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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

August 1952

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

| | Vehicle-miles (millions) | Percentage increase from 1951 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Main rural roads..... | 20,952 | 5.0 |
| Local rural roads..... | 7,229 | 6.3 |
| All rural roads..... | 28,181 | 5.3 |

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

| | Vehicle-miles (millions) | Percentage increase from 1951 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Eastern regions..... | 9,308 | 3.0 |
| Central regions..... | 14,010 | 5.4 |
| Western regions..... | 4,863 | 10.0 |

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

| | Percentage increase from 1951 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| City streets..... | 2.0 |
| Rural roads..... | 5.3 |
| All roads and streets..... | 4.1 |

Attachments

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Table 1.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR AUGUST 1952 INCLUDING 721 STATIONS IN 38 STATES

| Type of highway and State | Number of stations | Traffic volume percentage change from August 1951 | Type of highway and State | Number of stations | Traffic volume percentage change from August 1951 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|
| <i>STATE HIGHWAYS</i> | | | <i>STATE HIGHWAYS—Con.</i> | | |
| Alabama..... | 8 | +4.4 | Texas..... | 108 | +4.8 |
| Arizona..... | 4 | +13.5 | Utah..... | 32 | +5.9 |
| Arkansas..... | ..... | ..... | Vermont..... | 6 | 0.0 |
| California..... | 4 | +9.0 | Virginia..... | ..... | ..... |
| Colorado..... | ..... | ..... | Washington..... | 10 | +3.5 |
| Connecticut..... | 18 | +9.2 | West Virginia..... | 26 | +5.0 |
| Delaware..... | 5 | +1.6 | Wisconsin..... | 10 | -2.1 |
| Florida..... | 21 | +7.2 | Wyoming..... | ..... | ..... |
| Georgia..... | 7 | +2.3 | | | |
| Idaho..... | ..... | ..... | <i>TOTAL—38 STATES¹.....</i> | <i>680</i> | <i>+5.0</i> |
| Illinois..... | 4 | +5.4 | | | |
| Indiana..... | ..... | ..... | <i>LOCAL HIGHWAYS</i> | | |
| Iowa..... | ..... | ..... | Alabama..... | 2 | +2.8 |
| Kansas..... | 12 | +5.8 | Connecticut..... | 3 | +3.3 |
| Kentucky..... | 14 | +10.3 | Delaware..... | 1 | +9.6 |
| Louisiana..... | 38 | +7.1 | Georgia..... | 1 | -12.4 |
| Maine..... | 12 | +7.6 | Kentucky..... | 1 | +21.6 |
| Maryland..... | 18 | +2.5 | Maryland..... | 1 | +2.3 |
| Massachusetts..... | 9 | -1.2 | Michigan..... | 2 | +10.7 |
| Michigan..... | 23 | +7.5 | Missouri..... | 1 | -2.3 |
| Minnesota..... | 23 | +5.3 | Montana..... | 2 | +2.5 |
| Mississippi..... | 18 | +3.9 | Nebraska..... | 4 | -7.2 |
| Missouri..... | 23 | +7.2 | New Jersey..... | 3 | +4.4 |
| Montana..... | 17 | +12.3 | North Carolina..... | 10 | +4.7 |
| Nebraska..... | 11 | +11.7 | North Dakota..... | 1 | +24.6 |
| Nevada..... | 19 | +9.6 | Oregon..... | 1 | +24.4 |
| New Hampshire..... | ..... | ..... | Rhode Island..... | 1 | -4.4 |
| New Jersey..... | 6 | -1.5 | South Dakota..... | 2 | -3.8 |
| New Mexico..... | 20 | +9.4 | Tennessee..... | 4 | +18.9 |
| New York..... | ..... | ..... | Wisconsin..... | 1 | -3.3 |
| North Carolina..... | 29 | +1.3 | <i>TOTAL—18 STATES¹.....</i> | <i>41</i> | <i>+6.3</i> |
| North Dakota..... | 10 | +4.6 | | | |
| Ohio..... | ..... | ..... | <i>ALL HIGHWAYS—</i> | | |
| Oklahoma..... | 20 | +4.7 | <i>38 STATES¹.....</i> | <i>721</i> | <i>+5.3</i> |
| Oregon..... | 11 | +10.3 | <i>3 EASTERN REGIONS¹...</i> | <i>218</i> | <i>+3.0</i> |
| Pennsylvania..... | 38 | +1.5 | <i>4 CENTRAL REGIONS¹...</i> | <i>383</i> | <i>+5.4</i> |
| Rhode Island..... | 2 | +0.1 | <i>2 WESTERN REGIONS¹....</i> | <i>120</i> | <i>+10.0</i> |
| South Carolina..... | 1 | -3.9 | | | |
| South Dakota..... | 28 | +5.0 | | | |
| Tennessee..... | 15 | +5.6 | | | |

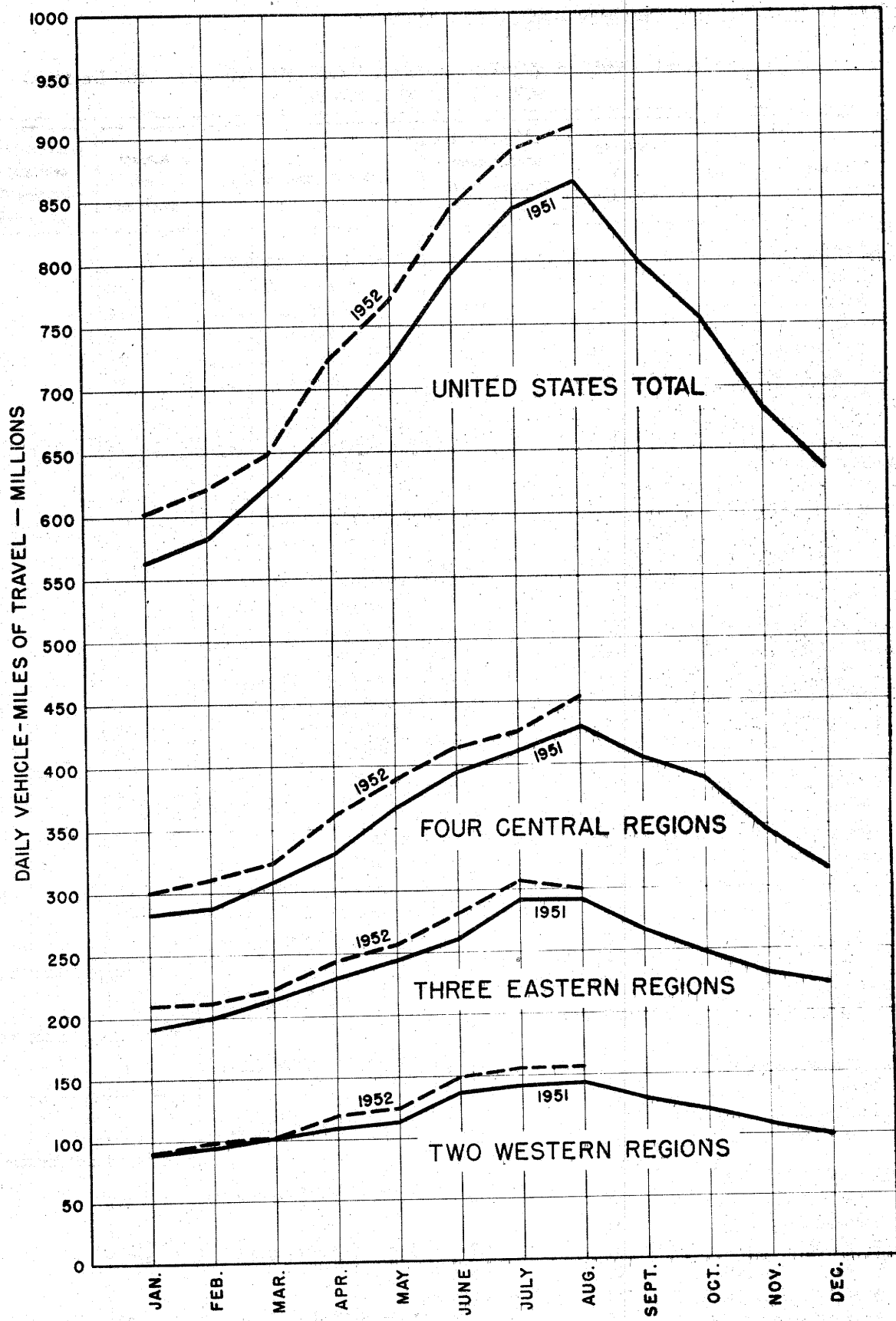
¹ Percentage figured from trend in vehicle-miles.

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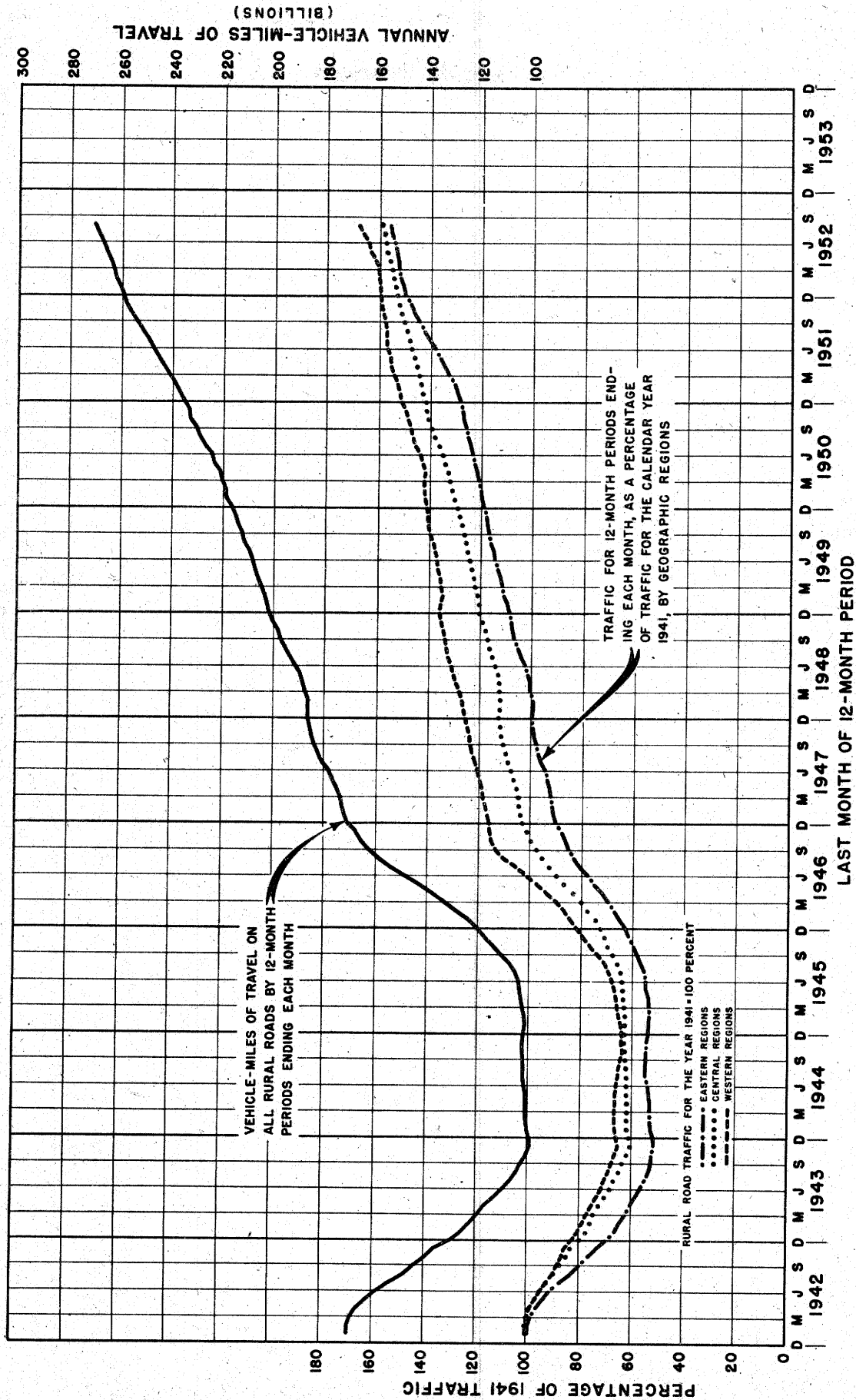
Table 2.—REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR July 1952 INCLUDING 887 STATIONS IN 45 STATES¹

| Region and State | Number of stations | Traffic volume percentage change from July 1951 | Region and State | Number of stations | Traffic volume percentage change from July 1951 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|---|--------------------|---|
| NEW ENGLAND: | | | EAST SOUTH CENTRAL: | | |
| Connecticut..... | 21 | + 7.4 | Alabama..... | 9 | + 8.5 |
| Maine..... | 12 | + 6.0 | Kentucky..... | 14 | + 6.6 |
| Massachusetts..... | 9 | + 6.0 | Mississippi..... | 18 | + 6.1 |
| New Hampshire..... | 14 | + 3.0 | Tennessee..... | 21 | + 4.3 |
| Rhode Island..... | 2 | + 24.3 | <i>Subtotal</i> | 62 | + 6.1 |
| Vermont..... | 12 | + 6.5 | WEST SOUTH CENTRAL: | | |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | 70 | + 6.7 | Arkansas..... | ..... | ..... |
| MIDDLE ATLANTIC: | | | Louisiana..... | 41 | + 6.3 |
| New Jersey..... | 9 | + 7.4 | Oklahoma..... | 20 | + 6.8 |
| New York..... | ..... | ..... | Texas..... | 108 | + 4.9 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 39 | + 5.3 | <i>Subtotal</i> | 169 | + 5.5 |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | 48 | + 5.3 | MOUNTAIN: | | |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC: | | | Arizona..... | 4 | + 12.1 |
| Delaware..... | 7 | + 10.3 | Colorado..... | 22 | + 7.1 |
| Maryland..... | 20 | + 5.6 | Idaho..... | 9 | + 9.3 |
| Virginia ¹..... | ..... | + 7.0 | Montana..... | 19 | + 9.6 |
| West Virginia..... | 30 | + 5.9 | Nevada..... | 17 | + 12.8 |
| <i>Subtotal north</i> | ..... | ..... | New Mexico..... | 18 | + 9.1 |
| <i>portion</i> | 57 | + 6.4 | Utah..... | 34 | + 4.6 |
| Florida..... | 17 | + 3.8 | Wyoming..... | 7 | + 8.7 |
| Georgia..... | 8 | + 3.8 | <i>Subtotal</i> | 132 | + 8.2 |
| North Carolina..... | 38 | + 4.7 | PACIFIC: | | |
| South Carolina..... | ..... | ..... | California..... | 4 | + 8.9 |
| <i>Subtotal south</i> | ..... | ..... | Oregon..... | 11 | + 4.4 |
| <i>portion</i> | 63 | + 4.3 | Washington..... | 10 | + 5.8 |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | ..... | ..... | <i>Subtotal</i> | 25 | + 6.0 |
| <i>region</i> | 120 | + 5.6 | TOTAL ALL STATES¹..... | | |
| EAST NORTH CENTRAL: | | | 887 | | + 5.7 |
| Illinois..... | 3 | - 6.4 | STATE HIGHWAYS¹..... | | |
| Indiana..... | 22 | + 6.2 | 825 | | + 5.0 |
| Michigan..... | 25 | + 9.8 | LOCAL HIGHWAYS¹..... | | |
| Ohio..... | 14 | + 4.9 | 62 | | + 7.6 |
| Wisconsin..... | 11 | - 1.6 | 3 EASTERN REGIONS¹..... | | |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | 75 | + 5.9 | 238 | | + 5.7 |
| WEST NORTH CENTRAL: | | | 4 CENTRAL REGIONS¹..... | | |
| Iowa..... | 31 | - 4.3 | 492 | | + 4.0 |
| Kansas..... | 55 | + 1.7 | 2 WESTERN REGIONS¹..... | | |
| Minnesota..... | 21 | + 3.1 | 157 | | + 10.6 |
| Missouri..... | 24 | + 5.5 | | | |
| Nebraska..... | 15 | + 5.6 | | | |
| North Dakota..... | 10 | + 0.3 | | | |
| South Dakota..... | 30 | + 2.3 | | | |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | 186 | + 2.2 | | | |

¹Percentage figured 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

10-17-1941
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