

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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

Class of road:	Preliminary data for March 1956			Revised data for February 1956		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
Main rural roads.....	16,993	17,944	+5.6	14,408	15,109	+4.9
Local rural roads.....	7,708	8,096	+5.0	6,621	7,147	+7.9
All rural roads.....	24,701	26,040	+5.4	21,029	22,256	+5.8
City streets.....	.....	.....	+4.0	.....	.....	+4.9
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	+4.8	.....	.....	+5.4
Region (main rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	5,709	5,999	+5.1	4,854	5,213	+7.4
Central regions.....	8,426	8,830	+4.8	7,029	7,307	+4.0
Western regions.....	2,858	3,115	+9.0	2,525	2,589	+2.5

Table 1.—MARCH 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)

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

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from March 1955	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from March 1955
Alabama.....	7	+4.6	Nebraska.....	12	-0.4
Arizona.....	.....	.....	Nevada.....	20	+3.0
Arkansas.....	23	+1.8	New Hampshire.....	12	-13.7
California.....	.....	+8.6	New Jersey.....	6	+6.2
Colorado.....	20	+7.6	New Mexico.....	26	+10.7
Connecticut.....	18	-4.2	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	.....	.....	North Carolina.....	30	+10.3
Florida.....	55	+8.3	North Dakota.....	17	+1.2
Georgia.....	25	+7.6	Ohio.....	17	+0.2
Idaho.....	9	+1.4	Oklahoma.....	21	+5.3
Illinois.....	6	+10.8	Oregon.....	28	+5.2
Indiana.....	22	+3.8	Pennsylvania.....	52	+2.8
Iowa.....	26	+5.9	Rhode Island.....	4	+9.7
Kansas.....	14	-14.9	South Carolina.....	10	+3.1
Kentucky.....	14	+9.6	South Dakota.....	28	-0.6
Louisiana.....	38	+8.3	Tennessee.....	21	+8.5
Maine.....	8	-4.2	Texas.....	80	+5.1
Maryland.....	24	+6.3	Utah.....	13	+11.0
Massachusetts.....	12	+3.4	Vermont.....	7	+15.2
Michigan.....	28	+2.4	Virginia.....	.....	+3.8
Minnesota.....	27	+3.5	Washington.....	4	+11.7
Mississippi.....	.....	.....	West Virginia.....	26	+3.8
Missouri.....	25	+7.5	Wisconsin.....	15	+6.6
Montana.....	18	+16.0	Wyoming.....	23	+7.1

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

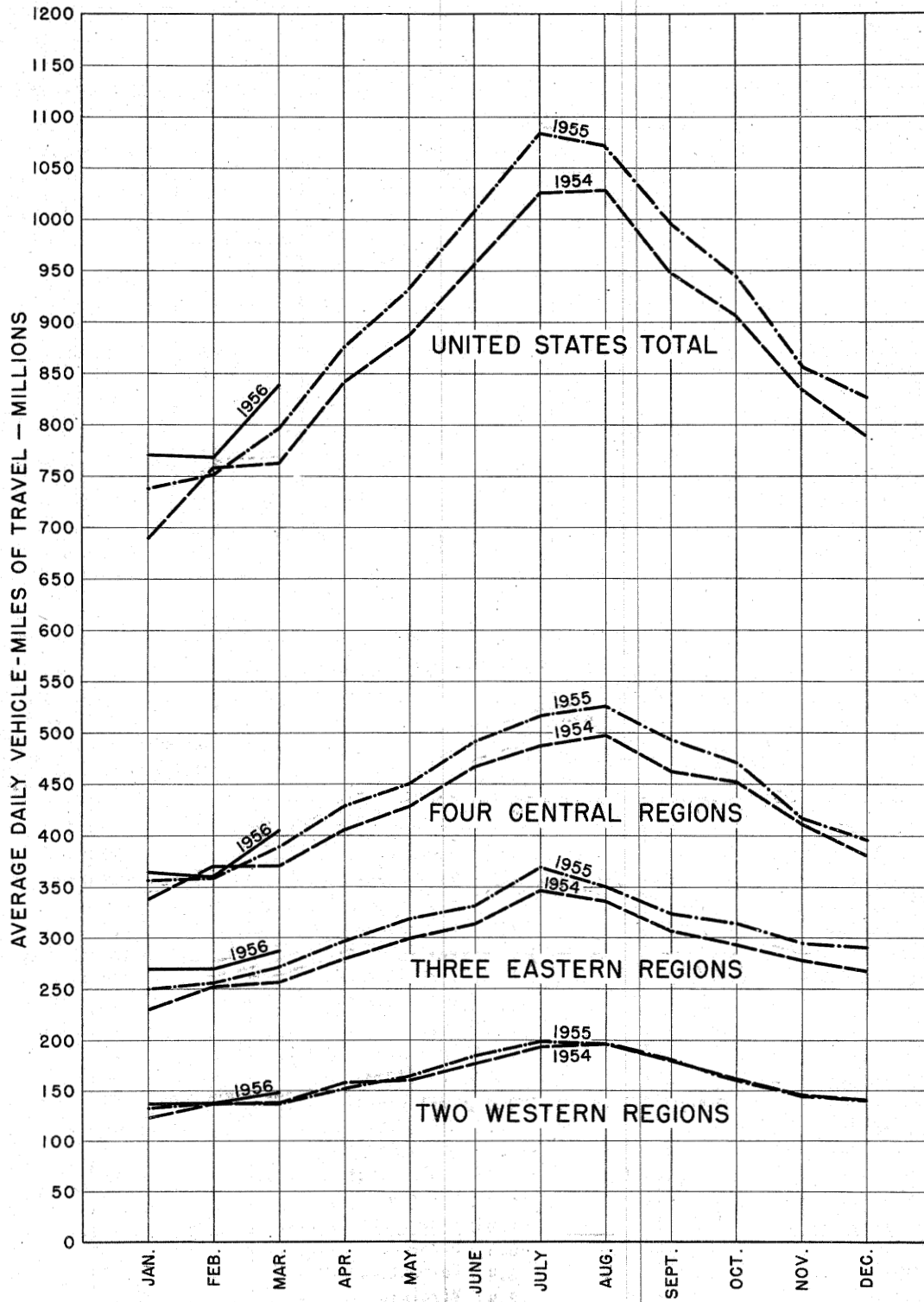


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

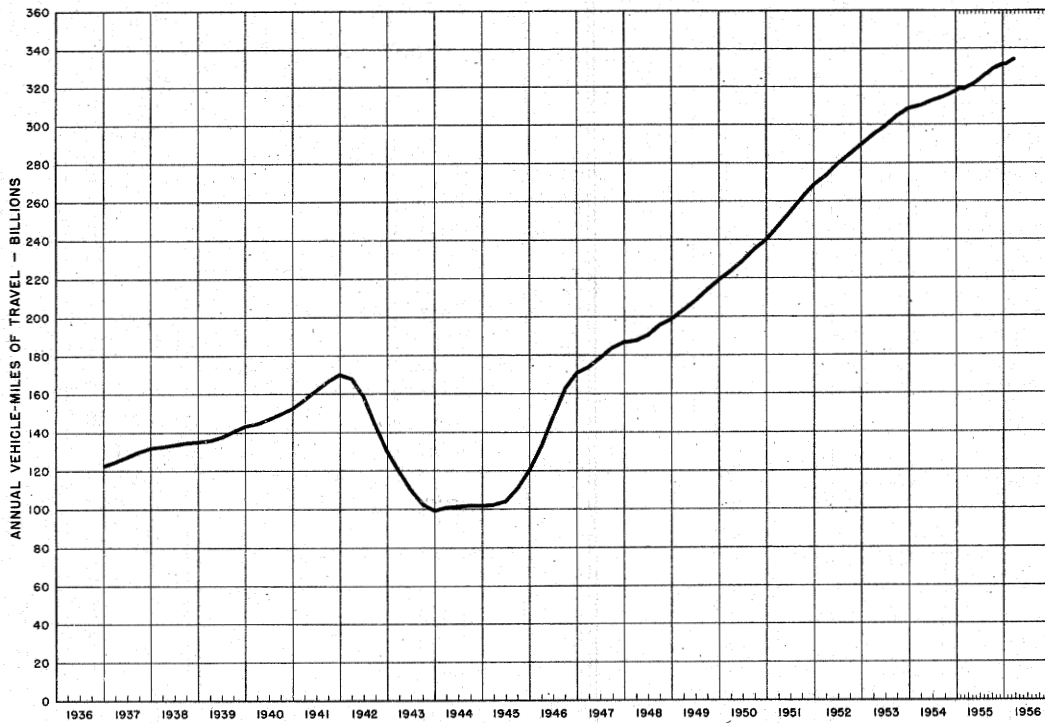


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

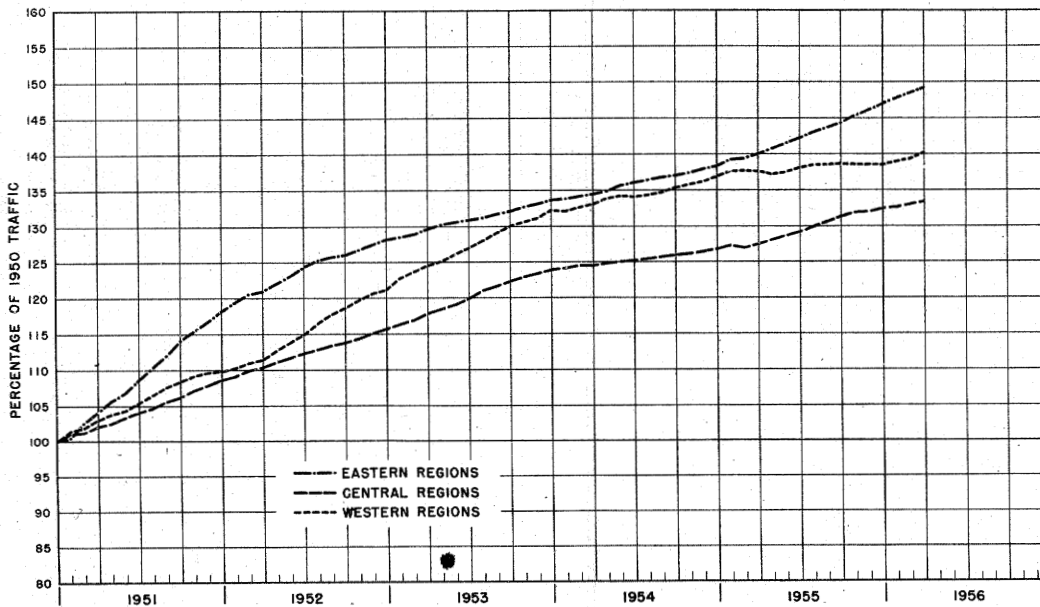


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

Table 2.—FEBRUARY 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)  
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data<sup>1</sup>

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from February 1955	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from February 1955
<b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>			<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Connecticut.....	18	+3.7	Alabama.....	8	+9.4
Maine.....	8	-0.7	Kentucky.....	14	+10.7
Massachusetts.....	8	+4.7	Mississippi.....	36	+1.3
New Hampshire.....	33	+1.8	Tennessee.....	22	+4.8
Rhode Island.....	4	+17.2	<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Vermont.....	13	+9.4	Iowa.....	26	+12.4
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>			Kansas.....	51	+6.2
New Jersey.....	6	+8.1	Minnesota.....	27	+14.1
New York.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	26	+4.3
Pennsylvania.....	52	+12.6	Nebraska.....	.....	-0.2
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):</b>			North Dakota.....	.....	+15.8
Delaware.....	7	+12.1	South Dakota.....	28	+1.8
Maryland.....	28	+12.4	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Virginia.....	.....	+3.9	Arkansas.....	.....	+1.7
West Virginia.....	26	+3.7	Louisiana.....	39	+6.6
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):</b>			Oklahoma.....	20	-5.0
Florida.....	54	+6.0	Texas.....	78	+0.8
Georgia.....	25	+5.3	<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>		
North Carolina.....	30	+9.5	Arizona.....	9	+7.5
South Carolina.....	9	+3.4	Colorado.....	20	+3.5
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>			Idaho.....	9	-4.5
Illinois.....	6	+2.8	Montana.....	18	+5.8
Indiana.....	21	+2.2	Nevada.....	20	-6.0
Michigan.....	28	+3.8	New Mexico.....	.....	+1.8
Ohio.....	19	+3.4	Utah.....	13	+4.5
Wisconsin.....	15	+8.8	Wyoming.....	22	+19.8
			<b>PACIFIC:</b>		
			California.....	.....	+5.2
			Oregon.....	27	-6.3
			Washington.....	13	-11.8

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