

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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## SUMMARY OF MOTOR-VEHICLE TRAVEL IN SEPTEMBER (PRELIMINARY) AND AUGUST (REVISED)

Class of road:	Preliminary data for September 1956			Revised data for August 1956		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
Main rural roads.....	20,520	20,988	+ 2.3	23,214	24,507	+ 5.6
Local rural roads.....	.....	.....	+ 2.5	.....	.....	+ 3.7
All rural roads.....	.....	.....	+ 2.3	.....	.....	+ 5.0
City streets.....	.....	.....	+ 2.6	.....	.....	+ 3.0
All roads and streets.....	.....	.....	+ 2.6	.....	.....	+ 4.2
By region (main rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	6,761	7,003	+ 3.6	7,741	8,356	+ 7.9
Central regions.....	10,174	10,229	+ 0.5	11,233	11,756	+ 4.7
Western regions.....	3,585	3,756	+ 4.8	4,240	4,395	+ 3.7

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

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from September 1955	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from September 1955
Alabama.....	5	+ 11.2	Nebraska.....	.....	+ 2.3
Arizona.....	11	+ 7.9	Nevada.....	20	- 0.1
Arkansas.....	22	+ 1.6	New Hampshire.....	15	+ 2.5
California.....	.....	+ 6.9	New Jersey.....	7	+ 4.5
Colorado.....	.....	.....	New Mexico.....	26	+ 6.1
Connecticut.....	17	+ 0.4	New York.....	.....	+ 3.8
Delaware.....	7	+ 3.8	North Carolina.....	30	+ 7.6
Florida.....	53	+ 8.7	North Dakota.....	.....	- 7.6
Georgia.....	.....	.....	Ohio.....	12	+ 0.4
Idaho.....	9	+ 3.8	Oklahoma.....	21	- 7.0
Illinois.....	5	+ 3.9	Oregon.....	28	+ 1.9
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Pennsylvania.....	51	- 0.7
Iowa.....	26	+ 0.4	Rhode Island.....	1	+ 6.5
Kansas.....	14	- 7.6	South Carolina.....	6	+ 0.9
Kentucky.....	14	- 4.4	South Dakota.....	28	- 2.5
Louisiana.....	33	+ 6.9	Tennessee.....	21	+ 1.9
Maine.....	8	- 5.1	Texas.....	79	+ 1.5
Maryland.....	24	+ 0.1	Utah.....	12	+ 4.8
Massachusetts.....	12	+ 5.3	Vermont.....	7	+ 2.7
Michigan.....	30	- 2.7	Virginia.....	.....	+ 7.0
Minnesota.....	25	+ 0.5	Washington.....	8	- 0.8
Mississippi.....	35	+ 6.4	West Virginia.....	23	- 0.7
Missouri.....	19	+ 1.9	Wisconsin.....	15	+ 1.0
Montana.....	17	+ 3.4	Wyoming.....	25	+ 2.3

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

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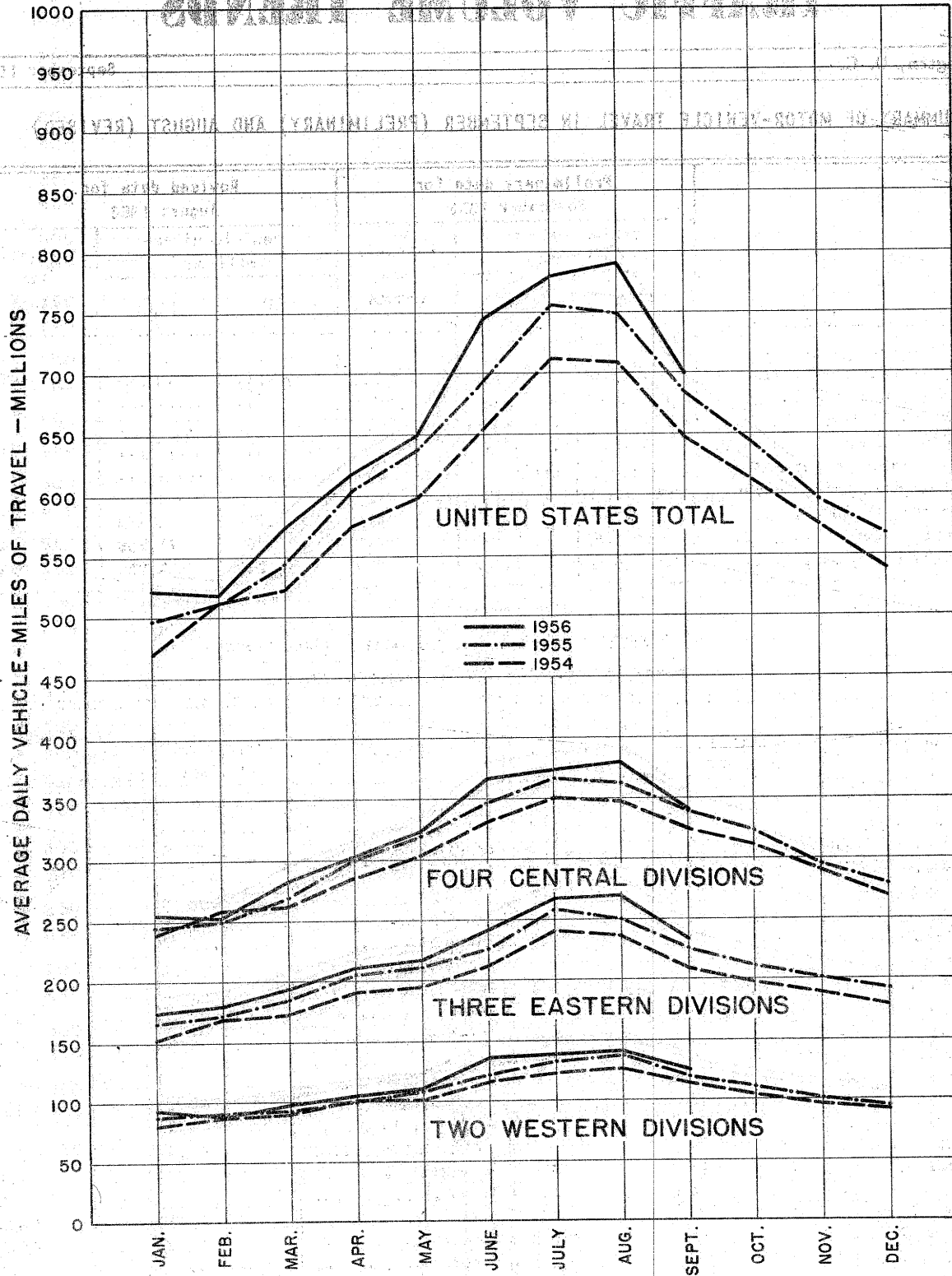


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON MAIN<sup>1/2</sup> RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

<sup>1/2</sup>Prior to August 1956 issue, data concerning all rural roads were included

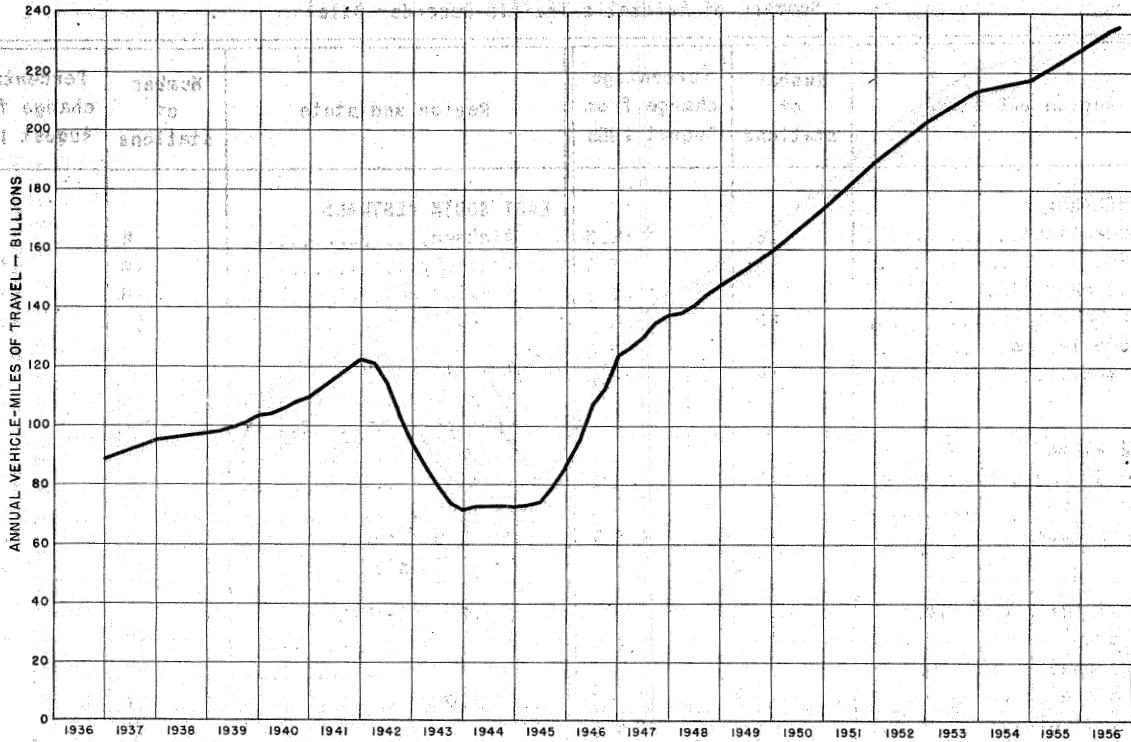


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON MAIN<sup>✓</sup> RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

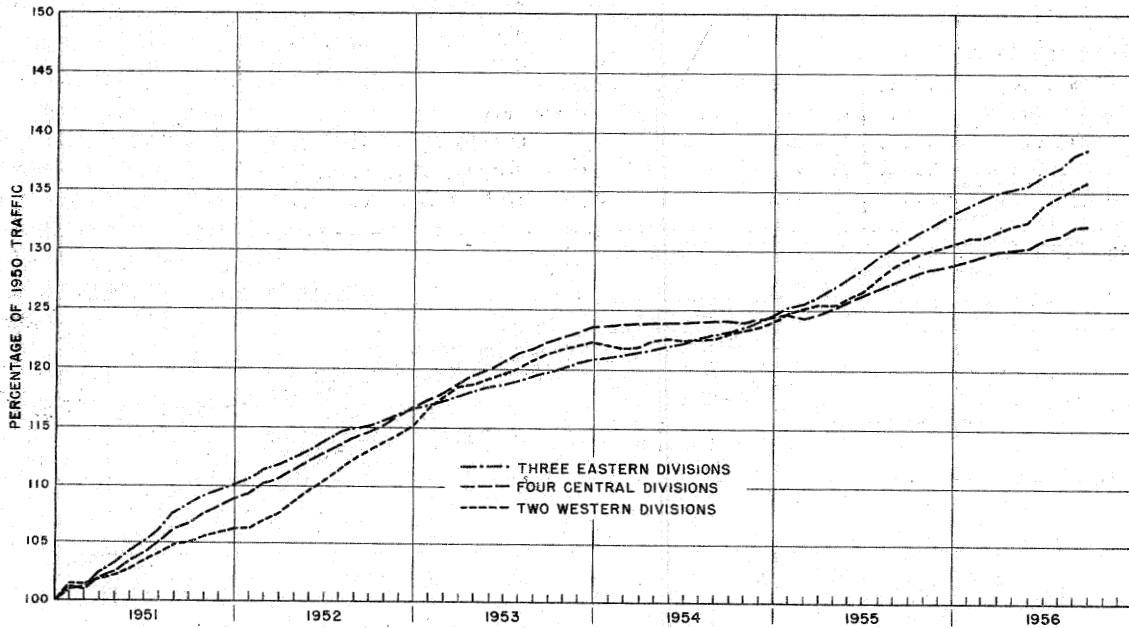


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON MAIN<sup>✓</sup> RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

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

Table 2.—AUGUST 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)

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

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from August 1955	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from August 1955
<b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>			<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Connecticut.....	15	+ 12.8	Alabama.....	4	+ 12.3
Maine.....	11	+ 7.6	Kentucky.....	14	+ 1.2
Massachusetts.....	11	+ 14.5	Mississippi.....	36	+ 1.1
New Hampshire.....	42	+ 10.6	Tennessee.....	21	+ 3.1
Rhode Island.....	4	- 7.8			
Vermont.....	13	+ 7.0	<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>		
			Iowa.....	26	+ 1.6
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>			Kansas.....	52	+ 3.1
New Jersey.....	7	+ 9.4	Minnesota.....	25	+ 2.7
New York.....	.....	+ 5.9	Missouri.....	25	+ 2.9
Pennsylvania.....	51	+ 3.7	Nebraska.....	.....	+ 2.4
			North Dakota.....	.....	- 4.0
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):</b>			South Dakota.....	28	+ 3.1
Delaware.....	7	+ 11.8	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Maryland.....	27	+ 7.1	Arkansas.....	22	+ 0.5
Virginia.....	.....	+ 7.0	Louisiana.....	35	+ 9.0
West Virginia.....	23	+ 4.4	Oklahoma.....	22	- 6.4
			Texas.....	80	+ 2.2
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):</b>			<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>		
Florida.....	54	+ 11.1	Arizona.....	11	+ 8.5
Georgia.....	25	+ 7.8	Colorado.....	18	+ 0.7
North Carolina.....	27	+ 9.6	Idaho.....	9	+ 5.2
South Carolina.....	6	+ 4.6	Montana.....	17	+ 1.9
			Nevada.....	20	+ 0.3
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>			New Mexico.....	.....	+ 6.3
Illinois.....	2	+ 8.8	Utah.....	12	+ 5.6
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Wyoming.....	25	- 0.4
Michigan.....	27	+ 1.8	<b>PACIFIC:</b>		
Ohio.....	.....	+ 10.7	California.....	.....	+ 3.1
Wisconsin.....	15	+ 4.0	Oregon.....	28	+ 4.6
			Washington.....	8	+ 5.1

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