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SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN FEBRUARY (PRELIMINARY) AND JANUARY (REVISED)

	Preliminary data for February 1955			Revised data for January 1955		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percentage change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percentage change
	1954 (revised)	1955		1954 (revised)	1955	
Class of road:						
Main rural roads.....	14,280	14,171	-0.8	14,600 14,558	15,560 15,464	+6.2 6.6
Local rural roads.....	5,780	5,630	-2.6	6,757 5,698	7,318 6,164	+8.2 8.3
All rural roads.....	20,060	19,801	-1.3	20,256	21,628	+6.8 7.1
City streets.....	.....	.....	-0.6	21,357	22,871	+5.5
All roads and streets.....	.....	.....	-1.0	.....	.....	+6.2
By region (rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	6,957	7,003	+0.7	6,964	7,513	+7.9
Central regions.....	9,805	9,482	-3.3	9,854	10,454	+6.1
Western regions.....	3,298	3,316	+0.5	3,438	3,661	+6.5

Table 1.—FEBRUARY 1955 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from February 1954	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from February 1954
Alabama.....	9	+2.1	Nebraska ¹	15	-11.0
Arizona.....	9	+2.7	Nevada.....	20	+7.0
Arkansas.....	25	-4.6	New Hampshire.....	14	-1.3
California ¹.....	.....	.....	New Jersey.....	10	0.0
Colorado.....	22	-2.5	New Mexico ¹	26	-1.7
Connecticut.....	21	-1.0	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	7	+3.6	North Carolina.....	37	+4.2
Florida.....	.....	.....	North Dakota.....	18	-17.5
Georgia.....	.....	.....	Ohio.....	18	-0.9
Idaho.....	9	-10.6	Oklahoma.....	20	-0.7
Illinois.....	5	-3.9	Oregon.....	20	+6.6
Indiana.....	21	-3.5	Pennsylvania.....	52	-4.1
Iowa.....	33	-9.3	Rhode Island.....	1	+3.7
Kansas.....	14	-12.5	South Carolina.....	9	+6.7
Kentucky.....	15	-4.9	South Dakota.....	30	-13.0
Louisiana.....	40	+3.4	Tennessee.....	29	-4.5
Maine.....	11	+7.2	Texas.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	23	-3.9	Utah.....	12	-2.7
Massachusetts.....	10	+2.7	Vermont.....	7	+3.5
Michigan.....	28	+4.3	Virginia ¹.....	.....	+4.5
Minnesota.....	26	-13.8	Washington.....	11	+4.6
Mississippi.....	28	-3.2	West Virginia.....	32	-3.6
Missouri.....	27	-5.1	Wisconsin.....	14	+3.1
Montana.....	20	-10.6	Wyoming.....	.....	.....

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

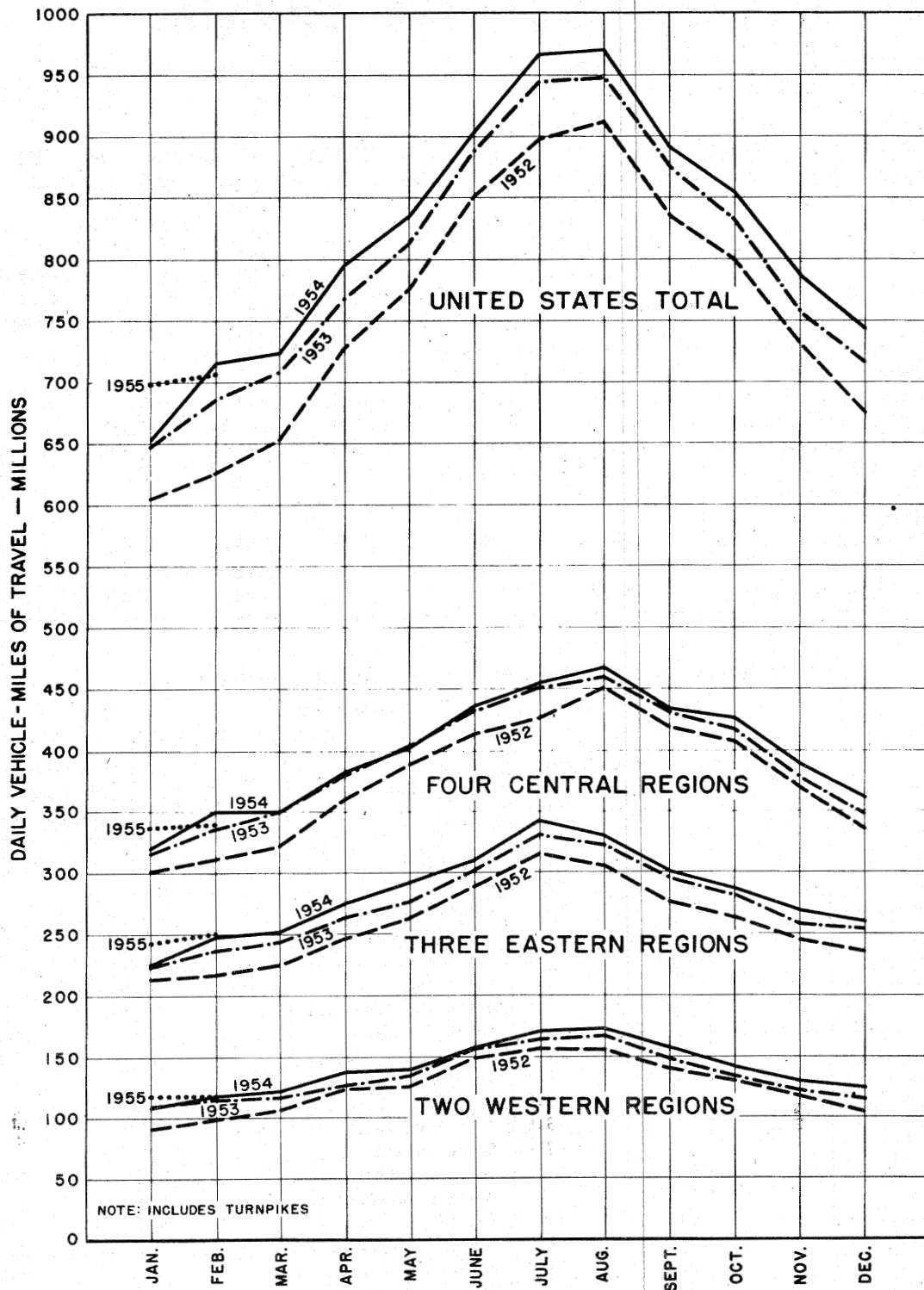


FIGURE I— TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

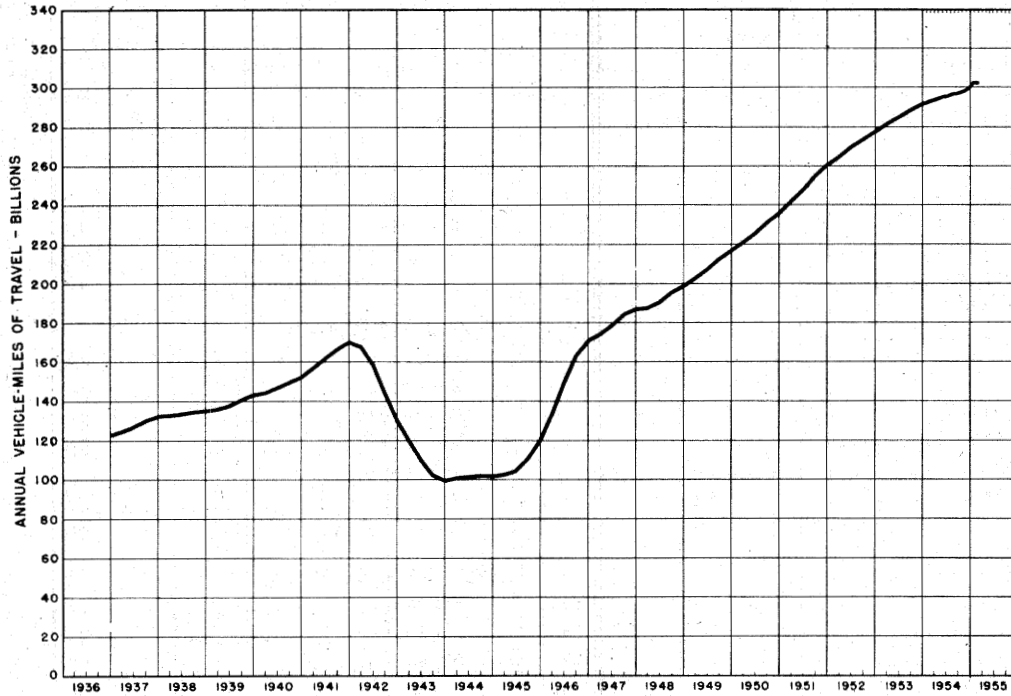


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

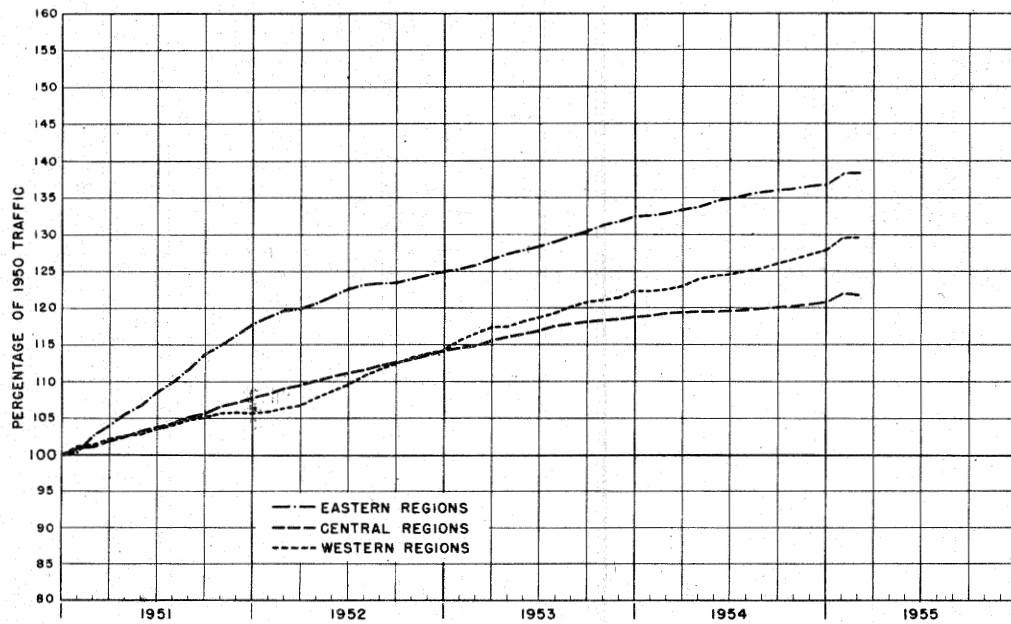


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

Table 2.—JANUARY 1955 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from January 1954	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from January 1954
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	21	+ 18.2	Alabama.....	9	+ 7.1
Maine.....	9	+ 14.1	Kentucky.....	15	+ 1.3
Massachusetts.....	8	+ 0.7	Mississippi.....	28	- 5.2
New Hampshire.....	45	+ 18.3	Tennessee.....	27	+ 9.6
Rhode Island.....	3	+ 20.4			
Vermont.....	14	+ 5.1	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:		
			Iowa.....	34	+ 3.0
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Kansas.....	64	+ 2.7
New Jersey.....	10	+ 11.9	Minnesota.....	25	+ 6.5
New York.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	105	+ 3.6
Pennsylvania.....	52	+ 11.2	Nebraska ¹.....	.....	+ 1.4
			North Dakota ¹.....	.....	+ 13.3
SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):			South Dakota.....	30	+ 6.2
Delaware.....	6	+ 19.5	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Maryland.....	28	+ 15.7	Arkansas.....	22	+ 13.8
Virginia ¹.....	.....	+ 2.3	Louisiana.....	39	+ 8.2
West Virginia.....	32	- 4.7	Oklahoma.....	20	+ 10.5
			Texas.....	102	+ 6.6
SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):			MOUNTAIN:		
Florida.....	23	+ 6.6	Arizona ¹.....	.....	+ 4.9
Georgia.....	22	+ 4.3	Colorado.....	22	+ 6.3
North Carolina.....	38	+ 8.4	Idaho.....	9	- 7.9
South Carolina.....	9	+ 9.1	Montana.....	20	+ 15.4
			Nevada.....	20	+ 4.7
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			New Mexico ¹.....	.....	+ 1.7
Illinois.....	5	+ 4.2	Utah.....	12	- 0.2
Indiana.....	21	- 2.2	Wyoming.....	15	+ 5.0
Michigan.....	28	+ 9.0	PACIFIC:		
Ohio.....	19	- 1.7	California ¹.....	.....	+ 8.9
Wisconsin.....	15	+ 4.0	Oregon.....	21	+ 19.7
			Washington.....	11	+ 32.2

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