

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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

	Preliminary data for October 1957			Revised data for September 1957		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change
	1956	1957		1956	1957	
<b>Class of road:</b>						
Main rural roads.....	20,656	20,457	- 1.0	21,195	21,306	+ 0.5
Local rural roads.....	.....	.....	+ 2.0	.....	.....	+ 3.5
All rural roads.....	.....	.....	+ 0.1	.....	.....	+ 1.5
City streets.....	.....	.....	- 0.8	.....	.....	+ 2.1
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	- 0.3	.....	.....	+ 1.7
<b>By region (main rural only):</b>						
Eastern region.....	6,827	6,981	+ 2.3	7,072	7,246	+ 2.5
Central region.....	10,298	10,035	- 2.6	10,386	10,296	- 0.9
Western region.....	3,531	3,441	- 2.5	3,737	3,764	+ 0.7

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

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from October 1956	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from October 1957
Alabama.....	6	- 7.0	Nebraska.....	.....	- 6.2
Arizona.....	11	+ 2.1	Nevada.....	20	+ 1.0
Arkansas.....	22	- 5.1	New Hampshire.....	.....	.....
California.....	.....	- 6.8	New Jersey.....	7	+ 3.4
Colorado.....	.....	.....	New Mexico.....	.....	+ 5.9
Connecticut.....	19	- 1.0	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	7	- 4.0	North Carolina.....	29	0.0
Florida.....	.....	.....	North Dakota.....	.....	- 4.6
Georgia.....	.....	.....	Ohio.....	13	- 0.5
Idaho.....	.....	.....	Oklahoma.....	18	- 4.4
Illinois.....	6	- 3.9	Oregon.....	35	- 1.7
Indiana.....	21	- 0.8	Pennsylvania.....	51	+ 2.2
Iowa.....	26	- 6.2	Rhode Island.....	4	+ 12.0
Kansas.....	39	- 9.5	South Carolina.....	9	+ 3.3
Kentucky.....	13	- 3.5	South Dakota.....	28	- 1.6
Louisiana.....	39	+ 4.9	Tennessee.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	8	- 1.8	Texas.....	79	- 2.6
Maryland.....	25	+ 1.7	Utah.....	14	+ 3.7
Massachusetts.....	7	- 1.0	Vermont.....	6	- 7.1
Michigan.....	33	- 2.8	Virginia.....	.....	+ 5.5
Minnesota.....	24	0.0	Washington.....	8	+ 3.1
Mississippi.....	.....	.....	West Virginia.....	24	- 5.6
Missouri.....	23	+ 3.0	Wisconsin.....	18	- 4.7
Montana.....	16	- 7.2	Wyoming.....	22	- 4.8

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

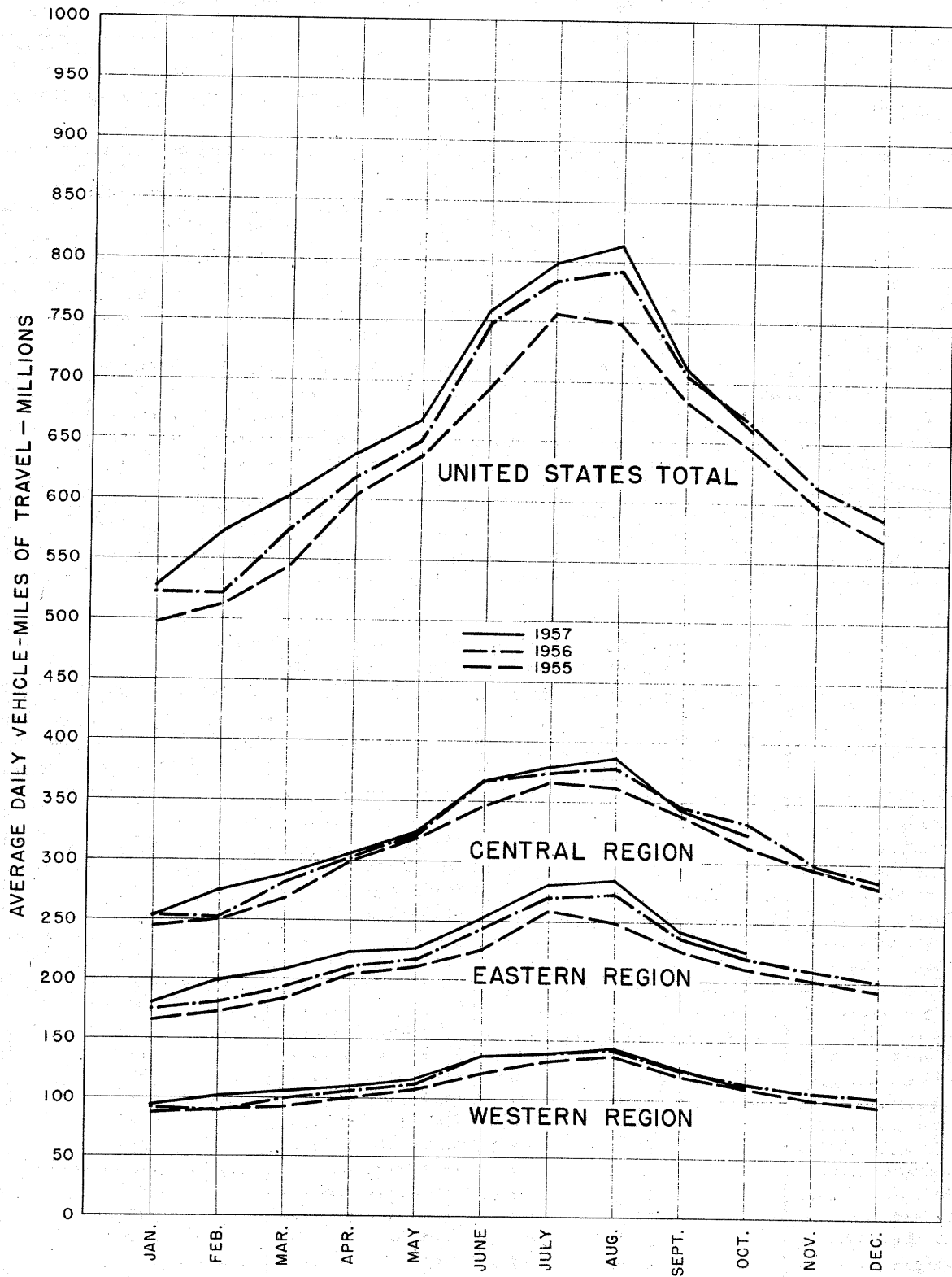


FIGURE 1— TRAVEL ON MAIN <sup>1/</sup>RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

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

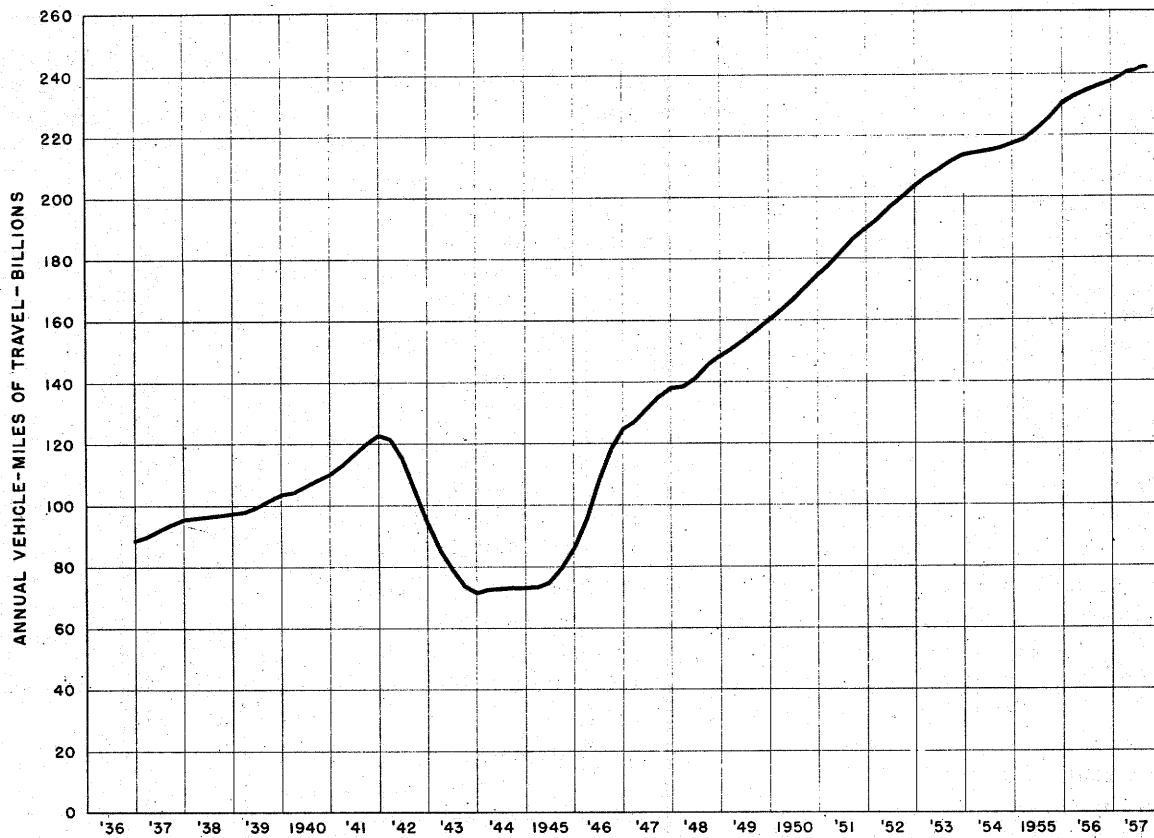


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON MAIN<sup>1/</sup> RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

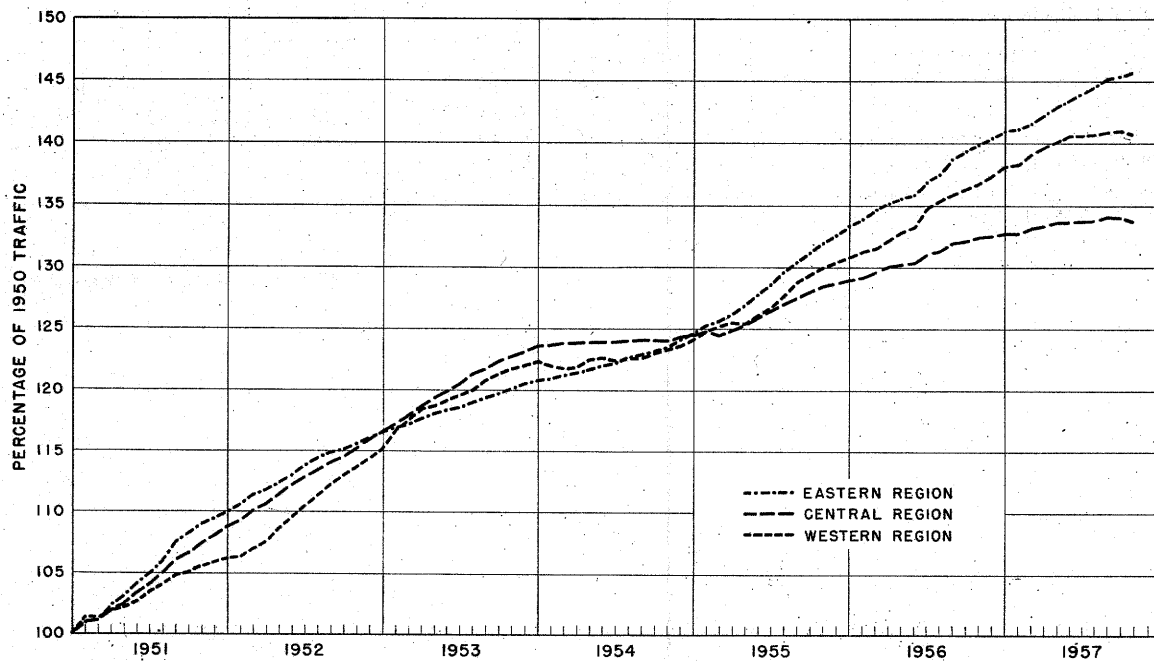


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON MAIN<sup>1/</sup> RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

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

Division and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from September 1956	Division and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from September 1956
<b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>			<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Connecticut.....	20	+4.8	Alabama.....	4	-3.2
Maine.....	8	+1.0	Kentucky.....	13	-1.8
Massachusetts.....	8	+2.3	Mississippi.....	34	-0.4
New Hampshire.....	43	+4.5	Tennessee.....	21	-2.6
Rhode Island.....	4	-1.0	<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Vermont.....	12	+0.3	Iowa.....	26	-6.2
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>			Kansas.....	39	-6.1
New Jersey.....	7	+5.6	Minnesota.....	24	+0.3
New York.....	.....	-3.2	Missouri.....	26	+0.5
Pennsylvania.....	51	+4.5	Nebraska.....	.....	-2.4
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):</b>			North Dakota.....	.....	+1.1
Delaware.....	7	-2.3	South Dakota.....	28	0.0
Maryland.....	30	+4.1	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Virginia.....	.....	+5.6	Arkansas.....	22	-4.8
West Virginia.....	24	-3.8	Louisiana.....	38	+3.6
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):</b>			Oklahoma.....	18	-2.3
Florida.....	50	+5.0	Texas.....	79	-1.5
Georgia.....	25	-0.9	<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>		
North Carolina.....	30	-2.8	Arizona.....	.....	+16.9
South Carolina.....	7	-3.7	Colorado.....	18	+4.3
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>			Idaho.....	8	-2.7
Illinois.....	2	-1.5	Montana.....	16	-3.6
Indiana.....	21	-0.7	Nevada.....	21	-1.8
Michigan.....	34	-8.1	New Mexico.....	.....	+8.0
Ohio.....	.....	+3.0	Utah.....	14	+4.6
Wisconsin.....	18	+0.8	Wyoming.....	22	-3.9
			<b>PACIFIC:</b>		
			California.....	.....	-2.5
			Oregon.....	31	-1.2
			Washington.....	7	+4.3

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