

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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

Class of road:	Preliminary data for December 1956			Revised data for November 1956		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
Main rural roads.....	17,614	18,050	+2.5	17,897	18,361	+2.6
Local rural roads.....	.....	.....	+4.2	.....	.....	+5.1
All rural roads.....	.....	.....	+3.0	.....	.....	+3.4
City streets.....	.....	.....	+1.4	.....	.....	+2.5
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	+2.3	.....	.....	+3.0
By region (main rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	5,981	6,161	+3.0	6,030	6,281	+4.2
Central regions.....	8,686	8,825	+1.6	8,857	8,890	+0.4
Western regions.....	2,947	3,064	+4.0	3,010	3,190	+6.0

Table 1.—DECEMBER 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)¹
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from December 1955	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from December 1955
Alabama.....	9	+0.5	Nebraska.....	.....	+5.6
Arizona.....	11	+2.5	Nevada.....	20	+12.5
Arkansas.....	22	-0.7	New Hampshire.....	14	+10.1
California.....	.....	+11.0	New Jersey.....	7	-13.1
Colorado.....	20	+1.0	New Mexico.....	26	+5.3
Connecticut.....	18	+1.5	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	7	+8.1	North Carolina.....	32	+6.4
Florida.....	.....	.....	North Dakota.....	.....	+0.7
Georgia.....	.....	.....	Ohio.....	20	+2.5
Idaho.....	.....	.....	Oklahoma.....	21	-4.9
Illinois.....	6	-0.9	Oregon.....	28	+3.5
Indiana.....	22	+1.6	Pennsylvania.....	51	+2.5
Iowa.....	.....	.....	Rhode Island.....	1	+12.0
Kansas.....	14	+1.1	South Carolina.....	8	+2.3
Kentucky.....	14	-5.0	South Dakota.....	28	+12.8
Louisiana.....	37	+2.6	Tennessee.....	23	+1.5
Maine.....	8	-4.1	Texas.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	24	+4.5	Utah.....	12	+6.4
Massachusetts.....	12	-4.4	Vermont.....	7	+4.3
Michigan.....	30	-5.4	Virginia.....	.....	+5.1
Minnesota.....	27	+6.6	Washington.....	.....	.....
Mississippi.....	36	+16.2	West Virginia.....	22	+0.9
Missouri.....	21	+4.0	Wisconsin.....	15	+0.7
Montana.....	17	+14.6	Wyoming.....	25	+4.6

¹Main roads only.

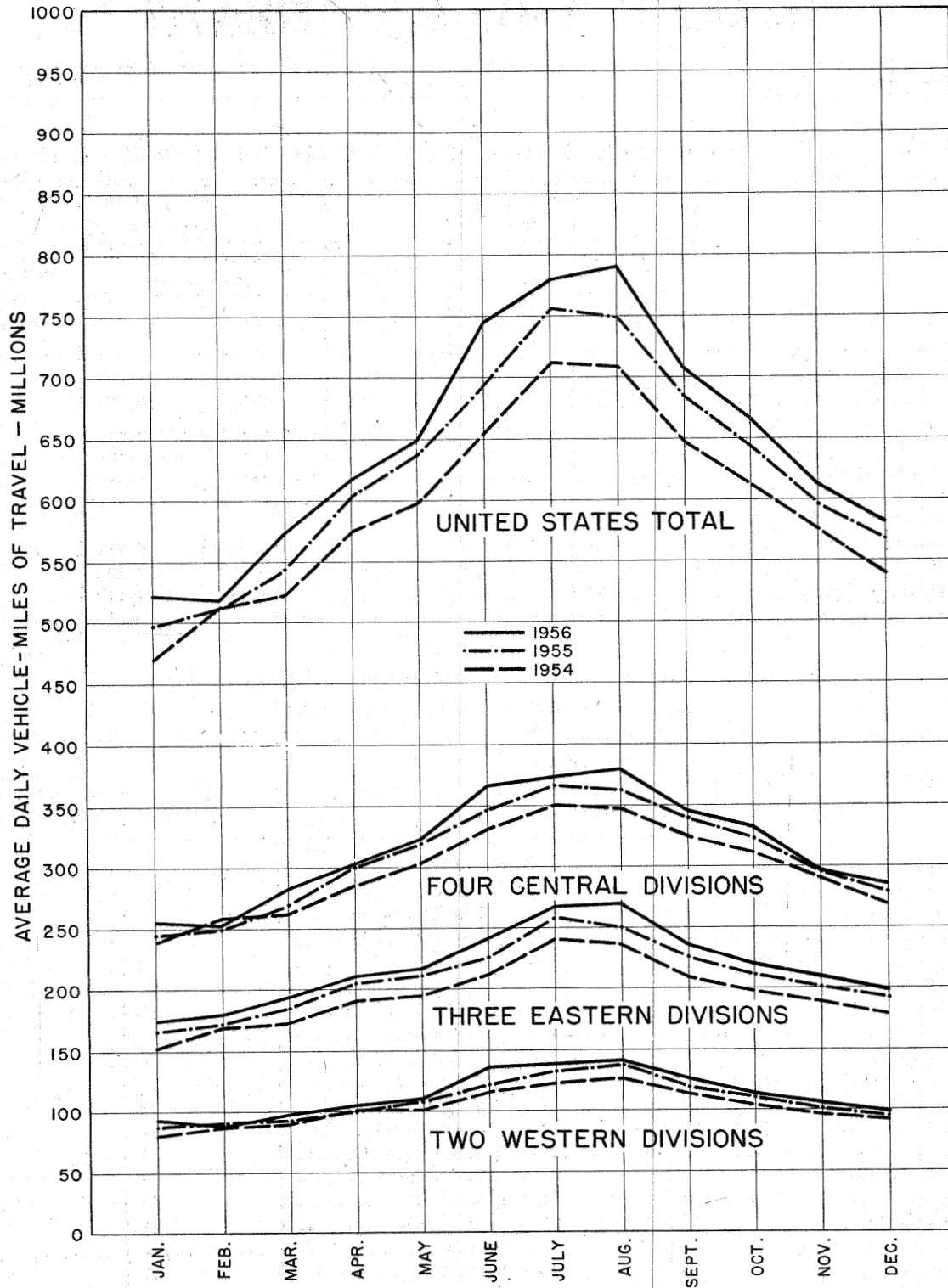


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN¹ RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS
¹Prior to August 1956 issue, data concerning all rural roads were included

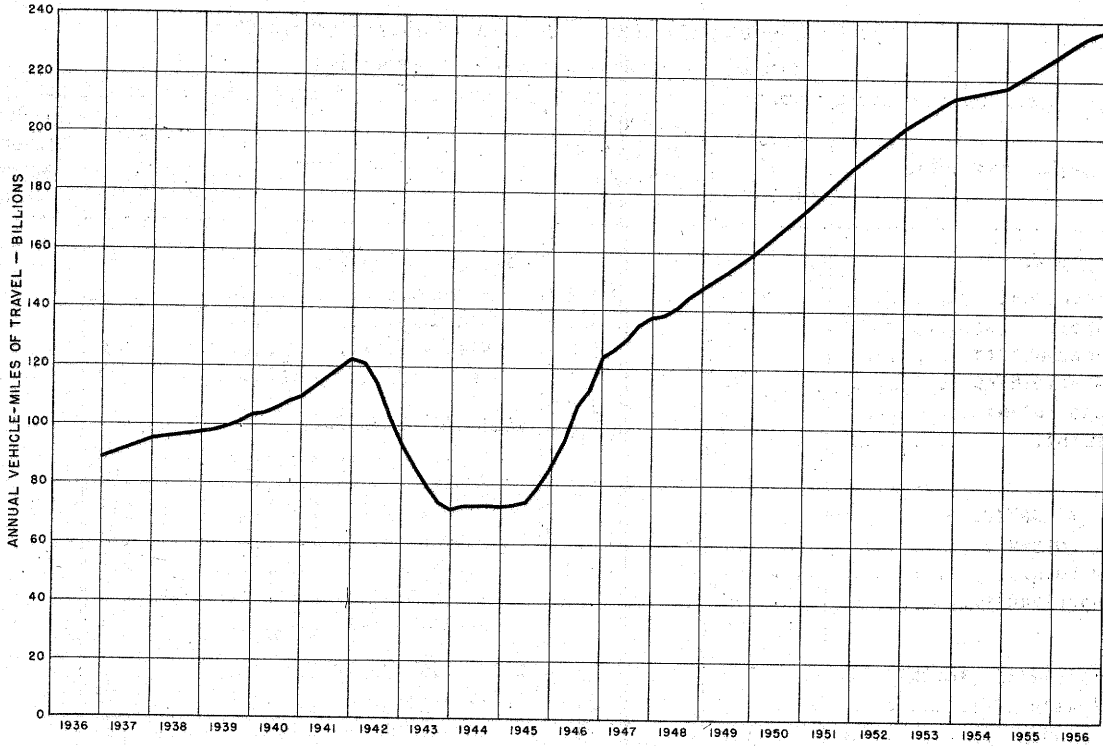


FIGURE 2 — TRAVEL ON MAIN¹ RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

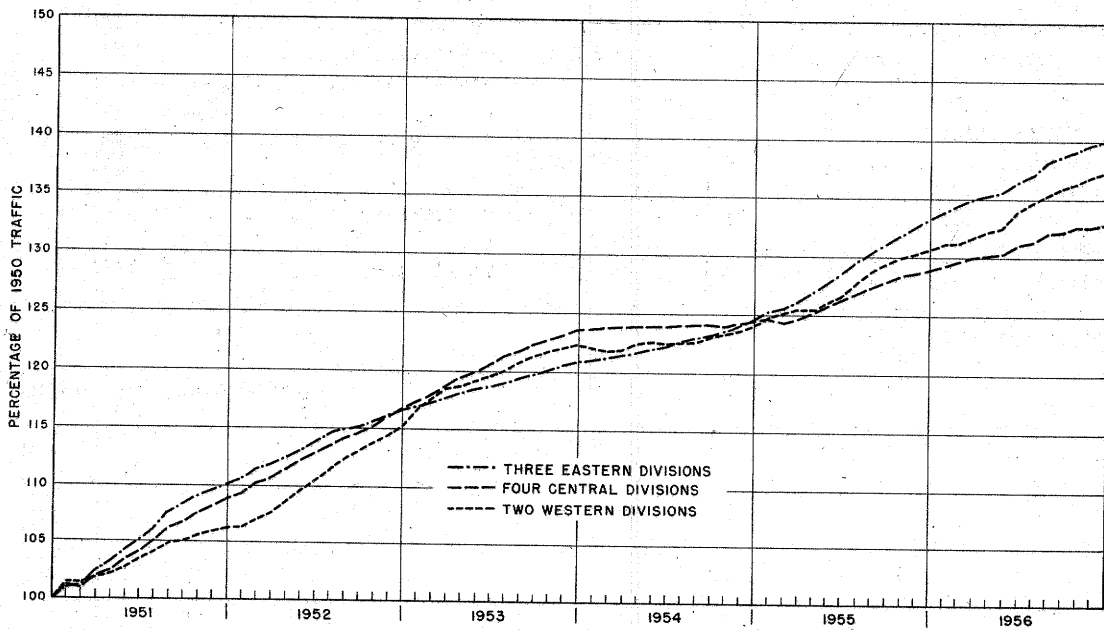


FIGURE 3 — TRAVEL ON MAIN¹ RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

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Table 2.—NOVEMBER 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data¹

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from November 1955	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from November 1955
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	18	+4.2	Alabama.....	6	-0.9
Maine.....	11	+3.1	Kentucky.....	14	-3.2
Massachusetts.....	12	+6.0	Mississippi.....	36	+14.6
New Hampshire.....	46	+13.8	Tennessee.....	22	+3.2
Rhode Island.....	4	+2.2			
Vermont.....	13	+8.9	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:		
			Iowa.....	26	-3.8
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Kansas.....	51	-6.1
New Jersey.....	7	+3.3	Minnesota.....	27	+4.3
New York.....	.....	+1.2	Missouri.....	26	+4.1
Pennsylvania.....	51	-1.3	Nebraska.....	.....	-5.0
			North Dakota.....	.....	+13.8
SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):			South Dakota.....	28	+2.1
Delaware.....	8	+6.0	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Maryland.....	28	+2.9	Arkansas.....	22	-0.1
Virginia.....	.....	+4.9	Louisiana.....	33	+5.3
West Virginia.....	23	+1.6	Oklahoma.....	21	-5.7
			Texas.....	79	+1.9
SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):			MOUNTAIN:		
Florida.....	54	+9.0	Arizona.....	11	-0.8
Georgia.....	25	+4.4	Colorado.....	19	+0.9
North Carolina.....	31	+3.0	Idaho.....	9	-1.9
South Carolina.....	7	+2.9	Montana.....	17	+16.2
			Nevada.....	20	+6.2
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			New Mexico.....	.....	+4.3
Illinois.....	7	-7.0	Utah.....	13	+7.5
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Wyoming.....	25	+3.0
Michigan.....	31	-1.7	PACIFIC:		
Ohio.....	+1.2	California.....	+5.3
Wisconsin.....	15	+2.2	Oregon.....	28	+10.9
			Washington.....	8	+15.2

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