

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

April 1952

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

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage increase from 1951
Main rural roads.....	15,627	8.3
Local rural roads.....	5,528	6.6
All rural roads.....	21,155	7.9

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

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage increase from 1951
Eastern regions.....	6,854	6.1
Central regions.....	10,736	9.4
Western regions.....	3,565	6.7

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

	Percentage increase from 1951
City streets.....	4.0
Rural roads.....	7.9
All roads and streets.....	5.9

Attachments

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Table 1.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR APRIL 1952 INCLUDING 759 STATIONS IN 38 STATES¹

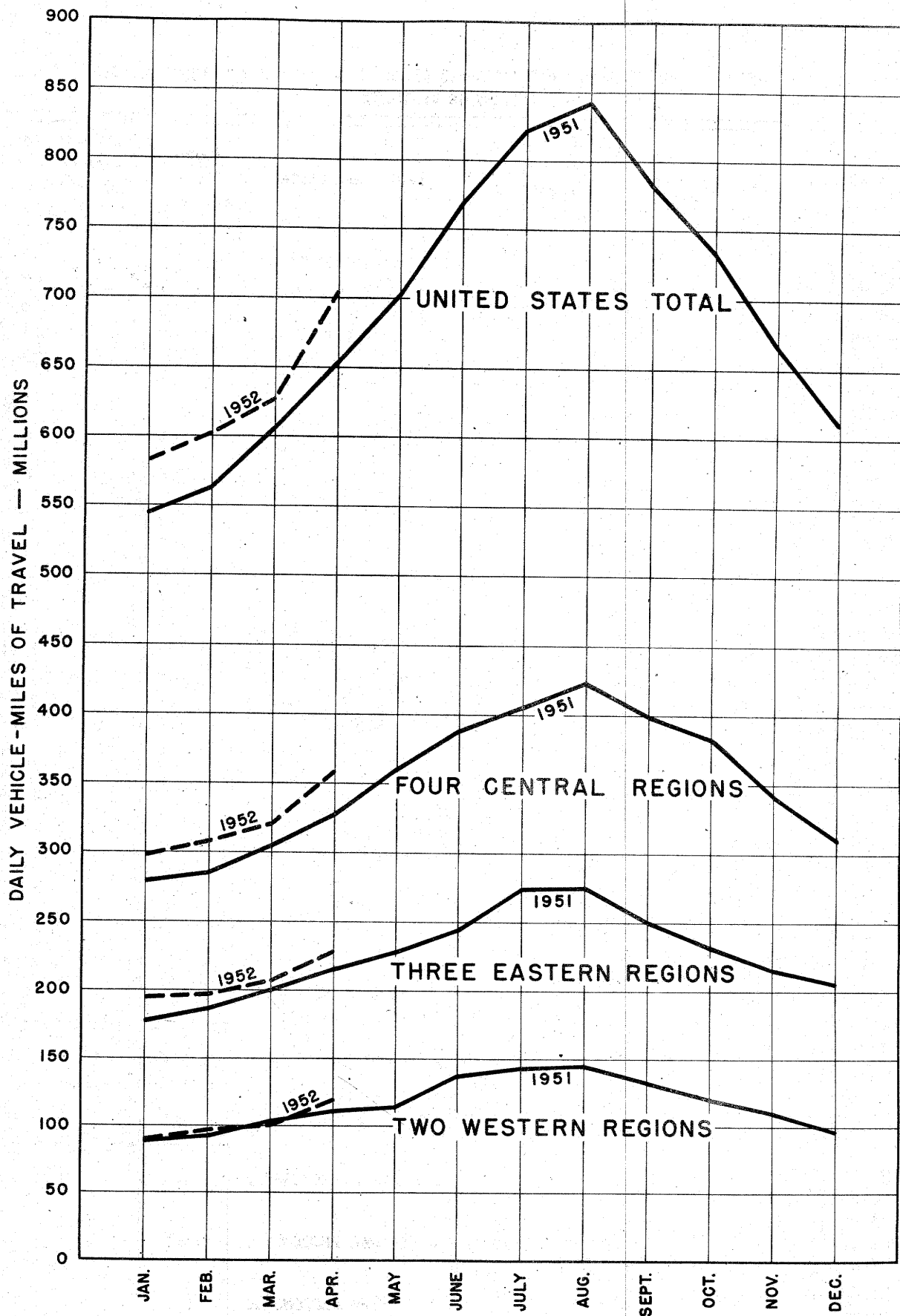
Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from April 1951	Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from April 1951
<i>STATE HIGHWAYS</i>			<i>STATE HIGHWAYS—Con.</i>		
Alabama.....	7	+15.1	Texas.....	108	+10.3
Arizona.....	.....	.....	Utah.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	Vermont.....	7	+11.3
California.....	4	+3.0	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	.....	.....	Washington.....	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	19	+12.0	West Virginia.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	6	+16.1	Wisconsin.....	10	+2.7
Florida.....	20	+9.9	Wyoming.....	7	+12.6
Georgia.....	7	+8.0	<i>TOTAL—38 STATES¹.....</i>	<i>711</i>	<i>+8.3</i>
Idaho.....	9	+7.3	<i>LOCAL HIGHWAYS</i>		
Illinois.....	4	+4.7	Alabama.....	2	+6.0
Indiana.....	21	+6.8	Connecticut.....	3	-2.6
Iowa.....	24	+3.1	Delaware.....	1	+8.1
Kansas.....	14	+8.2	Georgia.....	2	+4.1
Kentucky.....	14	+17.2	Indiana.....	1	+0.5
Louisiana.....	40	+11.0	Iowa.....	8	+22.5
Maine.....	12	+0.2	Kentucky.....	1	+6.7
Maryland.....	17	+12.1	Maryland.....	1	+14.4
Massachusetts.....	9	+3.5	Michigan.....	2	+9.9
Michigan.....	23	+3.6	Missouri.....	1	-0.4
Minnesota.....	27	+11.5	Montana.....	2	+7.2
Mississippi.....	18	+13.9	Nebraska.....	4	-1.1
Missouri.....	26	+10.1	New Jersey.....	3	-3.6
Montana.....	17	+6.0	North Carolina.....	10	+8.6
Nebraska.....	11	+2.0	North Dakota.....	1	+6.2
Nevada.....	18	+19.9	Ohio.....	2	+26.0
New Hampshire.....	13	+2.3	Oregon.....	1	-5.0
New Jersey.....	6	+6.9	South Dakota.....	2	+24.4
New Mexico.....	20	+11.6	Wisconsin.....	1	+16.8
New York.....	.....	.....	<i>TOTAL—19 STATES¹.....</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>+6.6</i>
North Carolina.....	28	+9.8	<i>ALL STATES—</i>		
North Dakota.....	8	+9.6	<i>38 STATES¹.....</i>	<i>759</i>	<i>+7.9</i>
Ohio.....	17	+6.9	<i>3 EASTERN REGIONS¹...</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>+6.1</i>
Oklahoma.....	20	+11.7	<i>4 CENTRAL REGIONS¹...</i>	<i>468</i>	<i>+9.4</i>
Oregon.....	9	+9.2	<i>2 WESTERN REGIONS¹....</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>+6.7</i>
Pennsylvania.....	40	+2.7			
Rhode Island.....	.....	.....	
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	
South Dakota.....	28	+8.6			
Tennessee.....	23	+9.6			

¹Percentage figured from trend in vehicle miles.

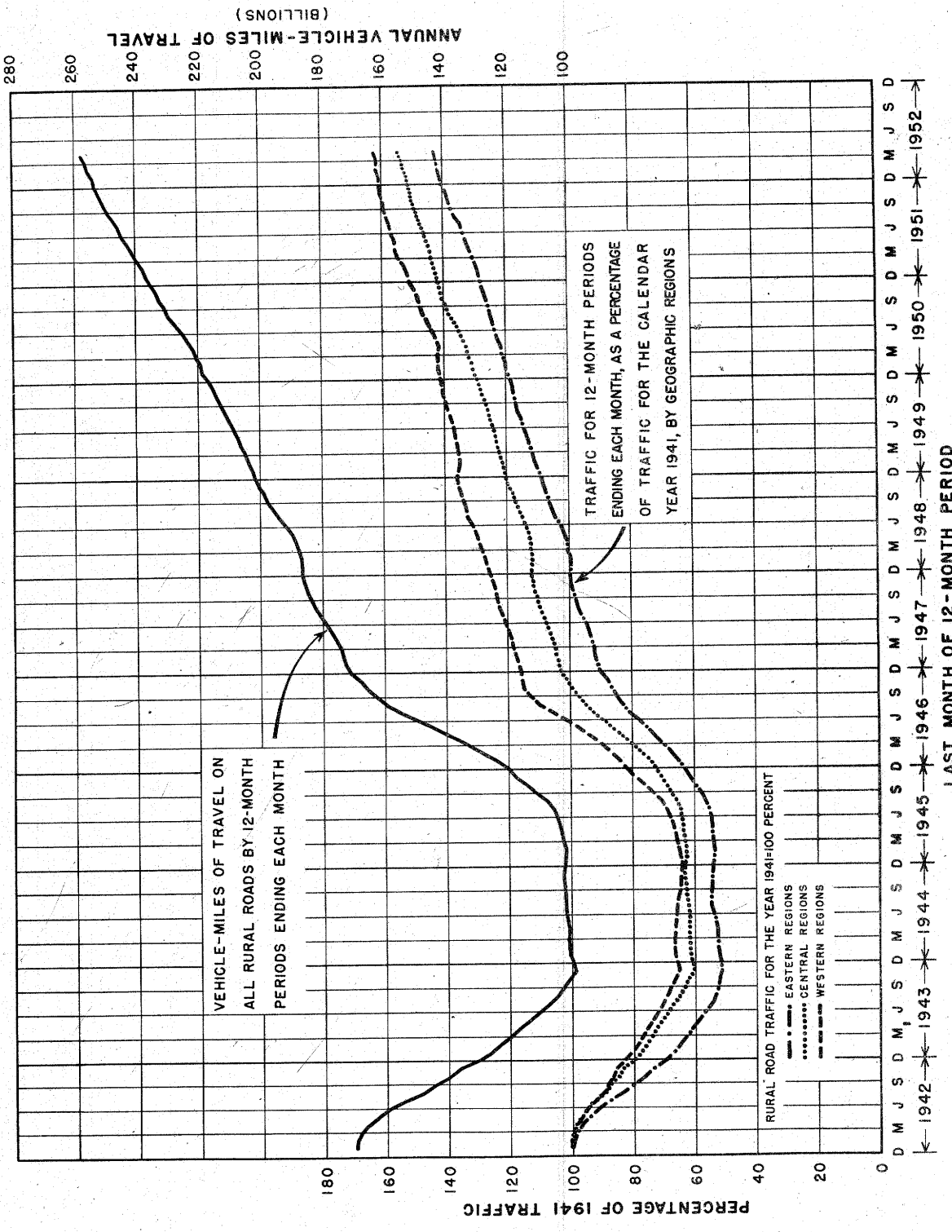
Table 2.—REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR MARCH 1952 INCLUDING 857 STATIONS IN 46 STATES

Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from March 1951	Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from March 1951
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	21	+7.9	Alabama.....	9	+7.7
Maine.....	12	-1.9	Kentucky.....	15	+10.1
Massachusetts.....	9	+4.2	Mississippi.....	18	+13.0
New Hampshire.....	14	+1.1	Tennessee.....	18	+3.9
Rhode Island.....	4	+0.8	<i>Subtotal</i>	60	+9.3
Vermont.....	12	+5.3	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
<i>Subtotal</i>	72	+5.1	Arkansas.....	21	+9.9
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Louisiana.....	40	+7.4
New Jersey.....	9	+0.8	Oklahoma.....	20	+3.7
New York.....	.....	.....	Texas.....	107	+8.5
Pennsylvania.....	40	-3.0	<i>Subtotal</i>	188	+7.8
<i>Subtotal</i>	49	-2.4	MOUNTAIN:		
SOUTH ATLANTIC:			Arizona.....	4	+8.5
Delaware.....	7	+10.0	Colorado.....	22	+2.1
Maryland.....	17	+7.7	Idaho.....	9	+3.0
Virginia ¹.....	.....	+8.5	Montana.....	19	+12.4
West Virginia.....	33	+4.6	Nevada.....	17	+5.5
<i>Subtotal north</i>	.....	.....	New Mexico.....	21	+8.6
<i>portion</i>	57	+6.8	Utah.....	13	-2.7
Florida.....	19	+7.5	Wyoming.....	8	+1.4
Georgia.....	9	+6.1	<i>Subtotal</i>	113	+4.9
North Carolina.....	39	+6.3	PACIFIC:		
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	California.....	6	-6.8
<i>Subtotal south</i>	.....	.....	Oregon.....	11	+6.2
<i>portion</i>	67	+6.7	Washington.....	10	+15.2
<i>Subtotal</i>	.....	.....	<i>Subtotal</i>	27	+5.1
<i>region</i>	124	+6.8	TOTAL ALL STATES¹.....		
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			857		
Illinois.....	3	-9.6	STATE HIGHWAYS¹.....		
Indiana.....	22	+5.1	808		
Michigan.....	25	+2.5	LOCAL HIGHWAYS¹.....		
Ohio.....	14	+3.8	49		
Wisconsin.....	11	-3.9	3 EASTERN REGIONS¹.....		
<i>Subtotal</i>	75	+2.0	245		
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:			4 CENTRAL REGIONS².....		
Iowa.....	32	+5.8	472		
Kansas.....	14	-8.4	2 WESTERN REGIONS¹.....		
Minnesota.....	23	+20.1	140		
Missouri.....	27	+7.2			
Nebraska.....	15	-6.2			
North Dakota.....	8	+26.7			
South Dakota.....	30	+7.7			
<i>Subtotal</i>	149	+7.1			

¹ Percentage figures from trend in vehicle miles.



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

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