

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

October 1952

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

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage increase from 1951
Main rural roads.....	17,828	5.4
Local rural roads.....	6,879	6.4
All rural roads.....	24,707	5.7

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

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage increase from 1951
Eastern regions.....	7,968	3.8
Central regions.....	12,719	6.0
Western regions.....	4,020	8.4

Traffic on city streets also was heavier than in any previous October. Comparisons with October of previous year for city streets, rural roads and all roads and streets are as follows:

	Percentage increase from 1951
City streets.....	5.5
Rural roads.....	5.7
All roads and streets.....	5.8

Attachments

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Table 1.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR OCTOBER 1952 INCLUDING  
738 STATIONS IN 35 STATES

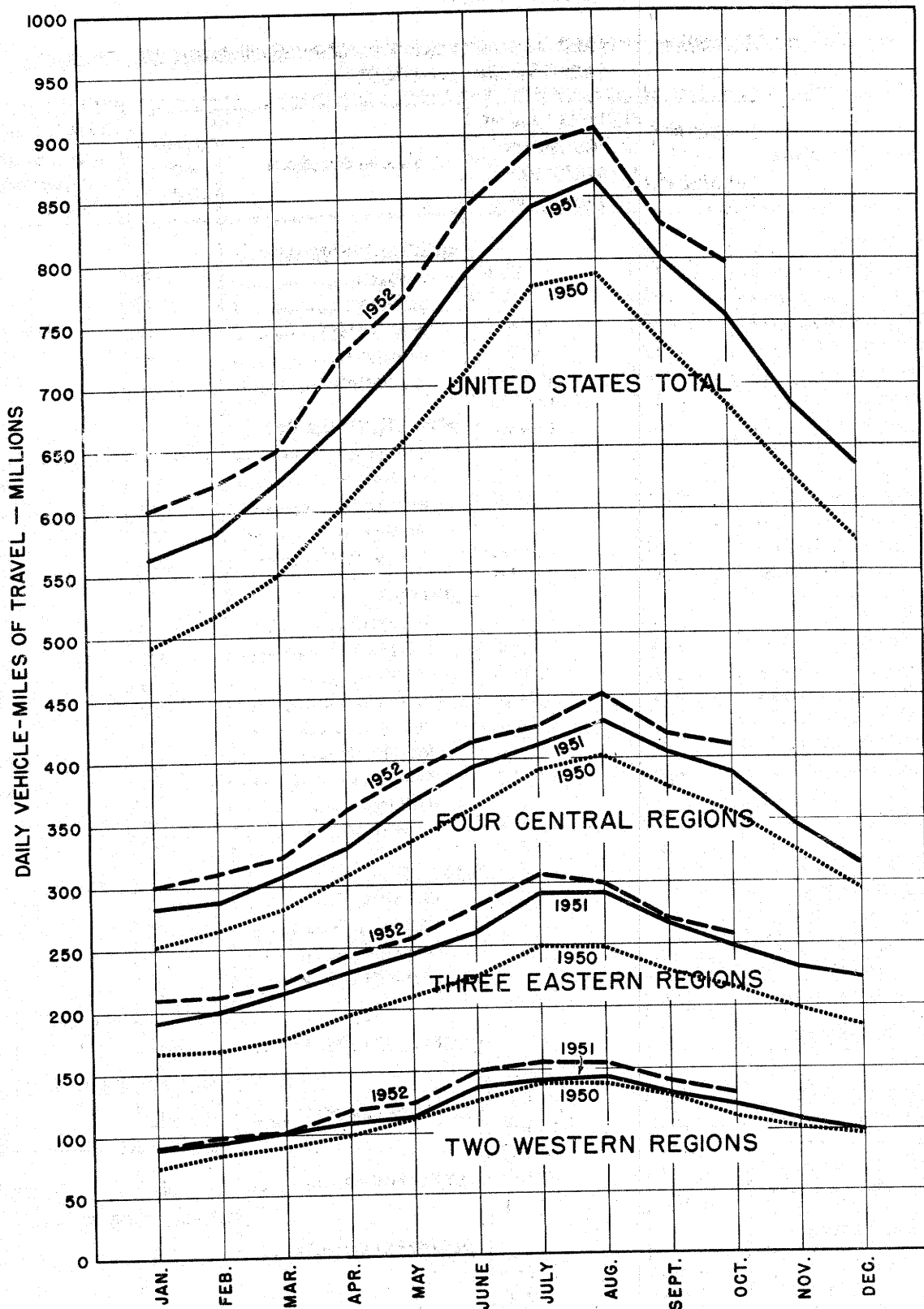
Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from October 1951	Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from October 1951
<b>STATE HIGHWAYS</b>			<b>STATE HIGHWAYS—Con.</b>		
Alabama.....	7	+9.5	Texas.....	106	+6.7
Arizona.....	4	+17.0	Utah.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	Vermont.....	7	+8.7
California.....	6	+4.3	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	.....	.....	Washington.....	11	+7.6
Connecticut.....	19	+7.4	West Virginia.....	26	+1.1
Delaware.....	5	+7.5	Wisconsin.....	10	+5.3
Florida.....	.....	.....	Wyoming.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	7	+2.8			
Idaho.....	.....	.....	<b>TOTAL— 29 STATES<sup>1</sup>.....</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>+5.4</b>
Illinois.....	3	+4.5			
Indiana.....	21	+5.5	<b>LOCAL HIGHWAYS</b>		
Iowa.....	25	+1.8	Alabama.....	2	+7.5
Kansas.....	50	+0.6	Connecticut.....	2	+16.2
Kentucky.....	14	+7.5	Delaware.....	1	+8.3
Louisiana.....	40	+4.0	Indiana.....	1	+1.2
Maine.....	10	+4.5	Iowa.....	8	-2.1
Maryland.....	18	+3.6	Kansas.....	12	+0.1
Massachusetts.....	.....	.....	Kentucky.....	1	+2.9
Michigan.....	24	+6.1	Maryland.....	1	+0.4
Minnesota.....	19	+6.3	Michigan.....	2	+3.4
Mississippi.....	18	+11.3	Montana.....	2	-13.6
Missouri.....	19	+5.8	Nebraska.....	4	+2.6
Montana.....	18	+14.4	New Jersey.....	3	+6.3
Nebraska.....	10	+4.5	North Carolina.....	10	+1.7
Nevada.....	.....	.....	North Dakota.....	1	+13.8
New Hampshire.....	.....	.....	Ohio.....	2	+15.3
New Jersey.....	6	+6.0	South Dakota.....	2	-12.6
New Mexico.....	17	+10.6	Tennessee.....	5	+13.6
New York.....	.....	.....	Wisconsin.....	1	+7.6
North Carolina.....	28	+2.9			
North Dakota.....	11	+3.6	<b>TOTAL— 18 STATES<sup>1</sup>.....</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>+6.4</b>
Ohio.....	17	+7.4			
Oklahoma.....	20	+4.4	<b>ALL STATES—</b>		
Oregon.....	.....	.....	<b>35 STATES<sup>1</sup>.....</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>+5.7</b>
Pennsylvania.....	39	+0.4			
Rhode Island.....	.....	.....	<b>3 EASTERN REGIONS<sup>1</sup>...</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>+3.8</b>
South Carolina.....	1	-7.2	<b>4 CENTRAL REGIONS<sup>1</sup>...</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>+6.0</b>
South Dakota.....	28	+7.3	<b>2 WESTERN REGIONS<sup>1</sup>....</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>+8.4</b>
Tennessee.....	14	+7.2			

<sup>1</sup> Percentage figures from trend in vehicle-miles.

Table 2.—REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 1952 INCLUDING 905 STATIONS IN 46 STATES<sup>1</sup>

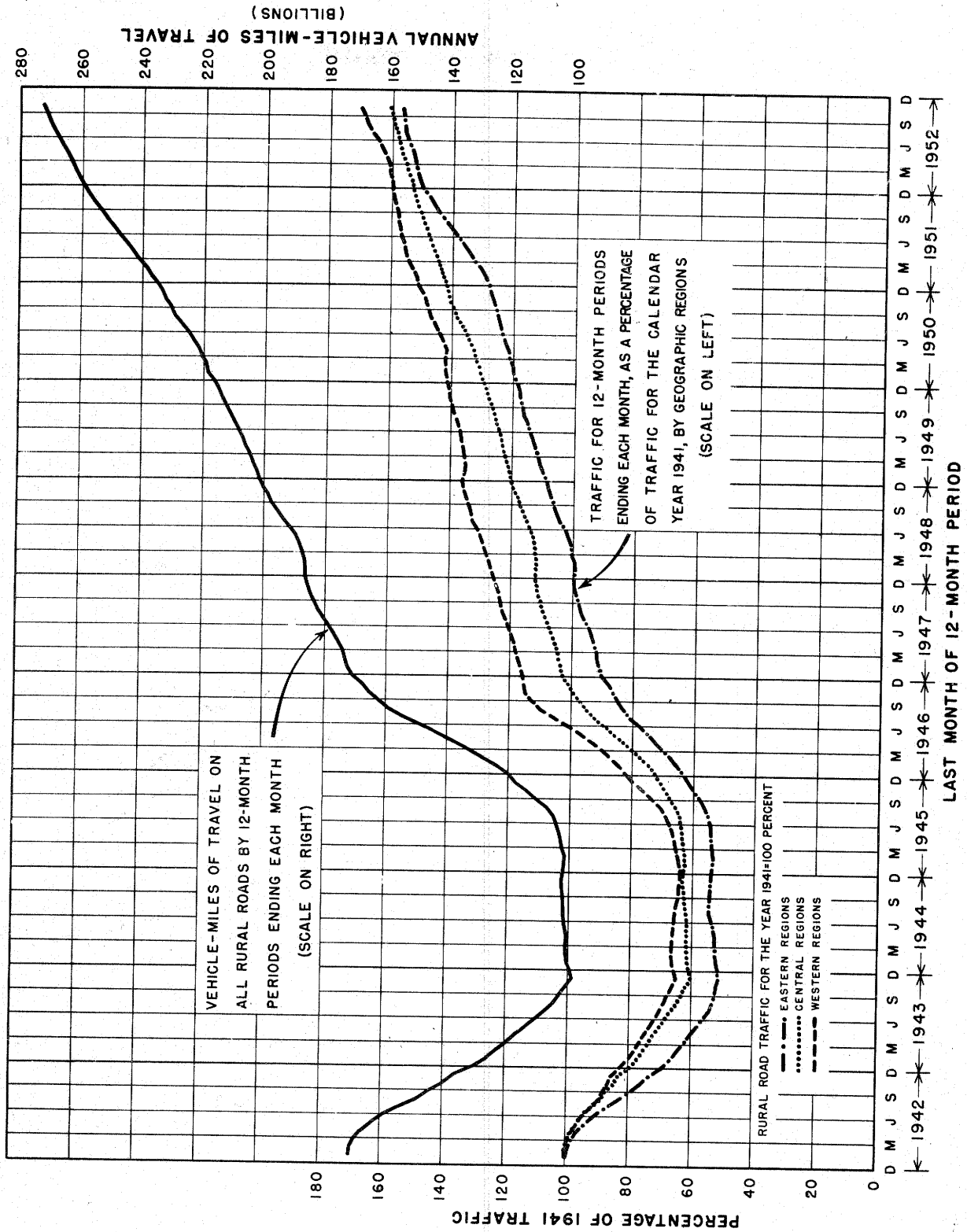
Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from Sept. 1951	Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from Sept. 1951
<b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>			<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Connecticut.....	21	+2.8	Alabama.....	10	+6.8
Maine.....	12	+9.0	Kentucky.....	15	+6.6
Massachusetts.....	9	-2.2	Mississippi.....	18	+6.1
New Hampshire.....	14	-5.4	Tennessee.....	18	+2.3
Rhode Island.....	4	+22.4	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	61	+5.7
Vermont.....	12	+0.3	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	72	+2.0	Arkansas.....	.....	.....
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>			Louisiana.....	41	+6.5
New Jersey.....	9	+2.0	Oklahoma.....	20	-1.6
New York.....	.....	.....	Texas.....	107	+4.3
Pennsylvania.....	39	-4.5	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	168	+3.9
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	48	-3.3	<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>		
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC:</b>			Arizona.....	4	+15.3
Delaware.....	5	+0.9	Colorado.....	22	-3.9
Maryland.....	19	+3.4	Idaho.....	9	+5.6
Virginia <sup>1</sup> .....	.....	+5.1	Montana.....	19	+8.4
West Virginia.....	26	+2.1	Nevada.....	19	+3.6
<i>Subtotal north</i>	.....	.....	New Mexico.....	19	+9.4
<i>portion</i> .....	50	+2.7	Utah.....	30	+6.8
Florida.....	22	+4.4	Wyoming.....	8	+0.1
Georgia.....	8	+3.2	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	130	+4.9
North Carolina.....	38	+1.4	<b>PACIFIC:</b>		
South Carolina.....	1	-0.6	California.....	5	+2.9
<i>Subtotal south</i>	.....	.....	Oregon.....	13	+4.4
<i>portion</i> .....	69	+2.6	Washington.....	10	0.0
<i>Subtotal</i>	.....	.....	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	28	+2.4
<i>region</i> .....	119	+2.6	<b>TOTAL ALL STATES<sup>1</sup>.....</b>		
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>			905		
Illinois.....	4	+3.3	<b>STATE HIGHWAYS<sup>1</sup>.....</b>		
Indiana.....	22	+4.0	842		
Michigan.....	26	+2.9	<b>LOCAL HIGHWAYS<sup>1</sup>.....</b>		
Ohio.....	18	+3.9	63		
Wisconsin.....	11	-1.4	<b>3 EASTERN REGIONS<sup>1</sup>...</b>		
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	81	+2.8	239		
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>			<b>4 CENTRAL REGIONS<sup>1</sup>...</b>		
Iowa.....	32	+1.3	508		
Kansas.....	62	+0.3	<b>2 WESTERN REGIONS<sup>1</sup>...</b>		
Minnesota.....	21	+1.8	158		
Missouri.....	26	+3.7			
Nebraska.....	14	-0.7			
North Dakota.....	13	+3.8			
South Dakota.....	30	-0.4			
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	198	+1.5			

<sup>1</sup>Percentage 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



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