

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

April 1951

On the basis of preliminary figures, motor-vehicle travel on main and local roads for the country as a whole was higher during April 1951 than in any previous April.

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from—		
		1941	1943	1950
Main rural roads.....	14,136	+47.5	+138.7	+5.0
Local rural roads.....	5,182	+35.2	+119.5	+11.2
All rural roads.....	19,318	+44.0	+133.2	+6.6

Traffic on rural roads in the geographic regions and changes from previous years are as follows:

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from—		
		1941	1943	1950
Eastern regions.....	6,320	+32.8	+138.9	+7.2
Central regions.....	9,811	+48.3	+129.4	+6.3
Western regions.....	3,187	+55.9	+134.2	+6.3

Traffic on city streets also was heavier than in any previous April. Comparisons with April of previous years for city streets, rural roads, and all roads and streets are as follows:

	Percentage change from—		
	1941	1943	1950
City streets.....	+51.5	+113.9	+5.6
Rural roads.....	+44.0	+133.2	+6.6
All roads and streets.....	+47.7	+123.1	+6.1

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Table 1.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR APRIL 1951 INCLUDING 711 STATIONS IN 39 STATES

Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from April 1950	Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from April 1950
STATE HIGHWAYS			STATE HIGHWAYS—Con.		
Alabama.....	7	+12.3	Texas.....	104	+5.9
Arizona.....	5	+2.1	Utah.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	21	+8.9	Vermont.....	7	+1.2
California.....	3	-10.4	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	.....	.....	Washington.....	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	16	+11.9	West Virginia.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	6	+7.8	Wisconsin.....	9	-3.9
Florida.....	22	+6.8	Wyoming.....	7	+16.2
Georgia.....	7	+9.3			
Idaho.....	8	+3.3	TOTAL—39 STATES.....	678	+5.0
Illinois.....	.....	.....	LOCAL HIGHWAYS		
Indiana.....	21	+9.8	Alabama.....	2	+29.1
Iowa.....	25	+0.3	Connecticut.....	3	+12.9
Kansas.....	14	+3.1	Delaware.....	1	+11.7
Kentucky.....	14	+5.3	Georgia.....	3	+16.2
Louisiana.....	36	+8.6	Indiana.....	1	+6.3
Maine.....	12	+2.7	Iowa.....	7	-18.7
Maryland.....	16	+5.6	Kentucky.....	1	-6.3
Massachusetts.....	9	+7.7	Maryland.....	1	+5.0
Michigan.....	24	+7.4	Michigan.....	2	+16.3
Minnesota.....	27	+4.3	Missouri.....	2	-5.5
Mississippi.....	19	-3.6	Montana.....	2	+6.3
Missouri.....	25	+7.6	Nebraska.....	2	+16.0
Montana.....	17	+9.8	North Dakota.....	1	+38.8
Nebraska.....	11	+4.3	Oregon.....	1	+28.2
Nevada.....	19	+13.4	Rhode Island.....	1	+10.7
New Hampshire.....	13	+10.1	South Dakota.....	2	-8.1
New Jersey.....	.....	.....	Wisconsin.....	1	-3.5
New Mexico.....	17	+13.0			
New York.....	.....	.....	TOTAL—17 STATES.....	33	+11.2
North Carolina.....	18	+4.0	ALL HIGHWAYS—		
North Dakota.....	11	+25.9	39 STATES.....		
Ohio.....	.....	.....		711	+6.6
Oklahoma.....	20	+3.9	3 EASTERN REGIONS....		
Oregon.....	6	+2.1		173	+7.2
Pennsylvania.....	30	+3.9	4 CENTRAL REGIONS....		
Rhode Island.....	2	+12.1		453	+6.3
South Carolina.....	6	+4.8	2 WESTERN REGIONS....		
South Dakota.....	28	+7.2		85	+6.3
Tennessee.....	16	+5.3			

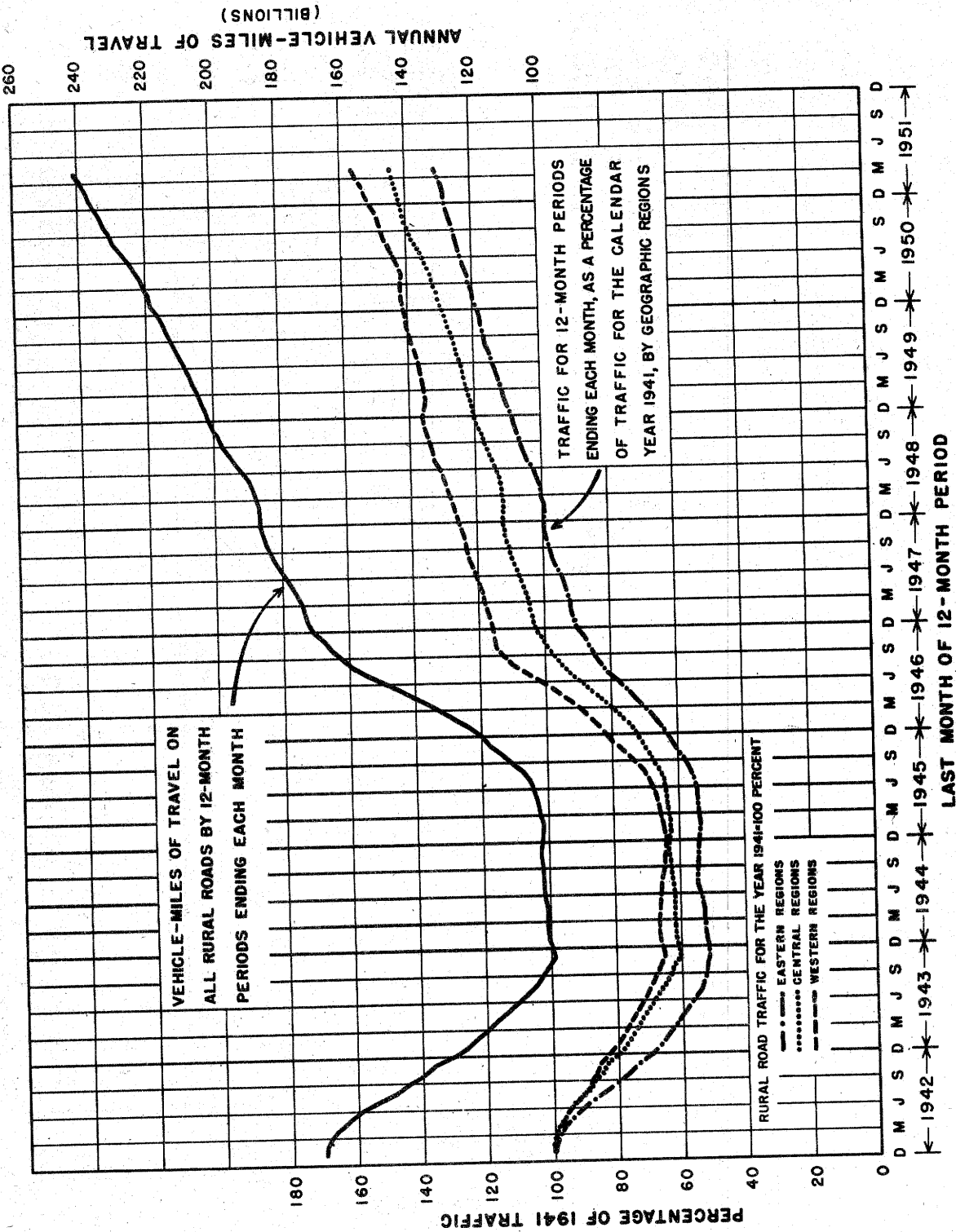
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Table 2.—REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR MARCH 1951 INCLUDING 819 STATIONS IN 47 STATES¹

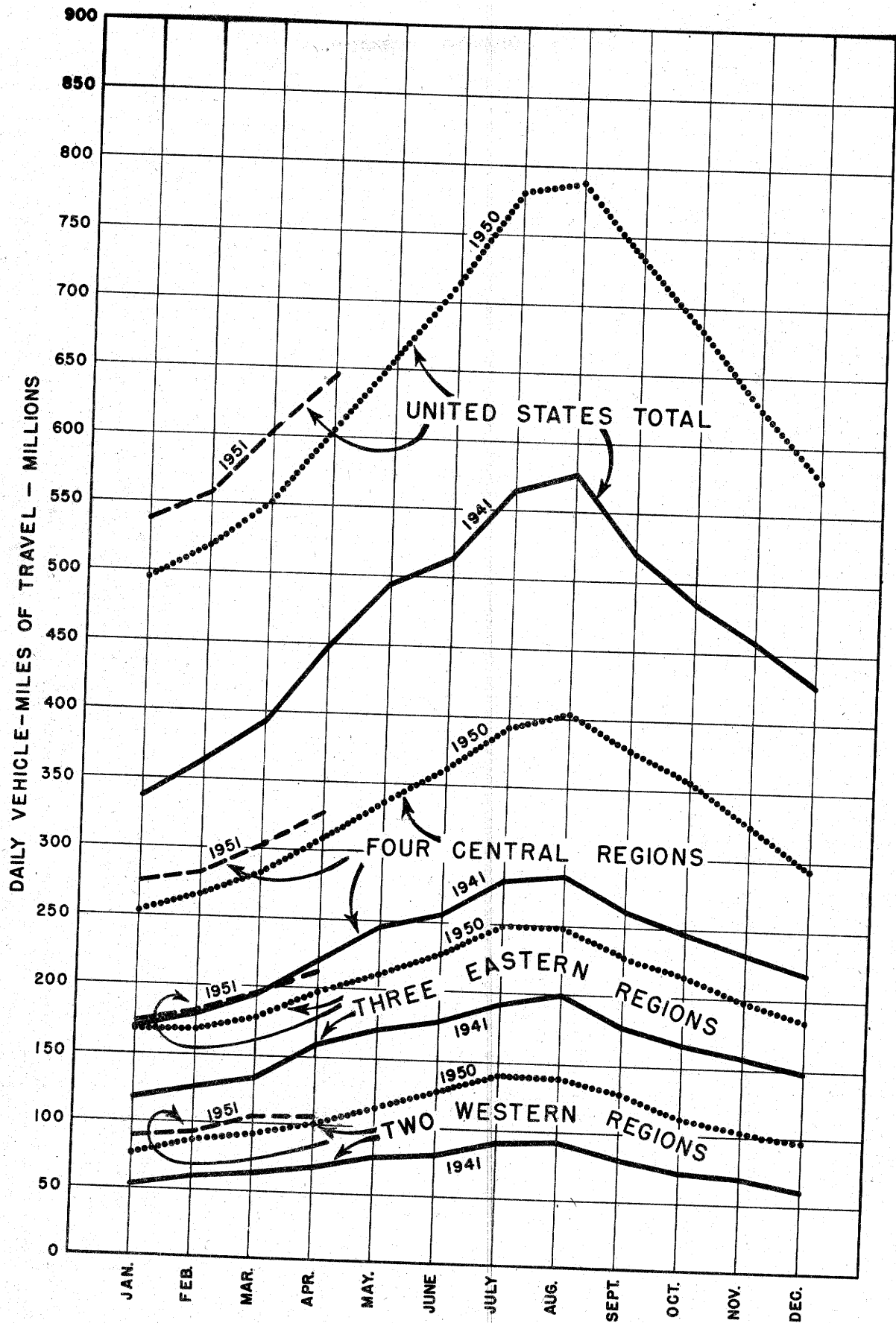
Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from March 1950	Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from March 1950
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	20	+16.4	Alabama.....	9	+16.0
Maine.....	12	+7.8	Kentucky.....	15	+9.3
Massachusetts.....	9	+9.0	Mississippi.....	19	+2.2
New Hampshire.....	12	+4.0	Tennessee.....	16	+14.2
Rhode Island.....	3	+20.7	<i>Subtotal</i>	59	+8.6
Vermont.....	12	+3.2	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
<i>Subtotal</i>	68	+11.6	Arkansas.....	21	+10.1
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Louisiana.....	36	+13.6
New Jersey.....	10	+19.2	Oklahoma.....	20	+11.1
New York.....	.....	.....	Texas.....	105	+7.9
Pennsylvania.....	30	+10.5	<i>Subtotal</i>	182	+9.6
<i>Subtotal</i>	40	+12.8	MOUNTAIN:		
SOUTH ATLANTIC:			Arizona.....	5	+4.7
Delaware.....	7	+10.1	Colorado.....	22	+6.1
Maryland.....	17	+18.0	Idaho.....	8	+5.4
Virginia ².....	.....	+8.7	Montana.....	19	+6.8
West Virginia.....	11	+19.4	Nevada.....	19	+16.6
<i>Subtotal north</i>	.....	.....	New Mexico.....	17	+19.3
<i>portion</i>	35	+16.7	Utah.....	28	+7.2
Florida.....	21	+10.7	Wyoming.....	7	+21.5
Georgia.....	10	+9.1	<i>Subtotal</i>	125	+9.7
North Carolina.....	19	+9.5	PACIFIC:		
South Carolina.....	7	+10.5	California.....	6	+21.8
<i>Subtotal south</i>	.....	.....	Oregon.....	7	+8.9
<i>portion</i>	57	+10.1	Washington.....	11	+1.1
<i>Subtotal</i>	.....	.....	<i>Subtotal</i>	24	+9.6
<i>region</i>	92	+12.9	TOTAL ALL STATES.....		
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			819		
Illinois.....	4	+2.6	STATE HIGHWAYS.....		
Indiana.....	22	+12.6	781		
Michigan.....	28	+14.4	LOCAL HIGHWAYS.....		
Ohio.....	11	+11.8	38		
Wisconsin.....	10	+3.0	3 EASTERN REGIONS....		
<i>Subtotal</i>	75	+11.7	200		
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:			4 CENTRAL REGIONS....		
Iowa.....	32	-10.0	470		
Kansas.....	13	+15.2	2 WESTERN REGIONS....		
Minnesota.....	27	-9.9	149		
Missouri.....	27	+11.0	+11.3		
Nebraska.....	12	+7.0	+7.0		
North Dakota.....	13	-6.8	+15.4		
South Dakota.....	30	-4.3			
<i>Subtotal</i>	154	-0.1			

¹ Combined State and local highways.

² Percentage figured from trend in vehicle mile estimate furnished by state.



TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES AND AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1941



TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

