## TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS JULY I 948

On the basis of preliminary figures, motor vehicle travel on main and local roads for the country as a whole was higher during July 1948 than in any previous July.

|  | Rural traffic <br> in vehicle-miles <br> July 1948 | Percentage change from |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
|  | (millions) | 1941 | 1943 | 1947 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | +13.3 | +126.2 | +6.5 |
|  |  | +11.1 | +86.1 | +9.7 |
| Main roads | 4,941 | +12.8 | +114.5 | +7.3 |

Rural travel in the geographic regions and changes from previous years are as follows:

| Eastern regions | 6,179 | +0.6 | +135.2 | +4.9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Central regions | 9,678 | +14.3 | +102.5 | +8.0 |
| Western regions | 3,665 | +35.6 | +116.1 | +9.7 |

Traffic on city streets and on rural roads as a whole was heavier than in any previous July.

| City streets | +10.5 | +93.2 | +9.2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rural roads | +12.8 | +114.5 | +7.3 |
| All roads and streets | +11.7 | +103.8 | +8.2 |



Comparisons of July 1948 travel in several cities with that of July 1947 are as follows:

| 2 stations in Akron, Ohio | -5.2 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 6 stations in Chicago, Illinois | +9.0 |
| 3 stations in Columbus, Ohio | +3.2 |
| 1 station in Concord, New Hampshire | +9.4 |
| 2 stations in Dayton, Ohio | +5.9 |
| 1 station in Denver, Colorado | +17.1 |
| 3 stations in Detroit, Michigan | +25.4 |
| 8 stations in Washington, D. C. | +4.0 |
| 1 station in Fort Morgan, Colorado | +42.8 |
| 1 station in Grand Junction, Colorado | +11.9 |
| 1 station in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia | -1.7 |
| 1 station in Loveland, Colorado | +18.3 |
| 9 stations in Milwaukee, Wisconsin | +8.8 |
| 7 stations in St. Louis, Missouri | -1.3 |
| 1 station in Salt Lake City, Utah | +3.1 |
| 1 station in Santa Fe, New Mexico | +10.8 |
| 6 urban toll facilities | +5.4 |

[^0]TABLE 1.--PRELIMINARY SOMMARY OF AUTOHATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR JULY 1948 INCLUDING 665 STATIONS IN 46 STATES

| Type of highway and State | ```Number of stations``` | Traffic volume percentage change from July 1947 | Type of highway and State | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { stations } \end{gathered}$ | Traffic volume percentage change from July 1947 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| STATE HIGHWAYS |  |  | LOCAL HIGHWAYS |  |  |
| Alabama | 7 | $+0.7$ | A1abama | 2 | $+4.5$ |
| Arizona | 5 | +17.0 | Connecticut | 2 | +6.5 |
| Arkansas | 19 | +5.4 | Georgia | 3 | $+7.0$ |
| California | 7 | + 6.6 | Indiana | 1 | +18.4 |
| Colorado | 22 | +12.7 | Iowa | 8 | +11.5 |
| Connecticut | 16 | $+6.7$ | Maryland | 1 | +11.0 |
| Delaware | 4 | + 7.8 | Michigan | 2 | +20.2 |
| Florida | 17 | +5.6 | Missouri | 2 | - 2.2 |
| Georgia | 7 | - 1.8 | Montana | 2 | $+6.0$ |
| Idaho | 8 | + 4.0 | Nebraska | 1 | -9.0 |
| Illinois | 5 | +14.6 | North Dakota | 2 | -16.6 |
| Indiana | 21 | $+10.5$ | Ohio | 2 | +21.7 |
| Iowa | 26 | $+9.8$ | Rhode Is 1 and | 1 | $+1.5$ |
| Kansas | 11 | + 8.1 | Wisconsin | 1 | +21.0 |
| Kentucky | 10 | +13.9 |  |  |  |
| Louisiana | 8 | +13.8 |  |  |  |
| Maine | 10 | $+8.0$ |  |  |  |
| Maryland | 17 | +10.6 |  |  |  |
| Massachusetts | 9 | $+7.8$ |  |  |  |
| Michigan | 26 | +5.9 |  |  |  |
| Minnesota | 26 | $+5.0$ |  |  |  |
| Mississippi | 10 | $+1.6$ |  |  |  |
| Missouri | 25 | $+8.9$ |  |  |  |
| Montana | 12 | + 5.3 |  |  |  |
| Nebraska | 10 | +8.6 |  |  |  |
| Nevada | 16 | $+4.0$ |  |  |  |
| New Hampshire | 11 | +7.7 |  |  |  |
| New Jersey | 4 | $+8.9$ | TOTAL-14 STATES | 30 | $+9.7$ |
| New Mexico | 16 | +11.0 |  |  | $+9.7$ |
| New York | 1 | + 4.6 |  |  |  |
| North Carolina | 20 | $+7.6$ |  |  |  |
| North Dakota | 10 | +18.2 | ALL HIGHWAYS |  |  |
| Ohio | 21 | +1.9 | 46 STATES | 665 | $+7.3$ |
| Okl ahoma | 20 | $+8.3$ |  | 6 |  |
| Oregon | ---- | $--m-m-2$ |  |  |  |
| Pennsylvania | 28 | $+0.9$ | 3 SASERRI REGIOIS | 175 | $+4.9$ |
| Rhode Is land | 1 | +22.6 | 3 EASHERE REGTOMS | 175 | +4.9 |
| South Carolina | 5 | - 2.9 |  |  |  |
| South Dakota | ---- | ------- |  |  |  |
| Tennessee | 7 | +16.4 |  |  |  |
| Texas | 83 | + 6.6 |  |  |  |
| Utah | 11 | $+12.4$ |  |  |  |
| Vermont | 5 | $+7: 0$ | 4 CEIPRAL REGIOMS | 375 | $+8.0$ |
| Virginia | 2 | +15.2 |  |  |  |
| Washington | 10 | +10.4 |  |  |  |
| West Virginia | 11 | +17.3 |  |  |  |
| Wisconsin | 9 | +11.9 |  |  |  |
| Wyoming | 6 | $+7.0$ |  |  |  |
| TOTAL - 46 STATES | 635 | $+6.5$ | 2 WESERIV REGIONS | 115 | $+9.7$ |




TABLE 3. - NUMBER OF VEHICLES, CLASSIFIBD BY TYPES, USING TOLL FACILITIES IN JULY 1948 COMPARED WITH THOSE IN JULY 1947

|  | 1948 |  |  | Percentage change from 1947 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Facilities | Total | Passenger cars | $\begin{gathered} \text { Trucks } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { busses } \end{gathered}$ | Total | Passenger cars ${ }^{1}$ | Trucks and busses |
| EASTERN REGIONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 in the New England States | 882, 397 | 806,434 | 75,963 | +18.7 | +18.5 | +20.7 |
| 15 in the Middle Atlantic States | 15,791,482 | 14,073, 195 | 1,718,287 | +12.8 | +13.3 | +9.2 |
| Pennsylvania Turnpike ${ }^{2}$ | $428,177$ | $365,698$ | 62,479 | +17.7 | +13.9 | $+46.1$ |
| 5 in the South Atlantic States | $632,051$ | $526,787$ | 105,264 | +19.2 | $+20.0$ | +15.6 |
| TOTAL - 24 facilities | 17,734, 107 | 15,772, 114 | 1,961,993 | +13.4 | +13.8 | +10.8 |

CENTRAL REGIONS

| 3 on the Great Lakes Canadian border ${ }^{3}$ | 945,705 | 925, 334 | 20,371 | +21.7 | +22.4 | - 2.9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 in the Great Lakes Region | 104, 290 | 100,628 | 3,662 | $+6.3$ | +6.0 | +15.7 |
| Subtotal-4 facilities | 1,049,995 | 1,025,962 | 24,033 | +20.0 | +20.5 | - 0.4 |
| 4 on the Ohio River | 459,987 | 403,913 | 56,074 | +16.4 | +17.0 | +12.4 |
| 1 in the Kentucky | 14,475 | 10,763 | 3,712. | - 3.1 | - 3.8 | - 0.7 |
| Subtotal-5 facilities | 474,462 | 414,676 | 59,786 | +15.7 | +16.3 | +11.5 |
| 7 on the Mississippi and St. Croix. Rivers St. Louis and North | 906,398 | 798,045 | 108,353 | +13.7 | +12.9 | +19.8 |
| 3 on, the Miss. River south of St. Louis | 146,126 | 115,967 | 30, 159 | +18.2 | +15.6 | +29.3 |
| Subtotal-10 facilities | 1,052,524 | 914,012 | 138,512 | +14.3 | +13.2 | +21.8 |
| 4 on the Missouri River | 219,572 | 184,650 | 34,922 | +10.1 | +11.4 | + 3.8 |
| 3 in the West South Central States | 31, 167 | 29,536 | 1,631 | $+8.5$ | $+9.9$ | -11.8 |
| Subtotal - 7 facilities | 250,739 | 214,186 | 36,553 | $+9.9$ | +11.2 | $+3.0$ |
| TOTAL - 26 facilities | 2,827,720 | 2,568,836 | 258;884 | +16.2 | +16.4 | +14.0 |


| WESTERN REGIONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 in California | 2, 227, 159 | 2,018,942 | 208,217 | $+1.8$ | + 1.6 | + 3.9 |
| 3 in the Ore-Washington Area | 477,009 | 424,027 | 52,982 | +9.2 | +8.3 | +17.1 |
| TOTAL-4 facilities | 2,704, 168 | 2,442,969 | 261,199 | + 3.0 | + 2.7 | $+6.3$ |
| UNITED STATES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL - 54 facilities | 23,265,995 | 20,783,919 | 2,482,076 | +12.4 | +12.7 | +10.7 |

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FIGURE 2 - VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS IN 1941, 1943, 1947 AND 1948



[^0]:    H. S. Fairbank, Deputy Commissioner Public Roads Administration

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Non-revenue vehicles included in report and treated as passenger cars unless otherwise specified.
    ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ Number of vehicles, those using any portion of the facility.
    ${ }^{3}$ One of thesefacilities is in western New. York and therefore is related tosimilar facilities in the Central States.

