

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

February 1952

On the basis of preliminary figures, motor-vehicle travel on main and local roads for the country as a whole was higher during February 1952 than in any previous February.

| | Vehicle-miles (millions) | Percentage increase from 1951 |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Main rural roads..... | 12,852 | 12.3 |
| Local rural roads..... | 4,756 | 10.2 |
| All rural roads..... | 17,608 | 11.7 |

Traffic on rural roads in the geographic regions and changes from 1951 are as follows:

| | Vehicle-miles (millions) | Percentage increase from 1951 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Eastern regions..... | 5,860 | 12.7 |
| Central regions..... | 8,955 | 12.1 |
| Western regions..... | 2,793 | 8.6 |

Traffic on city streets also was higher than in any previous February. Comparisons with February 1951 for city streets, rural roads and all roads and streets are as follows:

| | Percentage increase from 1951 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| City streets..... | 6.2 |
| Rural roads..... | 11.7 |
| All roads and streets..... | 9.0 |

Attachments

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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS—FEBRUARY 1952

Table 1.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR FEBRUARY 1952 INCLUDING 725 STATIONS IN 39 STATES¹

| Type of highway and State | Number of stations | Traffic volume percentage change from February 1951 | Type of highway and State | Number of stations | Traffic volume percentage change from February 1951 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|---|--------------------|---|
| <i>STATE HIGHWAYS</i> | | | <i>STATE HIGHWAYS—Con.</i> | | |
| Alabama..... | 7 | +19.6 | Texas..... | 104 | +10.3 |
| Arizona..... | 4 | +7.2 | Utah..... | 29 | +9.6 |
| Arkansas..... | ..... | ..... | Vermont..... | 6 | +8.9 |
| California..... | 5 | +12.1 | Virginia..... | ..... | ..... |
| Colorado..... | ..... | ..... | Washington..... | 10 | +12.5 |
| Connecticut..... | 18 | +11.7 | West Virginia..... | 19 | +12.5 |
| Delaware..... | 6 | +22.6 | Wisconsin..... | 10 | +12.6 |
| Florida..... | ..... | ..... | Wyoming..... | 8 | +1.5 |
| Georgia..... | ..... | ..... |  |  |  |
| Idaho..... | 9 | -1.0 | <i>TOTAL—39 STATES¹.....</i> | <i>689</i> | <i>+12.3</i> |
| Illinois..... | 5 | -7.5 | | | |
| Indiana..... | 21 | +16.9 | <i>LOCAL HIGHWAYS</i> | | |
| Iowa..... | 24 | +12.6 | Alabama..... | 2 | +9.5 |
| Kansas..... | 14 | +10.6 | Connecticut..... | 3 | +5.2 |
| Kentucky..... | 14 | +27.9 | Delaware..... | 1 | +24.2 |
| Louisiana..... | 40 | +12.6 | Indiana..... | 1 | +9.7 |
| Maine..... | 11 | -3.6 | Iowa..... | 8 | +12.2 |
| Maryland..... | 16 | +22.1 | Kentucky..... | 1 | +13.1 |
| Massachusetts..... | 9 | +11.7 | Maryland..... | 1 | +27.2 |
| Michigan..... | 23 | +16.0 | Michigan..... | 2 | +21.6 |
| Minnesota..... | 26 | +13.0 | Montana..... | 2 | +8.2 |
| Mississippi..... | 18 | +12.0 | Nebraska..... | 4 | -15.4 |
| Missouri..... | 20 | +21.1 | New Jersey..... | 3 | +2.3 |
| Montana..... | 17 | +2.9 | North Dakota..... | 1 | -4.6 |
| Nebraska..... | 11 | +1.7 | Ohio..... | 2 | +15.2 |
| Nevada..... | 19 | +18.5 | Oregon..... | 1 | +6.7 |
| New Hampshire..... | ..... | ..... | Rhode Island..... | 1 | -13.7 |
| New Jersey..... | 6 | +8.9 | South Dakota..... | 2 | -13.9 |
| New Mexico..... | 20 | +18.1 | Wisconsin..... | 1 | +24.2 |
| New York..... | ..... | ..... |  |  |  |
| North Carolina..... | ..... | ..... | <i>TOTAL—17 STATES¹.....</i> | <i>36</i> | <i>+10.2</i> |
| North Dakota..... | 9 | +8.9 | | | |
| Ohio..... | 15 | +13.1 | <i>ALL HIGHWAYS—</i> | | |
| Oklahoma..... | 20 | +15.6 | <i>39 STATES¹.....</i> | <i>725</i> | <i>+11.7</i> |
| Oregon..... | 9 | +0.8 | | | |
| Pennsylvania..... | 41 | +3.7 | <i>3 EASTERN REGIONS¹...</i> | <i>144</i> | <i>+12.7</i> |
| Rhode Island..... | 3 | +3.6 | <i>4 CENTRAL REGIONS¹...</i> | <i>448</i> | <i>+12.1</i> |
| South Carolina..... | ..... | ..... | <i>2 WESTERN REGIONS¹...</i> | <i>133</i> | <i>+8.6</i> |
| South Dakota..... | 28 | -3.3 | | | |
| Tennessee..... | 15 | +5.2 | | | |

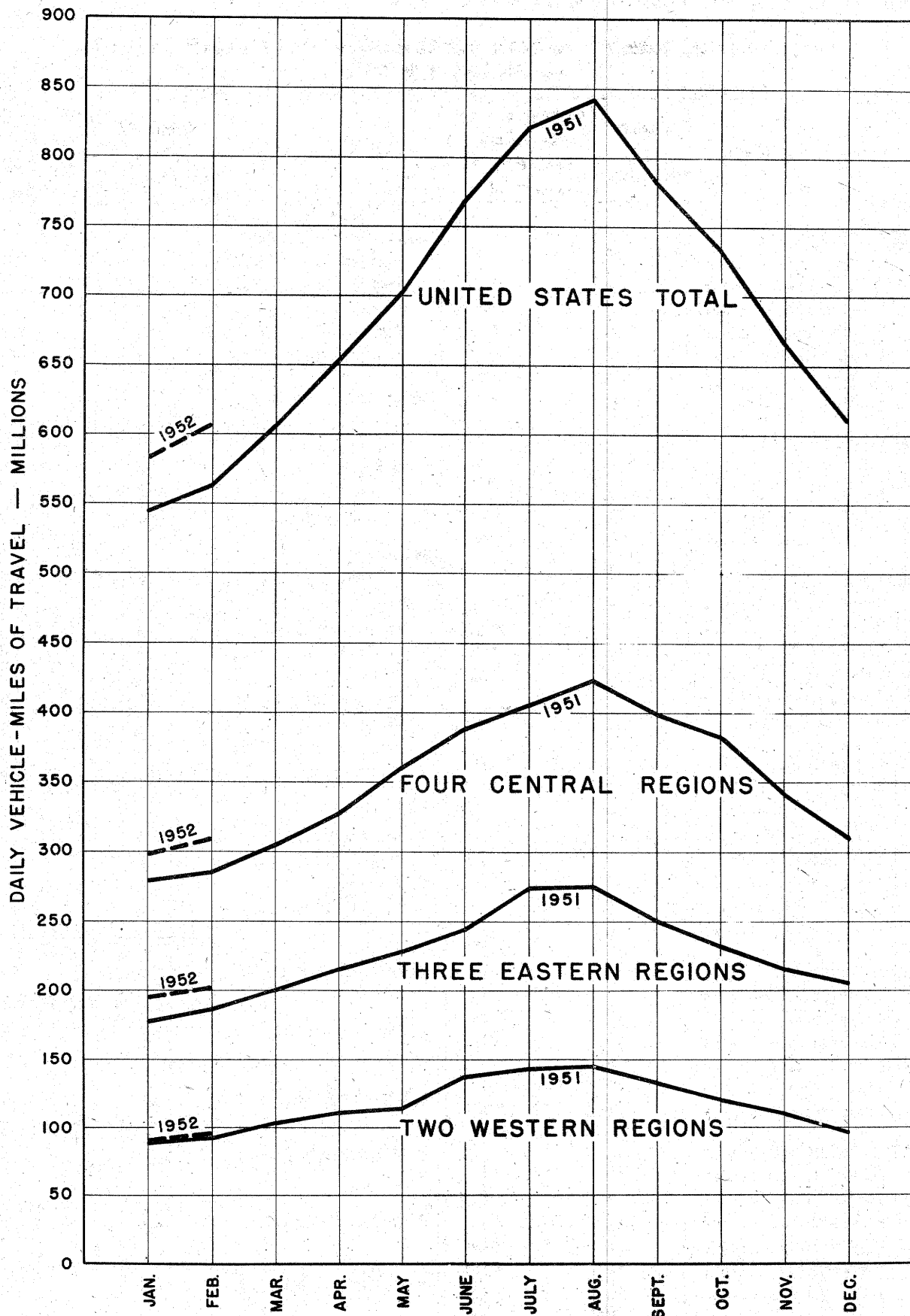
¹Percentage figured from trend in vehicle-miles.

Table 2.—REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR JANUARY 1952 INCLUDING 832 STATIONS IN 45 STATES¹

| Region and State | Number of stations | Traffic volume percentage change from January 1951 | Region and State | Number of stations | Traffic volume percentage change from January 1951 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|---|--------------------|--|
| NEW ENGLAND: | | | EAST SOUTH CENTRAL: | | |
| Connecticut..... | 22 | +13.7 | Alabama..... | 9 | +9.2 |
| Maine..... | 12 | -1.0 | Kentucky..... | 15 | +17.1 |
| Massachusetts..... | 9 | +4.6 | Mississippi..... | 18 | +9.6 |
| New Hampshire..... | 12 | +3.8 | Tennessee..... | 14 | +8.5 |
| Rhode Island..... | 2 | +0.8 | <i>Subtotal</i> | 56 | +11.5 |
| Vermont..... | 12 | +9.2 | WEST SOUTH CENTRAL: | | |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | 69 | +8.9 | Arkansas..... | ..... | ..... |
| MIDDLE ATLANTIC: | | | Louisiana..... | 41 | +9.9 |
| New Jersey..... | 9 | +9.1 | Oklahoma..... | 20 | +7.6 |
| New York..... | ..... | ..... | Texas..... | 106 | +6.5 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 39 | +3.4 | <i>Subtotal</i> | 167 | +7.9 |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | 48 | +4.4 | MOUNTAIN: | | |
| SOUTH ATLANTIC: | | | Arizona..... | 4 | +6.9 |
| Delaware..... | 7 | +14.9 | Colorado..... | 22 | +4.4 |
| Maryland..... | 17 | +12.5 | Idaho..... | 9 | +6.5 |
| Virginia ²..... | ..... | +9.3 | Montana..... | 19 | +5.5 |
| West Virginia..... | 23 | +12.4 | Nevada..... | 18 | -0.2 |
| <i>Subtotal north</i> | ..... | ..... | New Mexico..... | 21 | +12.3 |
| <i>portion</i> | 47 | +12.9 | Utah..... | 19 | -2.0 |
| Florida..... | 20 | +8.7 | Wyoming..... | 8 | +9.8 |
| Georgia..... | 9 | +6.9 | <i>Subtotal</i> | 120 | +5.6 |
| North Carolina..... | 40 | +9.8 | PACIFIC: | | |
| South Carolina..... | ..... | ..... | California..... | 5 | -0.5 |
| <i>Subtotal south</i> | ..... | ..... | Oregon..... | 9 | -8.9 |
| <i>portion</i> | 69 | +8.9 | Washington..... | 10 | -7.4 |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | ..... | ..... | <i>Subtotal</i> | 24 | -5.7 |
| <i>region</i> | 116 | +10.8 | TOTAL ALL STATES².... | | |
| EAST NORTH CENTRAL: | | | 832 | | |
| Illinois..... | 4 | -10.6 | STATE HIGHWAYS²..... | | |
| Indiana..... | 22 | +7.9 | 785 | | |
| Michigan..... | 25 | +6.3 | LOCAL HIGHWAYS²..... | | |
| Ohio..... | 15 | +8.7 | 47 | | |
| Wisconsin..... | 11 | +6.7 | 3 EASTERN REGIONS²... | | |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | 77 | +6.4 | 233 | | |
| WEST NORTH CENTRAL: | | | 4 CENTRAL REGIONS²... | | |
| Iowa..... | 32 | -5.0 | 454 | | |
| Kansas..... | 14 | +5.3 | 2 WESTERN REGIONS²... | | |
| Minnesota..... | 27 | +1.4 | 144 | | |
| Missouri..... | 27 | +7.4 | | | |
| Nebraska..... | 15 | -0.2 | | | |
| North Dakota..... | 10 | +2.8 | | | |
| South Dakota..... | 29 | -0.1 | | | |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | 154 | +2.0 | | | |

¹ Combined State and local highways.

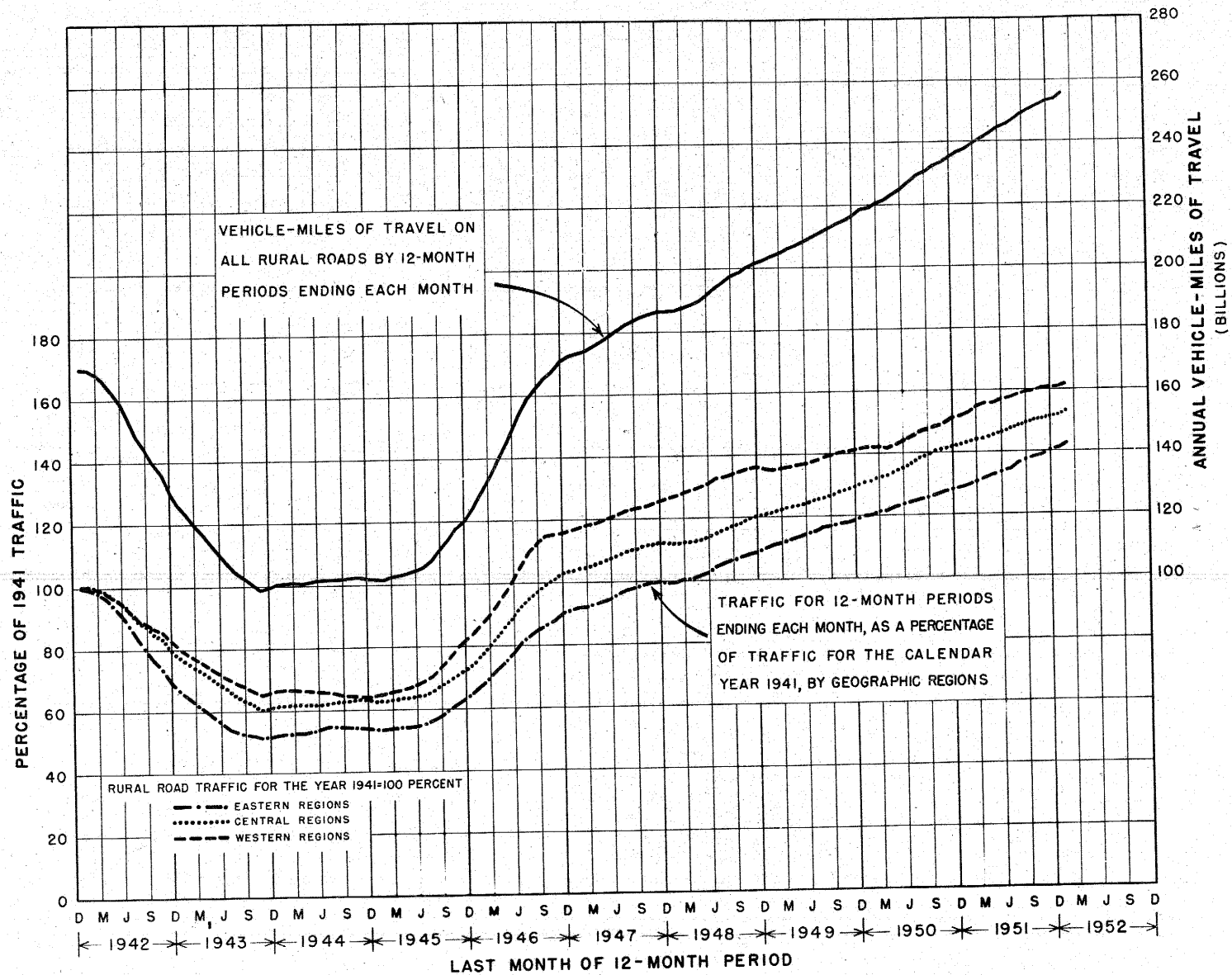
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TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

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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

