

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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## SUMMARY OF MOTOR-VEHICLE TRAVEL IN MAY (PRELIMINARY) AND APRIL (REVISED)

Class of road:	Preliminary data for May 1956			Revised data for April 1956		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
Main rural roads.....	19,876	20,097	+ 1.1	18,260	18,553	+ 1.6
Local rural roads.....	9,033	9,377	+ 3.8	8,022	8,201	+ 2.2
All rural roads.....	28,909	29,474	+ 2.0	26,282	26,754	+ 1.8
City streets.....	.....	.....	+ 3.2	.....	.....	+ 1.6
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	+ 2.5	.....	.....	+ 1.7
By region (main rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	6,531	6,771	+ 3.7	6,142	6,299	+ 2.6
Central regions.....	10,017	9,851	- 1.7	9,114	9,087	- 0.3
Western regions.....	3,328	3,475	+ 4.4	3,004	3,167	+ 5.4

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

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from May 1955	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from May 1955
Alabama.....	6	+ 7.9	Nebraska.....	10	- 1.5
Arizona.....	11	+ 3.4	Nevada.....	20	- 0.1
Arkansas.....	.....	- 1.9	New Hampshire.....	16	- 6.6
California.....	.....	+ 4.4	New Jersey.....	7	+ 3.0
Colorado.....	20	+ 8.9	New Mexico.....	26	+ 5.8
Connecticut.....	16	- 1.2	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	7	- 0.7	North Carolina....	29	+ 7.5
Florida.....	.....	.....	North Dakota.....	.....	- 13.0
Georgia.....	25	+ 4.9	Ohio.....	.....	.....
Idaho.....	9	+ 3.3	Oklahoma.....	22	- 0.1
Illinois.....	7	+ 2.5	Oregon.....	30	+ 6.1
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Pennsylvania.....	51	+ 4.1
Iowa.....	.....	.....	Rhode Island.....	4	- 5.5
Kansas.....	14	- 9.5	South Carolina....	9	+ 2.2
Kentucky.....	14	+ 0.5	South Dakota.....	28	- 1.7
Louisiana.....	36	+ 5.2	Tennessee.....	20	+ 2.6
Maine.....	11	- 2.4	Texas.....	81	+ 0.8
Maryland.....	25	+ 1.9	Utah.....	12	+ 4.9
Massachusetts....	12	+ 3.0	Vermont.....	7	+ 0.5
Michigan.....	28	- 6.5	Virginia.....	.....	+ 4.6
Minnesota.....	26	- 3.4	Washington.....	.....	.....
Mississippi.....	36	- 4.8	West Virginia.....	26	- 1.3
Missouri.....	21	- 2.9	Wisconsin.....	15	+ 1.4
Montana.....	19	+ 1.2	Wyoming.....	24	+ 0.2

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

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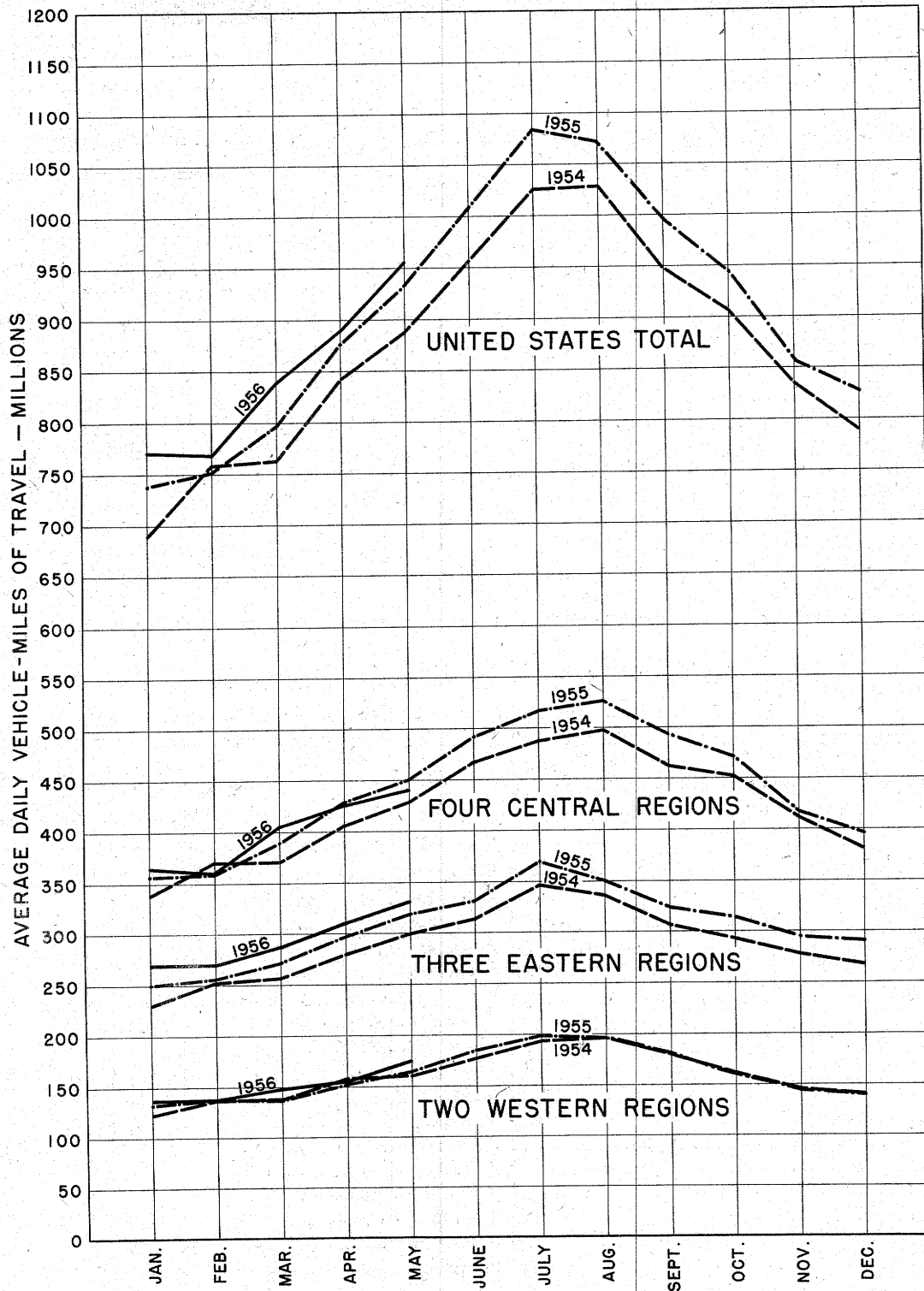


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

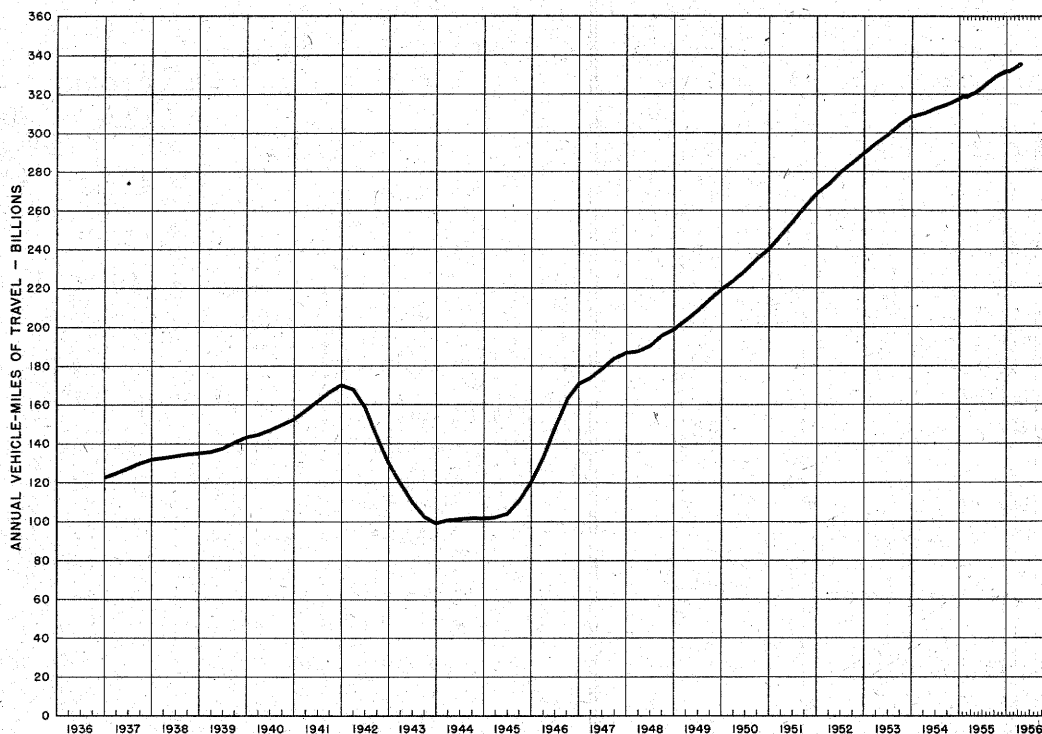


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

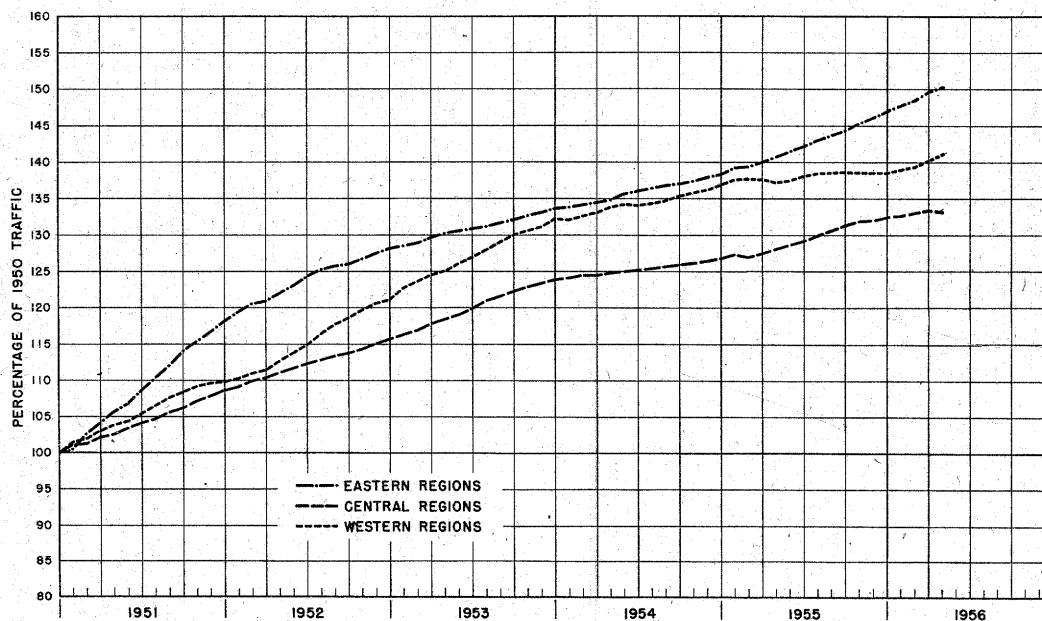


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

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

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from April 1955	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from April 1955
<b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>			<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Connecticut.....	18	0.0	Alabama.....	8	+7.6
Maine.....	8	-8.1	Kentucky.....	14	+1.2
Massachusetts.....	12	+10.2	Mississippi.....	37	-3.2
New Hampshire.....	44	-5.0	Tennessee.....	22	+1.2
Rhode Island.....	4	+19.8	<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Vermont.....	13	+1.0	Iowa.....	26	-2.5
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>			Kansas.....	50	-4.9
New Jersey.....	6	+4.4	Minnesota.....	27	-3.9
New York.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	26	-1.8
Pennsylvania.....	52	+2.5	Nebraska.....	12	-6.9
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):</b>			North Dakota.....	17	-7.3
Delaware.....	8	+1.0	South Dakota.....	28	-0.9
Maryland.....	29	+2.5	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Virginia.....	.....	+4.1	Arkansas.....	20	-0.2
West Virginia.....	26	-2.5	Louisiana.....	39	+7.4
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):</b>			Oklahoma.....	22	-5.7
Florida.....	53	-1.3	Texas.....	80	+0.4
Georgia.....	25	+1.8	<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>		
North Carolina.....	30	+6.2	Arizona.....	11	+3.9
South Carolina.....	9	+0.2	Colorado.....	20	+1.6
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>			Idaho.....	9	+3.7
Illinois.....	7	+2.4	Montana.....	18	+10.3
Indiana.....	22	+4.1	Nevada.....	20	+1.6
Michigan.....	28	-2.6	New Mexico.....	26	+6.4
Ohio.....	.....	+6.2	Utah.....	12	+3.9
Wisconsin.....	15	+4.3	Wyoming.....	24	+1.7
			<b>PACIFIC:</b>		
			California.....	.....	+7.2
			Oregon.....	28	+9.4
			Washington.....	8	+0.1

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