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SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN AUGUST (PRELIMINARY) AND JULY (REVISED)

Class of road:	Preliminary data for August 1954			Revised data for July 1954		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percentage change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percentage change
	1953 (revised)	1954		1953 (revised)	1954	
Main rural roads.....	21,840	22,031	+0.9	21,648	22,107	+2.1
Local rural roads.....	7,526	8,022	+6.6	7,606	7,824	+2.9
All rural roads.....	29,366	30,053	+2.3	29,254	29,931	+2.3
City streets.....	.....	.....	+1.6	.....	.....	+1.1
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	+2.0	.....	.....	+1.8
By region (rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	9,987	10,050	+0.6	10,232	10,599	+3.6
Central regions.....	14,247	14,659	+2.9	13,961	14,076	+0.8
Western regions.....	5,132	5,344	+4.1	5,061	5,256	+3.9

Table 1.—AUGUST 1954 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)

Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from August 1953	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from August 1953
Alabama.....	9	+2.5	Nebraska ¹	15	+0.4
Arizona.....	8	+0.7	Nevada.....	20	-2.6
Arkansas.....	22	+12.8	New Hampshire.....	15	+2.6
California ¹.....	.....	.....	New Jersey.....	10	-1.8
Colorado.....	.....	.....	New Mexico ¹	26	+0.9
Connecticut.....	23	+3.0	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	8	+1.7	North Carolina.....	38	+2.7
Florida.....	.....	.....	North Dakota.....	18	+1.9
Georgia.....	22	+2.2	Ohio.....	21	+1.2
Idaho.....	.....	.....	Oklahoma.....	20	+2.2
Illinois.....	1	-1.9	Oregon.....	20	+1.5
Indiana.....	21	-1.5	Pennsylvania.....	.....	.....
Iowa.....	33	+2.0	Rhode Island.....	1	-3.6
Kansas.....	14	+6.6	South Carolina.....	8	-5.1
Kentucky.....	15	-4.2	South Dakota.....	30	+4.7
Louisiana.....	38	+2.6	Tennessee.....	28	+0.6
Maine.....	11	+1.6	Texas.....	105	+4.3
Maryland.....	23	+0.4	Utah.....	11	-1.7
Massachusetts.....	8	+0.6	Vermont.....	7	+3.1
Michigan.....	27	-2.3	Virginia ¹.....	.....	+1.5
Minnesota.....	25	+1.2	Washington.....	15	+5.1
Mississippi.....	.....	.....	West Virginia.....	31	-0.8
Missouri.....	27	+7.5	Wisconsin.....	10	-4.5
Montana.....	20	+3.5	Wyoming.....	.....	.....

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

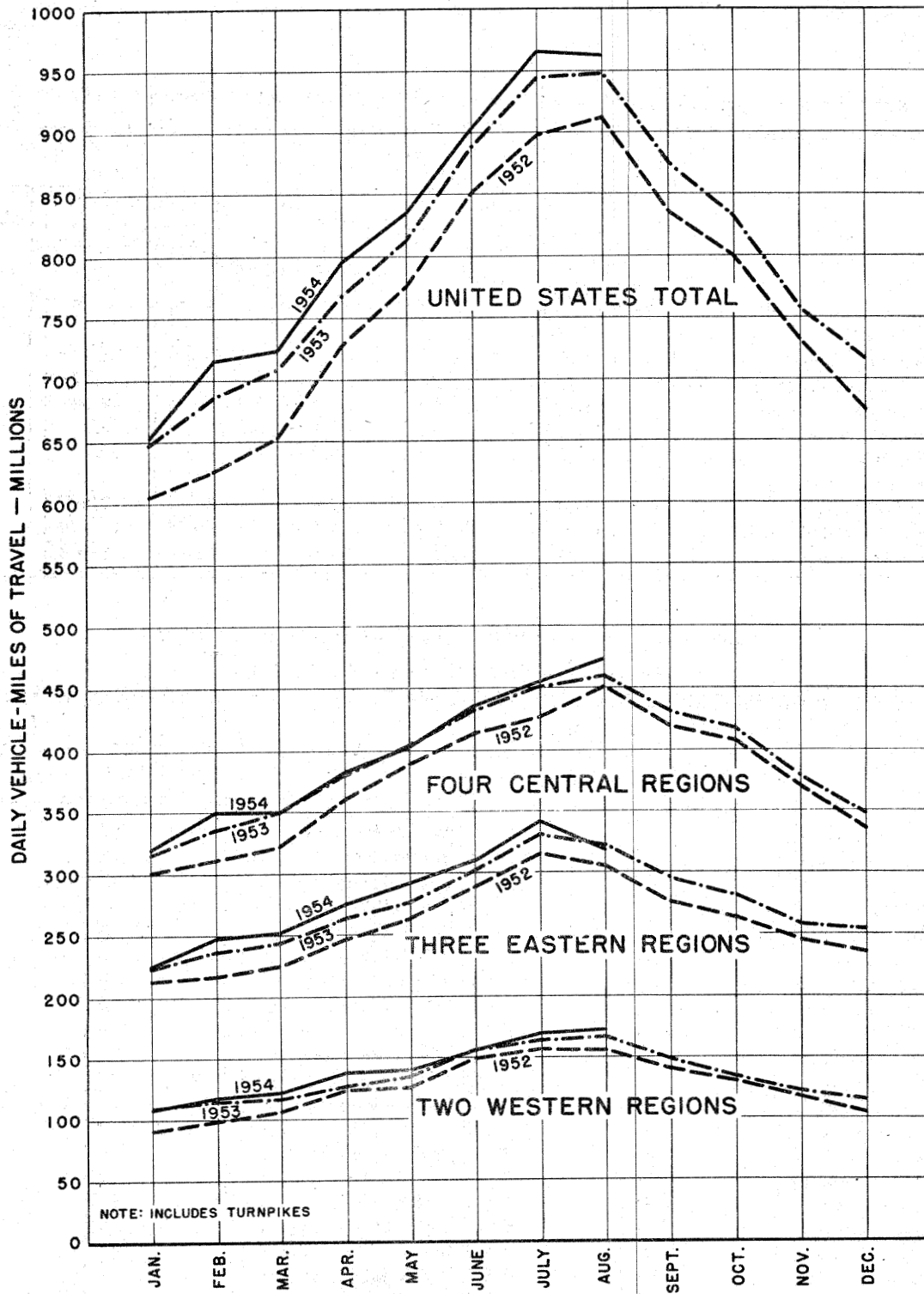


FIGURE I— TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

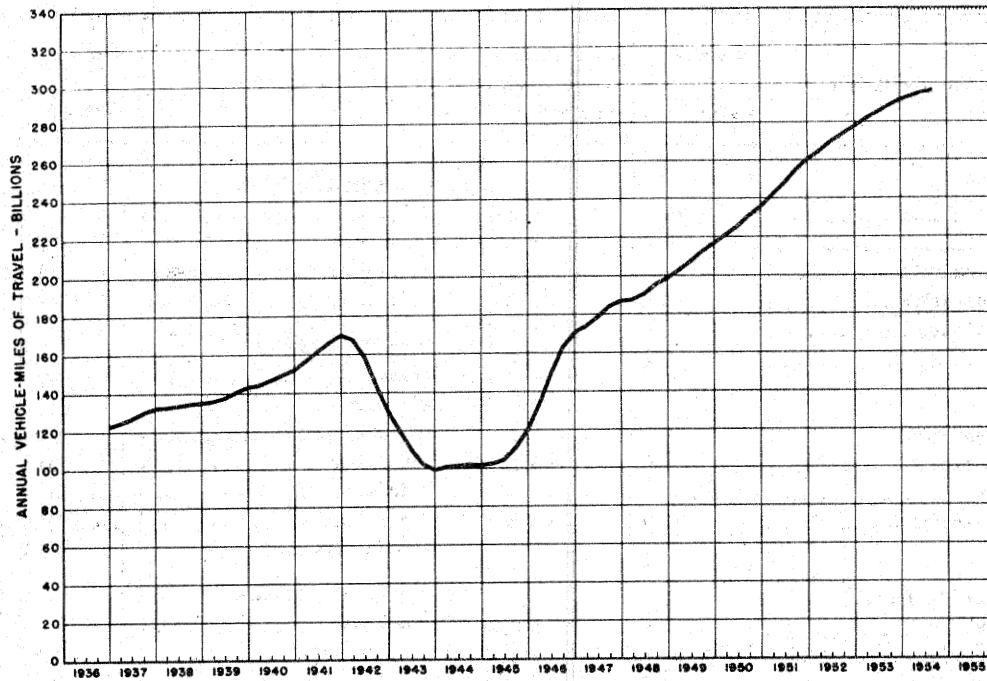


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

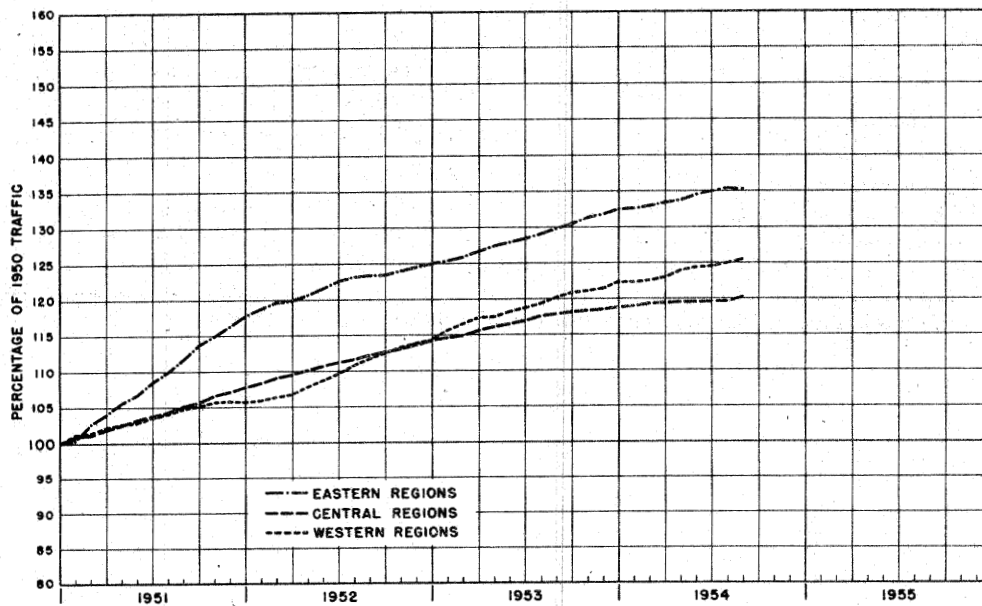


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

Table 2.—JULY 1954 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from July 1953	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from July 1953
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	20	+3.4	Alabama.....	9	+2.3
Maine.....	10	+5.5	Kentucky.....	15	+0.6
Massachusetts.....	8	+14.5	Mississippi.....	29	+3.6
New Hampshire.....	15	+3.8	Tennessee.....	26	+1.1
Rhode Island.....	4	+7.6			
Vermont.....	14	+7.0	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:		
			Iowa.....	33	+0.3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Kansas.....	62	+0.1
New Jersey.....	10	+3.0	Minnesota.....	25	+0.6
New York.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	105	+0.3
Pennsylvania.....	49	+3.5	Nebraska ¹.....	.....	+0.7
			North Dakota ¹.....	.....	+4.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):			South Dakota.....	30	+2.8
Delaware.....	8	+3.8			
Maryland.....	27	+2.0	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Virginia ¹.....	.....	+2.7	Arkansas.....	22	-1.2
West Virginia.....	32	-3.3	Louisiana.....	39	+5.6
			Oklahoma.....	20	+6.0
SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):			Texas.....	102	+3.7
Florida.....	24	+5.6			
Georgia.....	20	+4.7	MOUNTAIN:		
North Carolina.....	37	+5.8	Arizona ¹.....	.....	+8.7
South Carolina.....	8	-2.0	Colorado.....	20	-0.8
			Idaho.....	9	+3.4
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			Montana.....	20	+8.8
Illinois.....	4	-6.1	Nevada.....	20	+1.1
Indiana.....	21	-2.6	New Mexico ¹.....	.....	+2.9
Michigan.....	28	-2.3	Utah.....	11	-1.7
Ohio.....	21	+2.0	Wyoming.....	11	-5.1
Wisconsin.....	10	+11.8			
			PACIFIC:		
			California ¹.....	.....	+4.0
			Oregon.....	20	+0.2
			Washington.....	11	+4.4

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