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# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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## SUMMARY OF MOTOR-VEHICLE TRAVEL IN FEBRUARY (PRELIMINARY) AND JANUARY (REVISED)

Class of road:	Preliminary data for February 1957			Revised data for January 1957		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percentage change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percentage change
	1956	1957		1956	1957	
Main rural roads.....	15,110	15,993	+5.8	16,197	16,343	+0.9
Local rural roads.....	.....	.....	+4.3	.....	.....	+0.9
All rural roads.....	.....	.....	+5.3	.....	.....	+0.9
City streets.....	.....	.....	+3.0	.....	.....	+1.7
All roads and streets.....	.....	.....	+4.2	.....	.....	+1.3
By region (main rural only):						
Eastern region.....	5,228	5,554	+6.2	5,425	5,566	+2.6
Central region.....	7,300	7,622	+4.4	7,917	7,865	-0.7
Western region.....	2,582	2,817	+9.1	2,855	2,912	+2.0

Table 1.—FEBRUARY 1957 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)

Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data<sup>1</sup>

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from February 1956	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from February 1956
Alabama.....	.....	.....	Nebraska.....	.....	-1.4
Arizona.....	11	+1.5	Nevada.....	20	+15.7
Arkansas.....	22	+5.6	New Hampshire.....	15	+1.6
California.....	.....	+11.6	New Jersey.....	7	+6.9
Colorado.....	22	-8.5	New Mexico.....	.....	+13.7
Connecticut.....	19	+5.6	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	6	+6.3	North Carolina.....	31	+3.2
Florida.....	52	+8.8	North Dakota.....	.....	+5.6
Georgia.....	25	+5.5	Ohio.....	20	-0.7
Idaho.....	9	+10.8	Oklahoma.....	24	-2.0
Illinois.....	6	+8.4	Oregon.....	28	+7.8
Indiana.....	19	+2.1	Pennsylvania.....	51	+6.3
Iowa.....	26	-3.3	Rhode Island.....	1	+14.4
Kansas.....	13	+1.7	South Carolina.....	10	+7.5
Kentucky.....	13	+6.3	South Dakota.....	28	+9.5
Louisiana.....	38	+8.2	Tennessee.....	22	+5.0
Maine.....	11	+10.4	Texas.....	80	+6.2
Maryland.....	24	+3.5	Utah.....	12	+16.1
Massachusetts.....	10	+6.3	Vermont.....	7	-1.5
Michigan.....	30	+0.5	Virginia.....	.....	+5.4
Minnesota.....	27	+0.8	Washington.....	8	+12.0
Mississippi.....	34	+11.1	West Virginia.....	24	+6.6
Missouri.....	26	+11.0	Wisconsin.....	17	+1.2
Montana.....	17	+6.5	Wyoming.....	26	+9.0

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

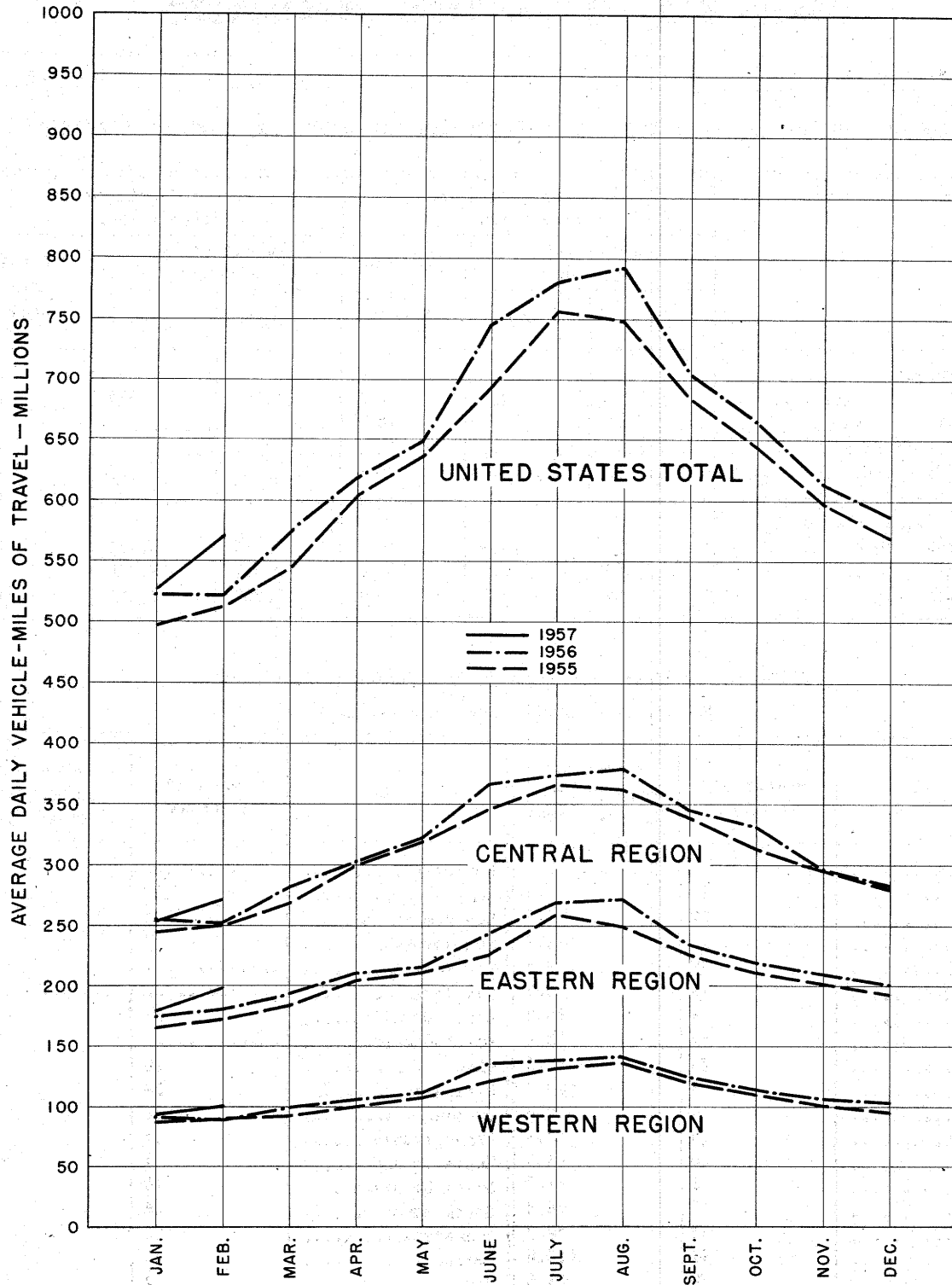


FIGURE 1—TRAVEL ON MAIN<sup>v</sup> RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

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

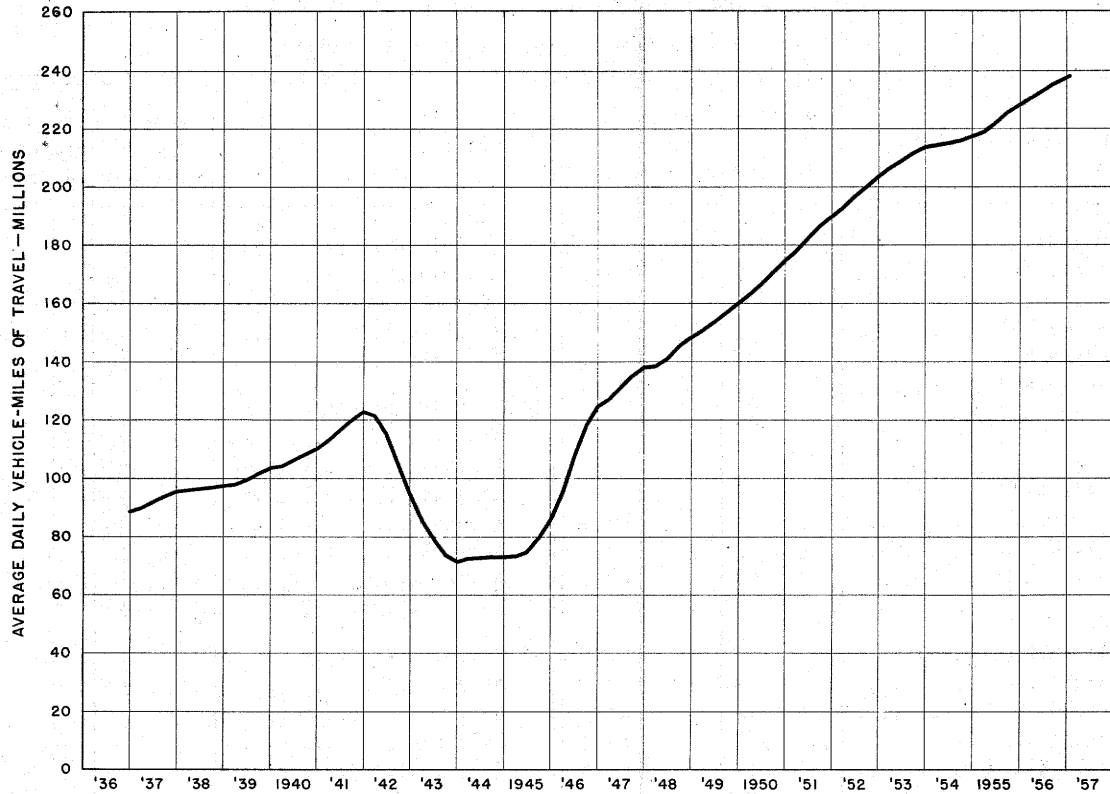


FIGURE 2—TRAVEL ON MAIN<sup>1/</sup> RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

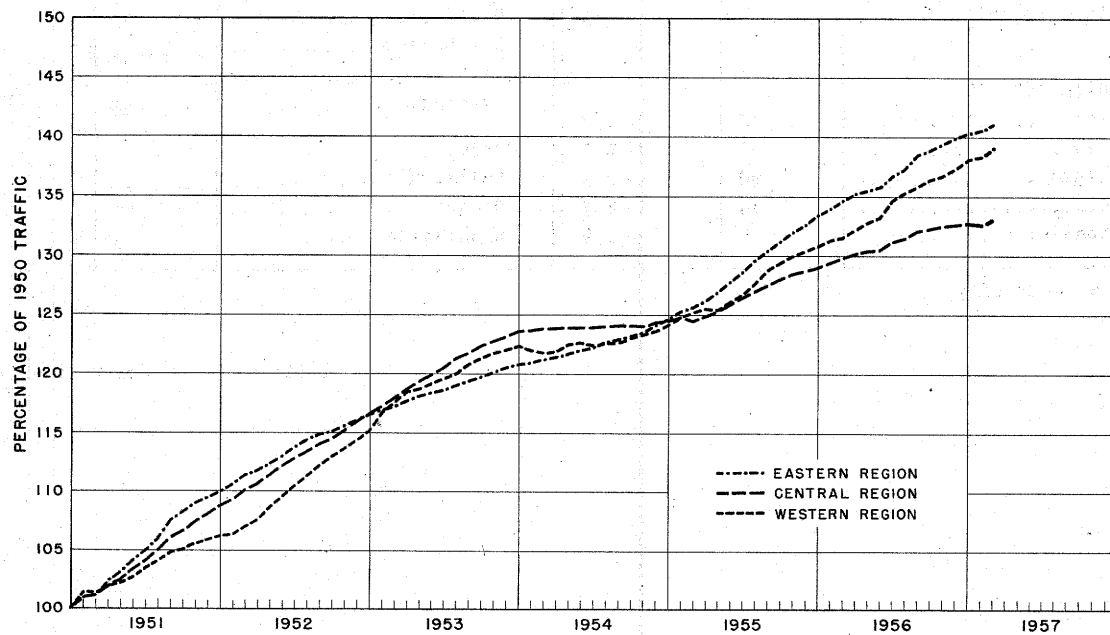


FIGURE 3—TRAVEL ON MAIN<sup>1/</sup> RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

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

Table 2.—JANUARY 1957 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)  
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data<sup>1</sup>

Division and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from January 1956	Division and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from January 1956
<b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>			<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Connecticut.....	17	- 1.0	Alabama.....	5	+ 3.7
Maine.....	11	+ 0.6	Kentucky.....	13	+ 3.4
Massachusetts.....	12	- 7.2	Mississippi.....	35	+ 11.3
New Hampshire.....	41	- 0.6	Tennessee.....	22	- 1.1
Rhode Island.....	3	- 27.1	<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Vermont.....	13	- 1.4	Iowa.....	26	+ 0.4
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>			Kansas.....	32	- 2.5
New Jersey.....	7	+ 5.6	Minnesota.....	27	+ 3.0
New York.....	.....	+ 2.4	Missouri.....	26	+ 1.9
Pennsylvania.....	51	+ 1.8	Nebraska.....	.....	- 1.8
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):</b>			North Dakota.....	.....	- 0.7
Delaware.....	6	+ 5.6	South Dakota.....	28	- 0.2
Maryland.....	29	- 0.8	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Virginia.....	.....	+ 6.1	Arkansas.....	22	+ 1.3
West Virginia.....	24	+ 4.7	Louisiana.....	37	+ 3.4
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):</b>			Oklahoma.....	24	- 8.1
Florida.....	54	+ 8.8	Texas.....	79	+ 0.8
Georgia.....	25	+ 2.9	<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>		
North Carolina.....	30	+ 2.2	Arizona.....	11	- 0.1
South Carolina.....	9	- 1.3	Colorado.....	21	- 1.4
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>			Idaho.....	9	+ 0.4
Illinois.....	6	- 1.7	Montana.....	17	- 0.7
Indiana.....	22	+ 4.0	Nevada.....	20	+ 1.6
Michigan.....	30	- 7.6	New Mexico.....	.....	+ 3.5
Ohio.....	18	- 4.3	Utah.....	14	+ 5.8
Wisconsin.....	15	- 6.9	Wyoming.....	26	+ 5.5
			<b>PACIFIC:</b>		
			California.....	.....	+ 5.1
			Oregon.....	28	- 6.3
			Washington.....	8	- 4.4

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