.....	33	+7.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Kansas.....	57	+5.8
New Jersey.....	10	+8.3	Minnesota.....	26	+6.9
New York.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	27	+2.6
Pennsylvania.....	47	+2.0	Nebraska ¹.....	.....	+5.6
SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):			North Dakota.....	17	0.0
Delaware.....	7	+0.3	South Dakota.....	30	-0.5
Maryland.....	27	+4.9	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Virginia ¹.....	.....	+3.9	Arkansas.....	22	-7.1
West Virginia.....	31	+4.4	Louisiana.....	43	+8.1
SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):			Oklahoma.....	18	+4.5
Florida.....	20	+8.9	Texas.....	100	+3.7
Georgia.....	21	+2.7	MOUNTAIN:		
North Carolina.....	40	+1.3	Arizona.....	6	-3.2
South Carolina.....	7	-1.1	Colorado.....	22	+7.5
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			Idaho.....	9	+5.8
Illinois.....	5	+9.9	Montana.....	19	+12.6
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Nevada.....	19	+9.6
Michigan.....	30	-7.9	New Mexico ¹.....	.....	+4.0
Ohio.....	21	+3.9	Utah.....	11	+8.0
Wisconsin.....	11	-4.5	Wyoming.....	9	-2.6
			PACIFIC:		
			California ¹	+0.3
			Oregon.....	17	+5.8
			Washington.....	15	+2.0

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