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# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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

Class of road:	Preliminary data for August 1956			Revised data for July 1956		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percentage change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percentage change
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
Main rural roads.....	23,214	24,411	+5.2	23,457	24,192	+3.1
Local rural roads.....	.....	.....	+2.0	.....	.....	+3.6
All rural roads.....	.....	.....	+4.2	.....	.....	+3.3
City streets.....	.....	.....	+5.1	.....	.....	+5.2
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	+4.5	.....	.....	+4.0
By region (main rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	7,741	8,328	+7.6	8,018	8,308	+3.6
Central regions.....	11,233	11,689	+4.1	11,348	11,594	+2.2
Western regions.....	4,240	4,394	+3.6	4,091	4,290	+4.9

Table 1.—AUGUST 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)

Summary of automatic traffic recorder data<sup>1</sup>

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from August 1955	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from August 1955
Alabama.....	4	+12.3	Nebraska.....	.....	+2.4
Arizona.....	11	+8.5	Nevada.....	20	+0.3
Arkansas.....	22	+2.2	New Hampshire.....	13	+11.7
California.....	.....	+3.1	New Jersey.....	7	+9.4
Colorado.....	18	+0.7	New Mexico.....	26	+6.6
Connecticut.....	15	+12.8	New York.....	.....	+5.9
Delaware.....	7	+11.8	North Carolina.....	27	+9.6
Florida.....	54	+11.1	North Dakota.....	.....	-0.4
Georgia.....	25	+7.8	Ohio.....	.....	.....
Idaho.....	9	+5.2	Oklahoma.....	22	-6.4
Illinois.....	2	+8.8	Oregon.....	28	+4.6
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Pennsylvania.....	51	+3.7
Iowa.....	26	+1.6	Rhode Island.....	4	-7.8
Kansas.....	52	+3.1	South Carolina.....	6	+4.6
Kentucky.....	14	+1.2	South Dakota.....	28	+3.4
Louisiana.....	35	+9.0	Tennessee.....	21	+3.1
Maine.....	8	+4.2	Texas.....	80	+2.2
Maryland.....	24	+4.2	Utah.....	12	+5.6
Massachusetts.....	11	+14.5	Vermont.....	7	+6.9
Michigan.....	27	+1.8	Virginia.....	.....	+7.0
Minnesota.....	25	+2.7	Washington.....	8	+5.1
Mississippi.....	36	+1.1	West Virginia.....	23	+4.4
Missouri.....	25	+2.9	Wisconsin.....	15	+4.0
Montana.....	17	+1.9	Wyoming.....	25	-0.4

<sup>1</sup> Main roads only.

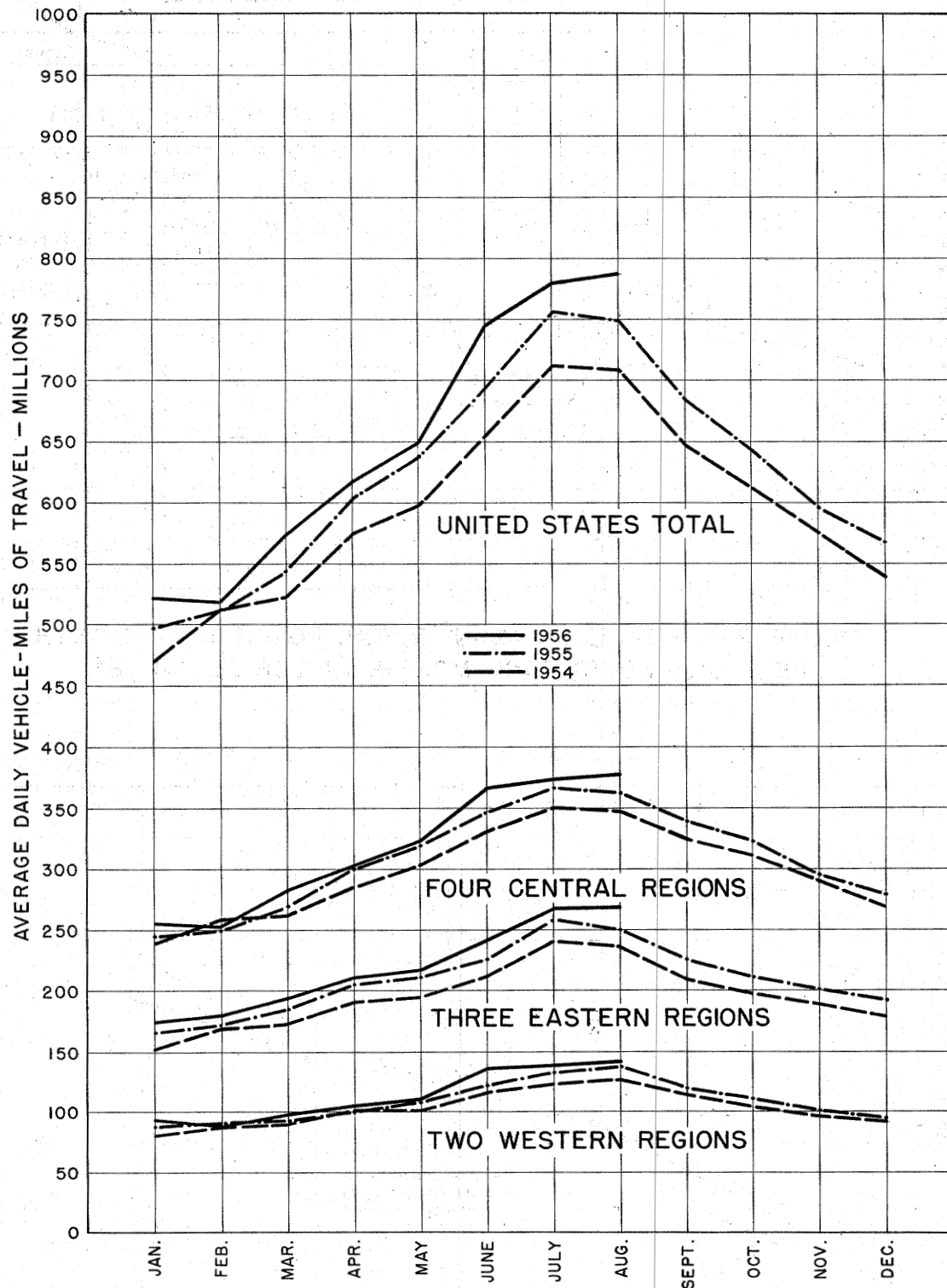


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN<sup>1</sup> RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

<sup>1</sup>Prior to August 1956 issue, data concerning all rural roads were included

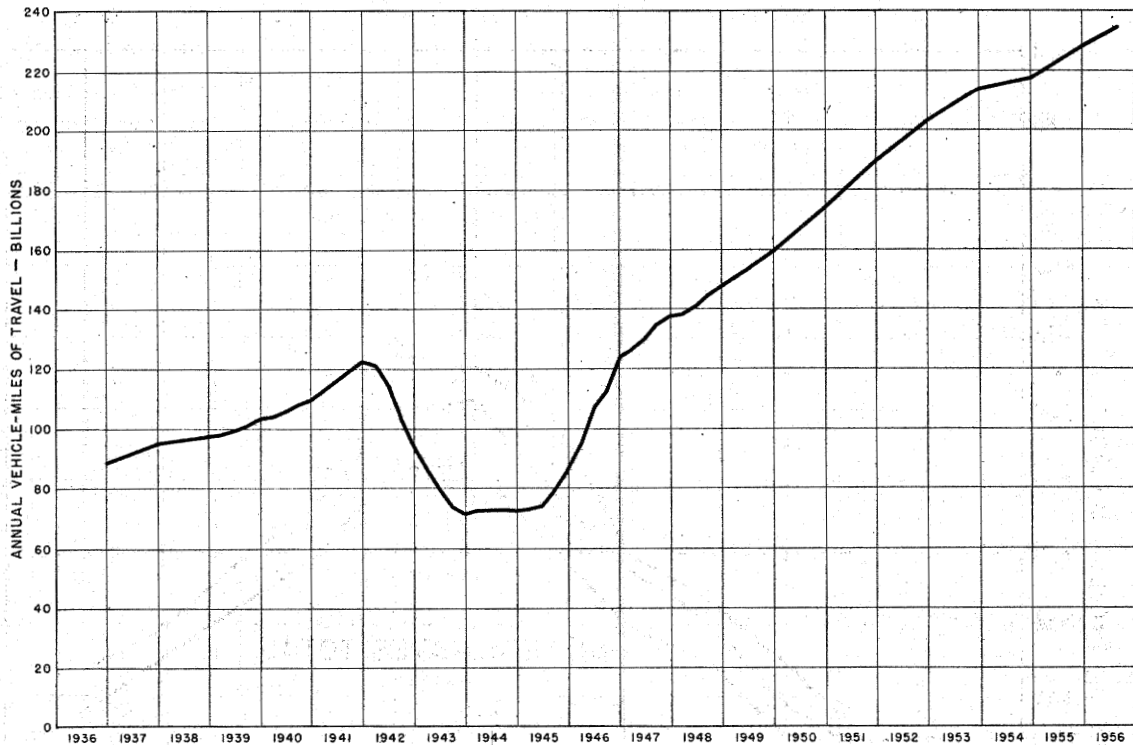


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON MAIN<sup>1/</sup> RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

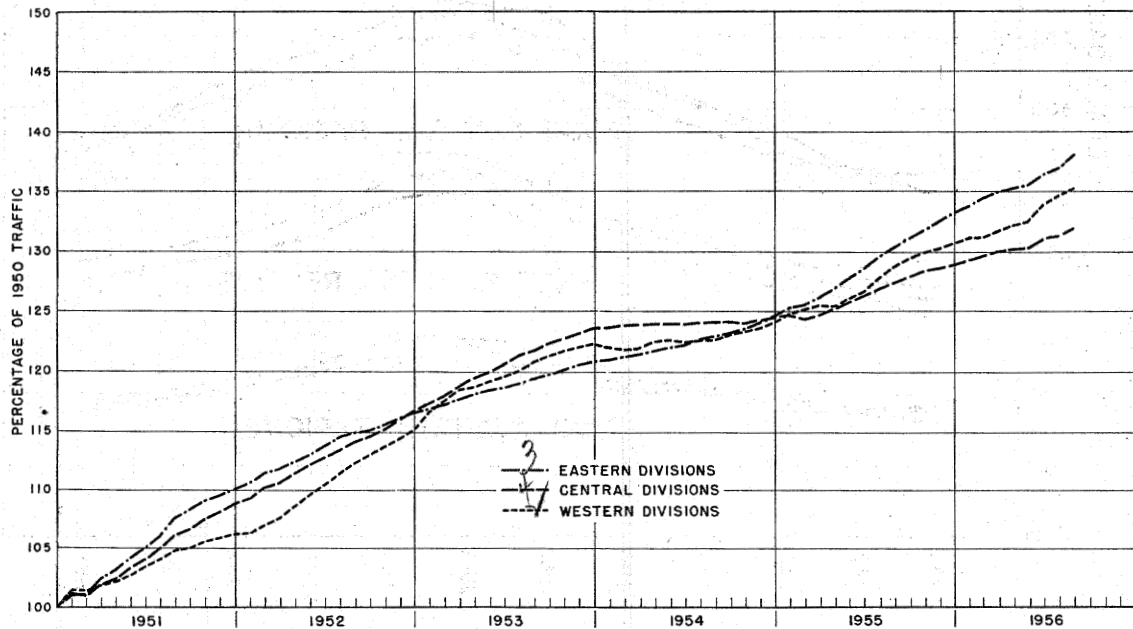


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON MAIN<sup>1/</sup> RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

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Table 2.--JULY 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)

Summary of automatic traffic recorder data<sup>1</sup>

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from July 1955	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from July 1955
<b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>			<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Connecticut.....	15	+2.1	Alabama.....	7	+1.5
Maine.....	11	+3.0	Kentucky.....	14	+1.1
Massachusetts.....	11	+4.5	Mississippi.....	35	-5.9
New Hampshire.....	40	-1.0	Tennessee.....	20	+1.5
Rhode Island.....	5	-4.2			
Vermont.....	13	+3.7	<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>		
			Iowa.....	26	+4.1
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>			Kansas.....	51	+4.8
New Jersey.....	7	+0.5	Minnesota.....	25	+1.0
New York.....	.....	-2.1	Missouri.....	26	+3.6
Pennsylvania.....	51	-0.1	Nebraska.....	.....	-0.4
			North Dakota.....	.....	-4.5
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):</b>			South Dakota.....	28	+2.5
Delaware.....	7	+1.9	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Maryland.....	28	+1.4	Arkansas.....	22	+2.0
Virginia.....	.....	+4.4	Louisiana.....	35	+9.1
West Virginia.....	23	+0.5	Oklahoma.....	22	-6.0
			Texas.....	79	-0.9
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):</b>			<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>		
Florida.....	54	+11.8	Arizona.....	11	+5.8
Georgia.....	25	+3.9	Colorado.....	21	+5.3
North Carolina.....	28	+6.1	Idaho.....	9	+7.2
South Carolina.....	8	+5.8	Montana.....	18	+4.0
			Nevada.....	20	+1.3
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>			New Mexico.....	.....	+5.4
Illinois.....	7	+13.3	Utah.....	11	+5.4
Indiana.....	22	+1.8	Wyoming.....	25	+1.2
Michigan.....	27	-3.0	<b>PACIFIC:</b>		
Ohio.....	.....	+0.7	California.....	.....	+6.6
Wisconsin.....	15	+1.5	Oregon.....	30	+4.3
			Washington.....	8	-0.1

<sup>1</sup>Main roads only.