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

Class of road:	Preliminary data for January 1955			Revised data for December 1954		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change
	1954 (revised)	1955		1953 (revised)	1954	
Main rural roads.....	13,850	14,976	+8.1	15,942	16,599	+4.1
Local rural roads.....	7,328	8,174	+11.5	6,241	6,470	+3.7
All rural roads.....	21,178	23,150	+9.3	22,183	23,069	+4.0
City streets.....	.....	.....	+7.1	.....	.....	+4.3
All roads and streets.....	.....	.....	+8.3	.....	.....	+4.1
By region (rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	7,569	8,400	+11.0	7,845	8,020	+2.2
Central regions.....	9,890	10,583	+7.0	10,772	11,204	+4.0
Western regions.....	3,719	4,167	+12.0	3,566	3,845	+7.8

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

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from January 1954	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from January 1954
Alabama.....	9	+7.1	Nebraska.....	15	-0.4
Arizona.....	9	+1.0	Nevada.....	20	+4.7
Arkansas.....	21	+12.4	New Hampshire.....	15	+16.7
California.....	5	-0.9	New Jersey.....	10	+11.9
Colorado.....	.....	.....	New Mexico.....	26	+1.1
Connecticut.....	19	+18.7	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	6	+19.5	North Carolina.....	38	+8.4
Florida.....	.....	.....	North Dakota.....	18	+16.0
Georgia.....	.....	.....	Ohio.....	.....	.....
Idaho.....	9	-7.9	Oklahoma.....	20	+10.5
Illinois.....	5	+4.2	Oregon.....	21	+19.7
Indiana.....	21	-2.2	Pennsylvania.....	52	+11.2
Iowa.....	.....	.....	Rhode Island.....	1	+19.9
Kansas.....	14	+1.4	South Carolina.....	9	+9.1
Kentucky.....	15	+1.3	South Dakota.....	30	+6.2
Louisiana.....	39	+8.2	Tennessee.....	27	+9.6
Maine.....	9	+14.1	Texas.....	102	+6.6
Maryland.....	23	+16.6	Utah.....	12	-0.2
Massachusetts.....	8	+0.7	Vermont.....	7	+0.8
Michigan.....	28	+9.0	Virginia ¹.....	.....	+2.3
Minnesota.....	.....	.....	Washington.....	11	+32.2
Mississippi.....	.....	.....	West Virginia.....	.....	.....
Missouri.....	27	+6.5	Wisconsin.....	15	+4.0
Montana.....	20	+15.4	Wyoming.....	.....	.....

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

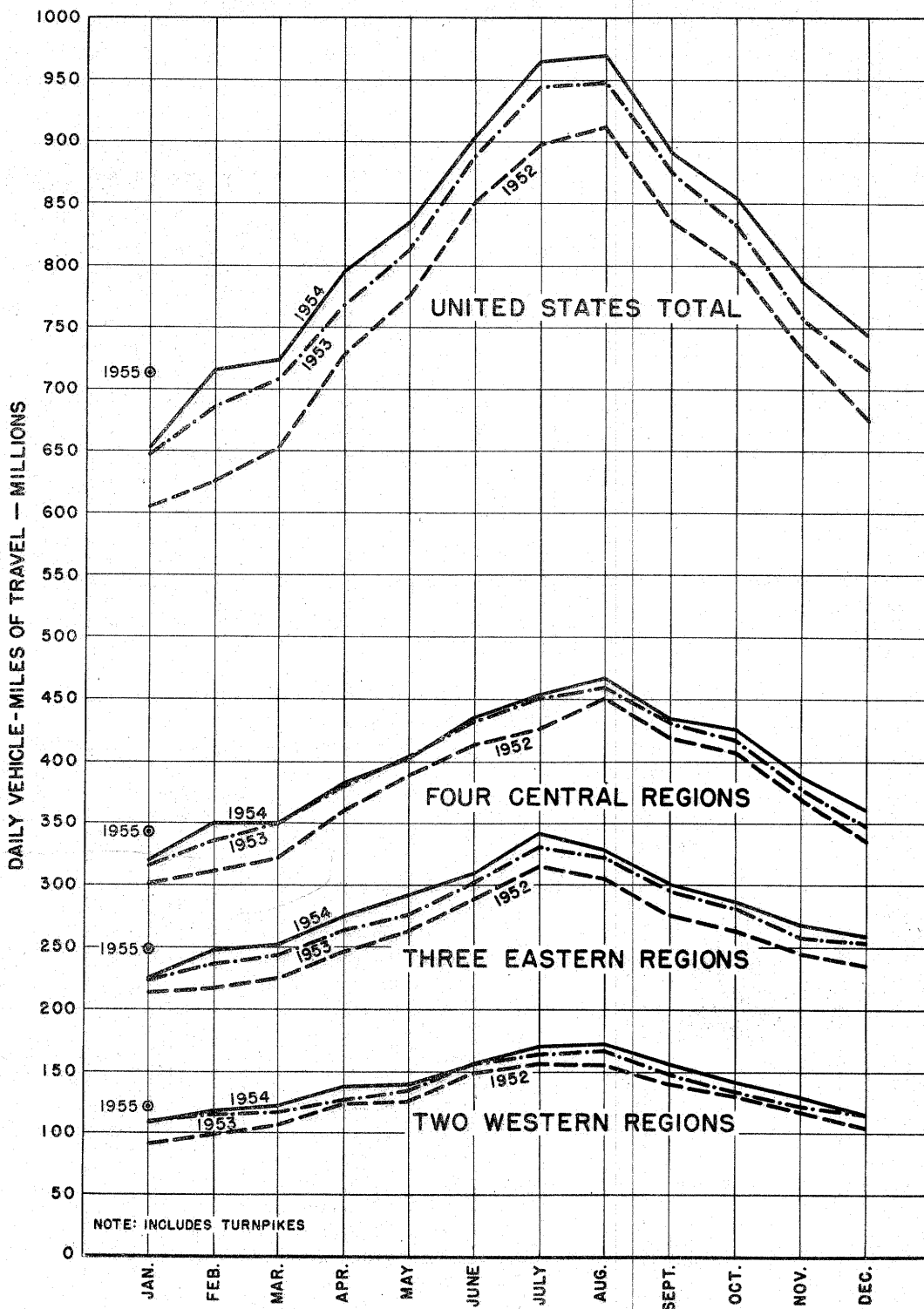


FIGURE I— TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

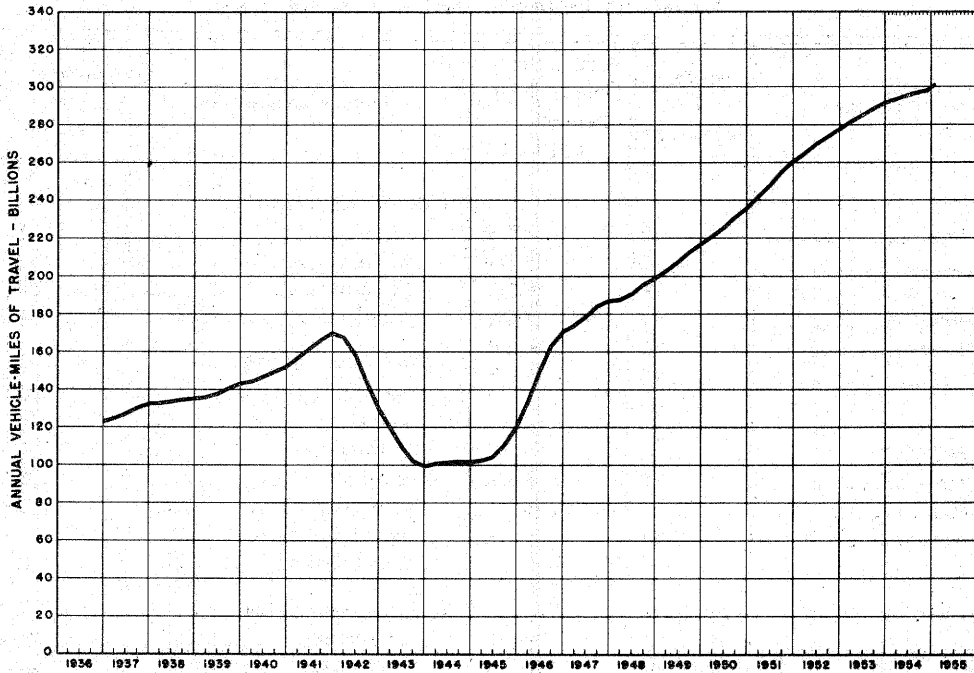


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

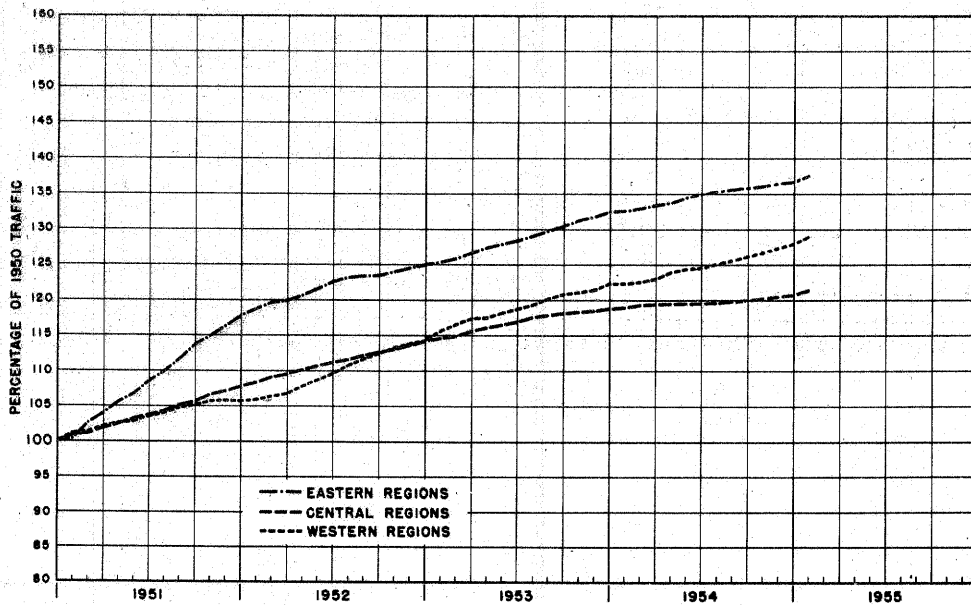


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

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

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from December 1953	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from December 1953
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	19	+2.8	Alabama.....	9	+10.0
Maine.....	12	+2.4	Kentucky.....	15	+0.4
Massachusetts.....	8	-3.3	Mississippi.....	27	-0.5
New Hampshire.....	15	+6.9	Tennessee.....	26	+1.7
Rhode Island.....	5	-0.6	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:		
Vermont.....	14	-3.5	Iowa.....	32	+2.5
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Kansas.....	14	+7.4
New Jersey.....	10	+3.5	Minnesota.....	25	+5.9
New York.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	105	+3.5
Pennsylvania.....	51	+0.6	Nebraska ¹.....	.....	+12.3
SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):			North Dakota ¹.....	.....	+5.8
Delaware.....	7	+8.0	South Dakota.....	30	-0.3
Maryland.....	26	+2.5	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Virginia ¹.....	.....	+1.5	Arkansas.....	25	+5.2
West Virginia.....	32	-1.5	Louisiana.....	38	+10.4
SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):			Oklahoma.....	20	-1.1
Florida.....	23	+10.1	Texas.....	100	+6.9
Georgia.....	22	+5.8	MOUNTAIN:		
North Carolina.....	38	+5.2	Arizona ¹.....	.....	+3.5
South Carolina.....	9	+18.1	Colorado.....	22	+9.9
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			Idaho.....	9	+2.3
Illinois.....	6	+2.1	Montana.....	20	+6.3
Indiana.....	21	-3.2	Nevada.....	19	+14.5
Michigan.....	29	+0.5	New Mexico ¹.....	.....	+2.5
Ohio.....	24	-1.8	Utah.....	12	+6.1
Wisconsin.....	14	+0.1	Wyoming.....	13	+7.3
			PACIFIC:		
			California ¹	+8.2
			Oregon.....	20	+5.3
			Washington.....	15	+7.9

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