

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

January 1952

On the basis of preliminary figures, motor-vehicle travel on main and local roads for the country as a whole was higher during January 1952 than in any previous year.

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage increase from 1951
Main rural roads.....	13,140	5.5
Local rural roads.....	4,899	10.5
All rural roads.....	18,039	6.8

Traffic on rural roads in the geographic regions and changes from 1951 are as follows:

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage increase from 1951
Eastern regions.....	5,925	7.7
Central regions.....	9,376	8.3
Western regions.....	2,738	0.0

Traffic on city streets also was higher than in any previous January. Comparisons with January 1951, for city streets, rural roads, and all roads and streets are as follows:

	Percentage increase from 1951
City streets.....	3.6
Rural roads.....	6.8
All roads and streets.....	5.1

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Table 1.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR JANUARY 1952 INCLUDING 788 STATIONS IN 41 STATES ¹

Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from January 1951	Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from January 1951
STATE HIGHWAYS			STATE HIGHWAYS—Con.		
Alabama.....	7	+8.1	Texas.....	106	+6.5
Arizona.....	4	+6.9	Utah.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	Vermont.....	6	+5.4
California.....	5	-0.5	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	22	+4.4	Washington.....	10	-7.4
Connecticut.....	18	+13.7	West Virginia.....	23	+12.4
Delaware.....	6	+15.3	Wisconsin.....	10	+6.8
Florida.....	20	+8.7	Wyoming.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	7	+6.1			
Idaho.....	9	+6.5	TOTAL—41 STATES ¹.....	741	+5.5
Illinois.....	4	-10.6			
Indiana.....	21	+7.9	LOCAL HIGHWAYS		
Iowa.....	24	-5.3	Alabama.....	2	+18.1
Kansas.....	14	+5.3	Connecticut.....	3	+14.7
Kentucky.....	14	+17.1	Delaware.....	1	-0.3
Louisiana.....	40	+9.0	Georgia.....	2	+20.5
Maine.....	12	-1.0	Indiana.....	1	+4.9
Maryland.....	16	+12.4	Iowa.....	8	+3.2
Massachusetts.....	7	+2.6	Kentucky.....	1	+14.9
Michigan.....	23	+6.2	Maryland.....	1	+32.0
Minnesota.....	27	+1.4	Michigan.....	2	+17.1
Mississippi.....	18	+9.6	Missouri.....	1	-13.4
Missouri.....	26	+7.5	Montana.....	2	+13.1
Montana.....	17	+5.3	Nebraska.....	4	-9.8
Nebraska.....	11	+0.3	New Jersey.....	3	+3.4
Nevada.....	18	-0.2	North Carolina.....	10	+9.4
New Hampshire.....	12	+3.8	North Dakota.....	1	-1.5
New Jersey.....	7	-0.1	Ohio.....	2	+27.0
New Mexico.....	21	+12.6	Oregon.....	1	+0.3
New York.....	.....	.....	South Dakota.....	1	-2.1
North Carolina.....	30	+9.8	Wisconsin.....	1	+2.2
North Dakota.....	9	+3.0			
Ohio.....	13	+8.1	TOTAL—19 STATES ¹.....	47	+10.5
Oklahoma.....	20	+10.8			
Oregon.....	8	-9.1	ALL HIGHWAYS—		
Pennsylvania.....	39	+3.4	41 STATES ¹	788	+6.8
Rhode Island.....	.....	.....	3 EASTERN REGIONS ¹ ...	223	+7.7
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	4 CENTRAL REGIONS ¹ ...	448	+8.3
South Dakota.....	23	+0.1	2 WESTERN REGIONS ¹	117	+0.0
Tennessee.....	14	+8.5			

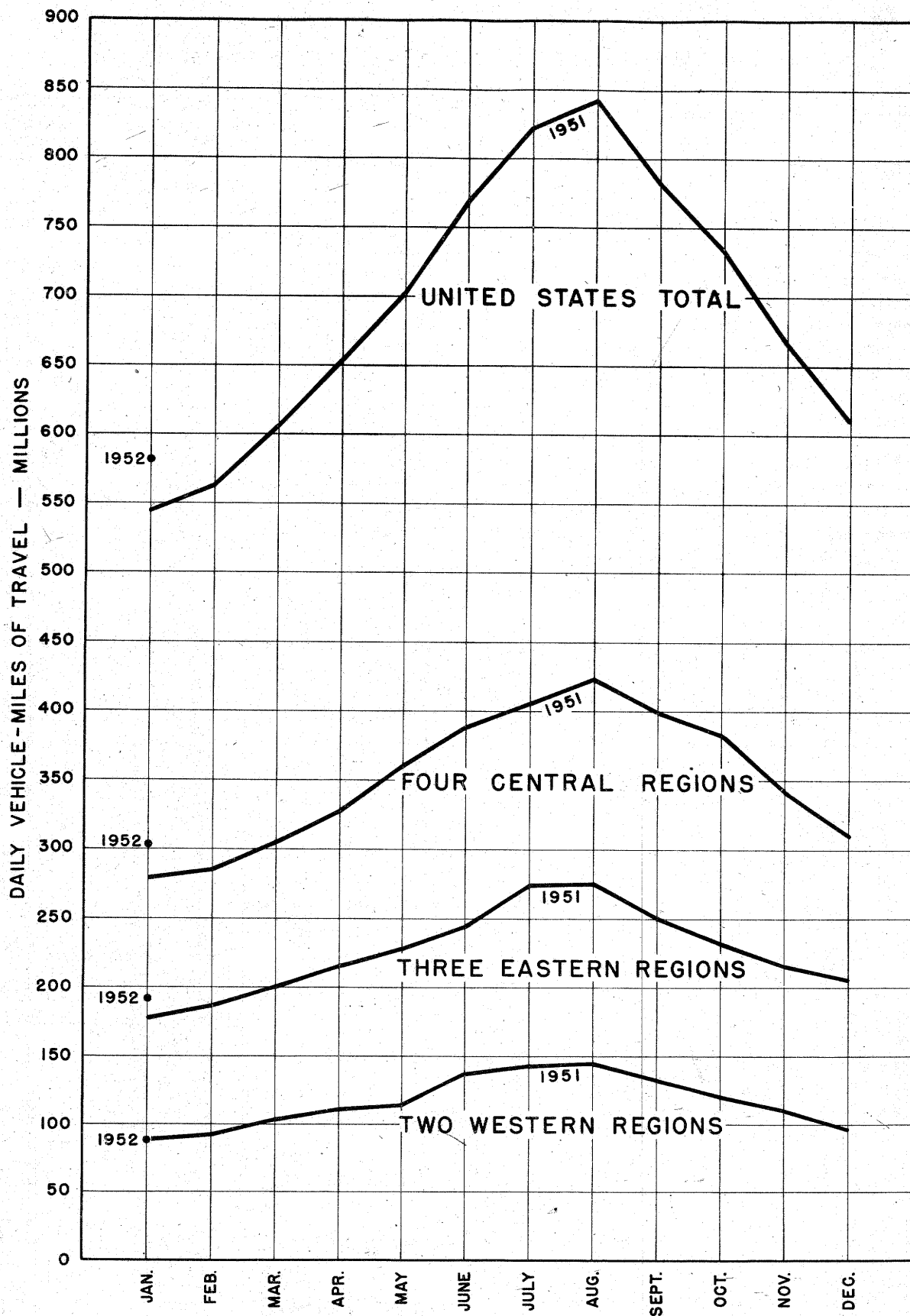
¹ Percentage figured from trend in vehicle miles.

Table 2.—REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR DECEMBER 1951 INCLUDING 817 STATIONS IN 45 STATES¹

Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from December 1950	Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from December 1950
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	24	+ 8.8	Alabama.....	9	+ 20.5
Maine.....	12	+ 0.9	Kentucky.....	15	+ 14.4
Massachusetts.....	7	+ 6.1	Mississippi.....	18	+ 5.5
New Hampshire.....	15	+ 2.3	Tennessee.....	16	+ 7.2
Rhode Island.....	2	- 6.0	<i>Subtotal</i>	58	+ 10.3
Vermont.....	12	+ 1.2	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
<i>Subtotal</i>	72	+ 6.0	Arkansas.....	.....	.....
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Louisiana.....	41	+ 9.7
New Jersey.....	10	+ 2.6	Oklahoma.....	20	+ 12.6
New York.....	.....	.....	Texas.....	106	+ 6.7
Pennsylvania.....	29	+ 7.6	<i>Subtotal</i>	167	+ 8.2
<i>Subtotal</i>	39	+ 6.1	MOUNTAIN:		
SOUTH ATLANTIC:			Arizona.....	5	+ 8.8
Delaware.....	7	+ 9.1	Colorado.....	22	- 2.0
Maryland.....	17	+ 8.9	Idaho.....	9	+ 1.7
Virginia ².....	.....	+ 8.8	Montana.....	20	- 3.5
West Virginia.....	22	+ 12.8	Nevada.....	19	+ 7.6
<i>Subtotal north</i>	46	+ 10.1	New Mexico.....	17	+ 6.4
<i>portion</i>.....	.....	.....	Utah.....	24	- 8.5
Florida.....	19	+ 7.3	Wyoming.....	8	+ 0.2
Georgia.....	9	+ 7.3	<i>Subtotal</i>	124	+ 1.3
North Carolina.....	39	+ 10.3	PACIFIC:		
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	California.....	6	+ 5.8
<i>Subtotal south</i>	.....	.....	Oregon.....	7	+ 1.4
<i>portion</i>	67	+ 8.8	Washington.....	9	- 1.6
<i>Subtotal</i>	.....	.....	<i>Subtotal</i>	22	+ 1.7
<i>region</i>	113	+ 9.4	TOTAL ALL STATES²....		
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			817		+ 6.4
Illinois.....	5	- 6.2	STATE HIGHWAYS².....		
Indiana.....	22	+ 4.7	770		+ 5.0
Michigan.....	25	- 0.5	LOCAL HIGHWAYS².....		
Ohio.....	14	+ 6.0	47		+ 10.5
Wisconsin.....	11	+ 7.7	3 EASTERN REGIONS²...		
<i>Subtotal</i>	77	+ 2.7	224		+ 11.3
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:			4 CENTRAL REGIONS²...		
Iowa.....	32	+ 4.5	447		+ 5.8
Kansas.....	14	- 0.7	2 WESTERN REGIONS²...		
Minnesota.....	21	+ 8.1	146		- 0.8
Missouri.....	26	+ 0.1			
Nebraska.....	13	- 0.7			
North Dakota.....	9	- 6.4			
South Dakota.....	30	- 12.9			
<i>Subtotal</i>	145	+ 0.7			

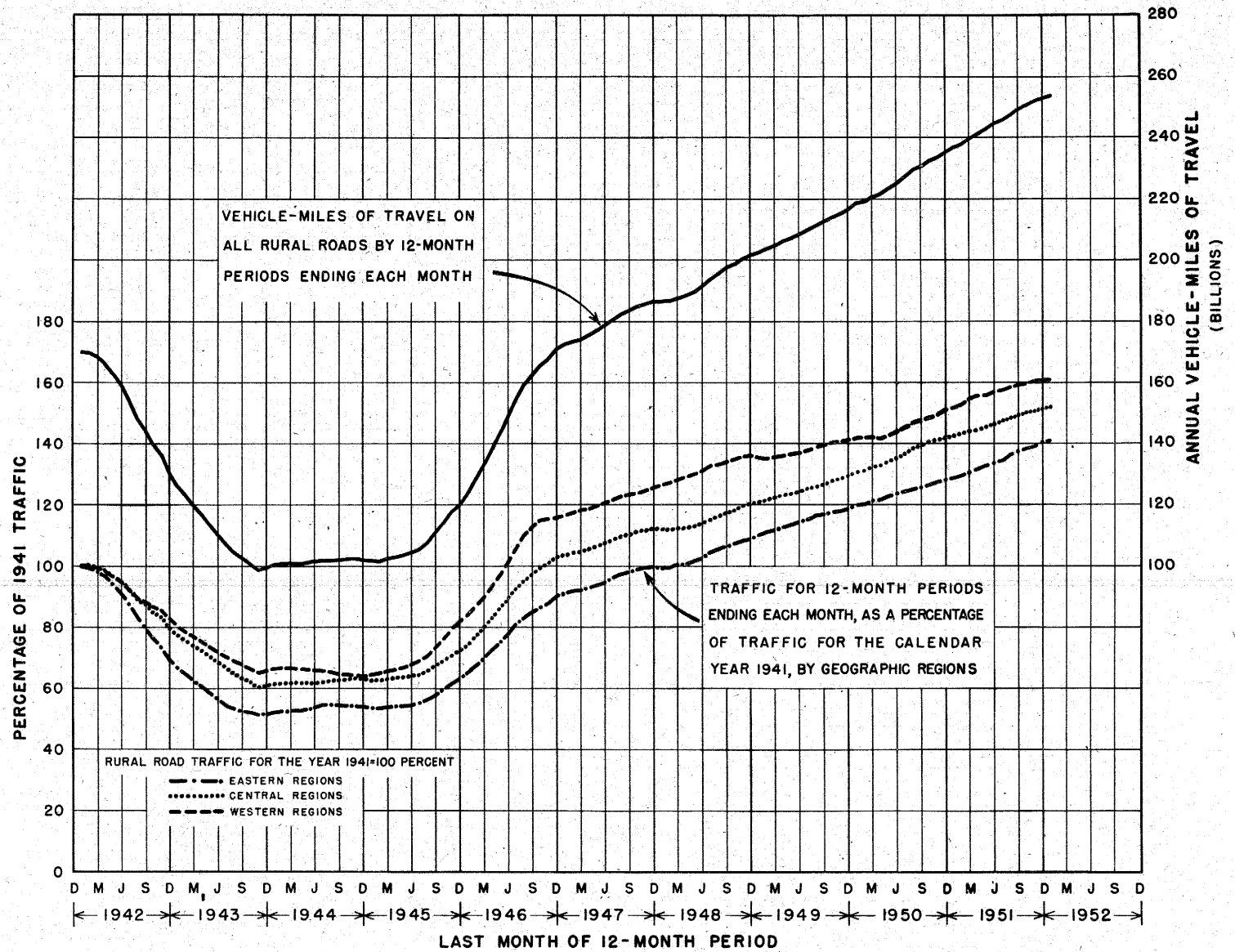
¹ Combined State and local highways.

² Percentage figured from trend in vehicle miles.



TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

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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

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