

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

May 1952

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

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage increase from 1951
Main rural roads.....	17,160	6.9
Local rural roads.....	6,071	6.5
All rural roads.....	23,231	6.8

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

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage increase from 1951
Eastern regions.....	7,434	5.3
Central regions.....	11,916	6.8
Western regions.....	3,881	9.8

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

	Percentage increase from 1951
City streets.....	4.8
Rural roads.....	6.8
All roads and streets.....	5.8

Attachments

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Table I.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR MAY 1952 INCLUDING 814 STATIONS IN 42 STATES

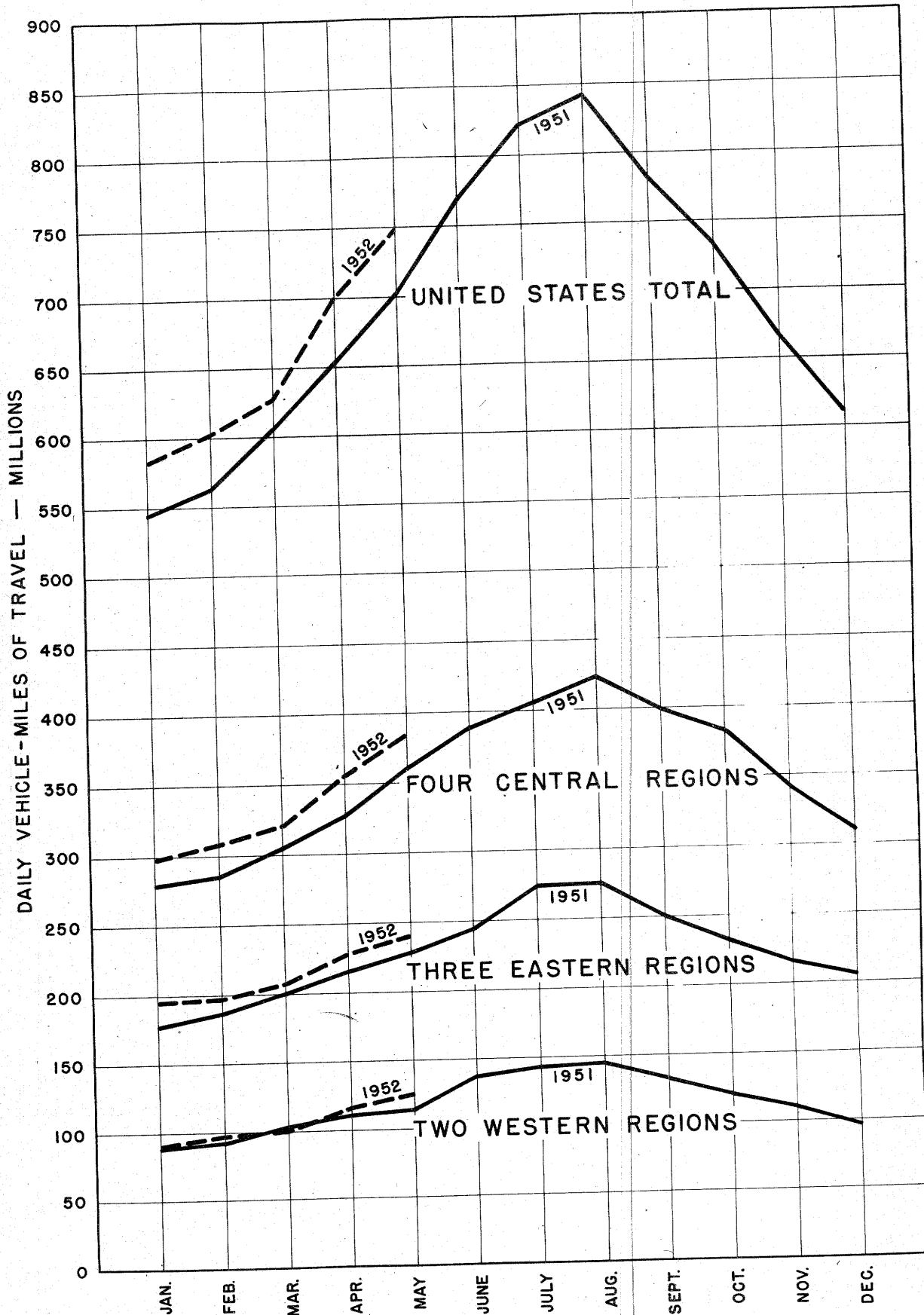
Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from May 1951	Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from May 1951
STATE HIGHWAYS			STATE HIGHWAYS—Con.		
Alabama.....	8	+6.0	Texas.....	108	+8.6
Arizona.....	4	+12.3	Utah.....	28	+6.3
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	Vermont.....	7	+7.9
California.....	4	+16.6	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	22	+5.3	Washington.....	10	+8.0
Connecticut.....	20	+10.0	West Virginia.....	30	+0.7
Delaware.....	6	+13.2	Wisconsin.....	9	+2.2
Florida.....	18	+5.7	Wyoming.....	7	+14.2
Georgia.....	7	+6.8			
Idaho.....	9	+9.5	TOTAL—42 STATES¹.....	779	+6.9
Illinois.....	5	+3.2			
Indiana.....	21	+7.6	LOCAL HIGHWAYS		
Iowa.....	24	+2.2	Alabama.....	2	+9.2
Kansas.....	14	+3.4	Connecticut.....	3	+2.8
Kentucky.....	14	+11.0	Delaware.....	1	+21.2
Louisiana.....	40	+7.8	Georgia.....	1	+5.1
Maine.....	12	+10.7	Indiana.....	1	+4.2
Maryland.....	19	+12.9	Iowa.....	6	+14.8
Massachusetts.....	9	+10.0	Kentucky.....	1	+7.9
Michigan.....	23	+3.4	Maryland.....	1	+7.5
Minnesota.....	24	+6.7	Michigan.....	2	+12.2
Mississippi.....	18	+5.7	Missouri.....	1	-9.3
Missouri.....	26	+6.7	Montana.....	2	+8.4
Montana.....	17	+11.8	Nebraska.....	4	+2.7
Nebraska.....	11	+8.9	New Jersey.....	3	+0.9
Nevada.....	18	+16.3	North Dakota.....	1	+4.7
New Hampshire.....	14	+2.6	Ohio.....	2	+10.4
New Jersey.....	6	+3.4	Oregon.....	1	+9.6
New Mexico.....	19	+9.0	South Dakota.....	2	-19.6
New York.....	.....	.....	Wisconsin.....	1	+3.0
North Carolina.....	.....	.....	
North Dakota.....	9	+10.9	TOTAL—18 STATES¹.....	35	+6.5
Ohio.....	18	+7.2			
Oklahoma.....	20	+7.4	ALL STATES—		
Oregon.....	10	+8.5	42 STATES¹.....	42	+6.8
Pennsylvania.....	40	+2.2			
Rhode Island.....	.....	.....	3 EASTERN REGIONS¹...	197	+5.3
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	4 CENTRAL REGIONS¹...	466	+6.8
South Dakota.....	28	+13.9	2 WESTERN REGIONS¹....	151	+9.8
Tennessee.....	23	+9.1			

¹ Percentage figured from trend in vehicle-miles.

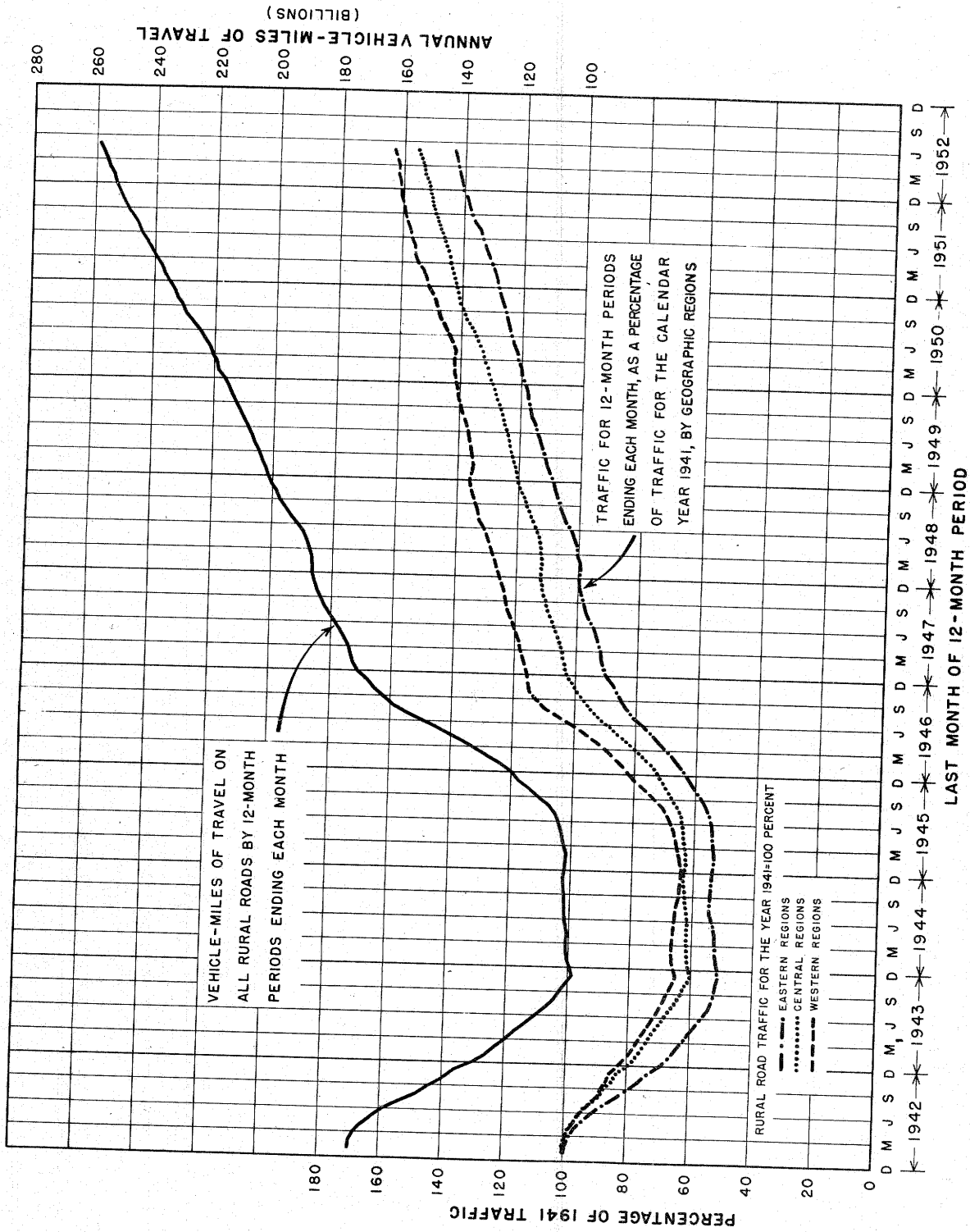
Table 2.—REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR APRIL 1952 INCLUDING 841 STATIONS IN 46 STATES

Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from April 1951	Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from April 1951
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	22	+11.7	Alabama.....	9	+14.1
Maine.....	12	+0.2	Kentucky.....	15	+17.1
Massachusetts.....	9	+3.5	Mississippi.....	18	+13.9
New Hampshire.....	13	+2.3	Tennessee.....	23	+9.6
Rhode Island.....	4	+1.6	Subtotal.....	65	+14.0
Vermont.....	12	+7.5	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Subtotal.....	72	+7.5	Arkansas.....	.....	.....
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Louisiana.....	41	+10.3
New Jersey.....	9	+5.6	Oklahoma.....	20	+11.7
New York ¹.....	.....	+2.9	Texas.....	108	+10.3
Pennsylvania.....	40	+2.7	Subtotal.....	169	+10.5
Subtotal.....	49	+3.2	MOUNTAIN:		
SOUTH ATLANTIC:			Arizona.....	4	+11.6
Delaware.....	7	+15.9	Colorado.....	22	+6.8
Maryland.....	18	+12.1	Idaho.....	9	+7.3
Virginia ².....	.....	.....	Montana.....	19	+6.0
West Virginia.....	30	+7.7	Nevada.....	18	+19.9
Subtotal north	55	+11.2	New Mexico.....	18	+10.6
portion.....	.....	.....	Utah.....	31	+6.8
Florida.....	20	+9.9	Wyoming.....	7	+12.6
Georgia.....	9	+7.8	Subtotal.....	128	+9.5
North Carolina.....	38	+9.7	PACIFIC:		
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	California.....	4	+3.0
Subtotal south	67	+9.5	Oregon.....	10	+9.0
portion.....	.....	.....	Washington.....	10	+4.3
Subtotal	122	+10.4	Subtotal.....	24	+6.0
region.....	.....	.....	TOTAL ALL STATES².....		
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			861	+7.1	
Illinois.....	4	+4.7	STATE HIGHWAYS².....		
Indiana.....	22	+6.7	812	+7.2	
Michigan.....	25	+3.6	LOCAL HIGHWAYS².....		
Ohio.....	19	+7.4	49	+6.5	
Wisconsin.....	11	+2.9	3 EASTERN REGIONS²...		
Subtotal.....	81	+5.1	243	+6.0	
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:			4 CENTRAL REGIONS²...		
Iowa.....	32	+3.7	466	+8.7	
Kansas.....	14	+8.2	2 WESTERN REGIONS²...		
Minnesota.....	24	+9.4	152	+4.3	
Missouri.....	27	+10.0			
Nebraska.....	15	+1.9			
North Dakota.....	9	+9.5			
South Dakota.....	30	+8.9			
Subtotal.....	151	+7.8			

¹ Percentages of 82 stations based upon average figure of different classes of highways.
² Percentage figured from trend in vehicle miles.



TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS



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

