

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

June 1951

On the basis of preliminary figures, motor-vehicle travel on main and local roads for the country as a whole was higher during June 1951 than in any previous June.

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage increase from—		
		1941	1943	1950
Main rural roads.....	17,087	52.6	178.4	6.9
Local rural roads.....	5,801	37.7	137.6	7.2
All rural roads.....	22,888	48.5	166.8	7.0

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

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage increase from—		
		1941	1943	1950
Eastern regions.....	7,223	35.0	203.7	6.4
Central regions.....	11,580	51.4	150.3	7.0
Western regions.....	4,085	69.5	159.7	7.9

Traffic on city streets also was heavier than in any previous June. Comparisons with June of previous years for city streets, rural roads and all roads and streets are as follows:

	Percentage increase from—		
	1941	1943	1950
City streets.....	34.0	112.0	4.1
Rural roads.....	48.5	166.8	7.0
All roads and streets.....	41.4	138.4	5.6

## Attachments

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Table 1.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR JUNE 1951 INCLUDING 711 STATIONS IN 39 STATES

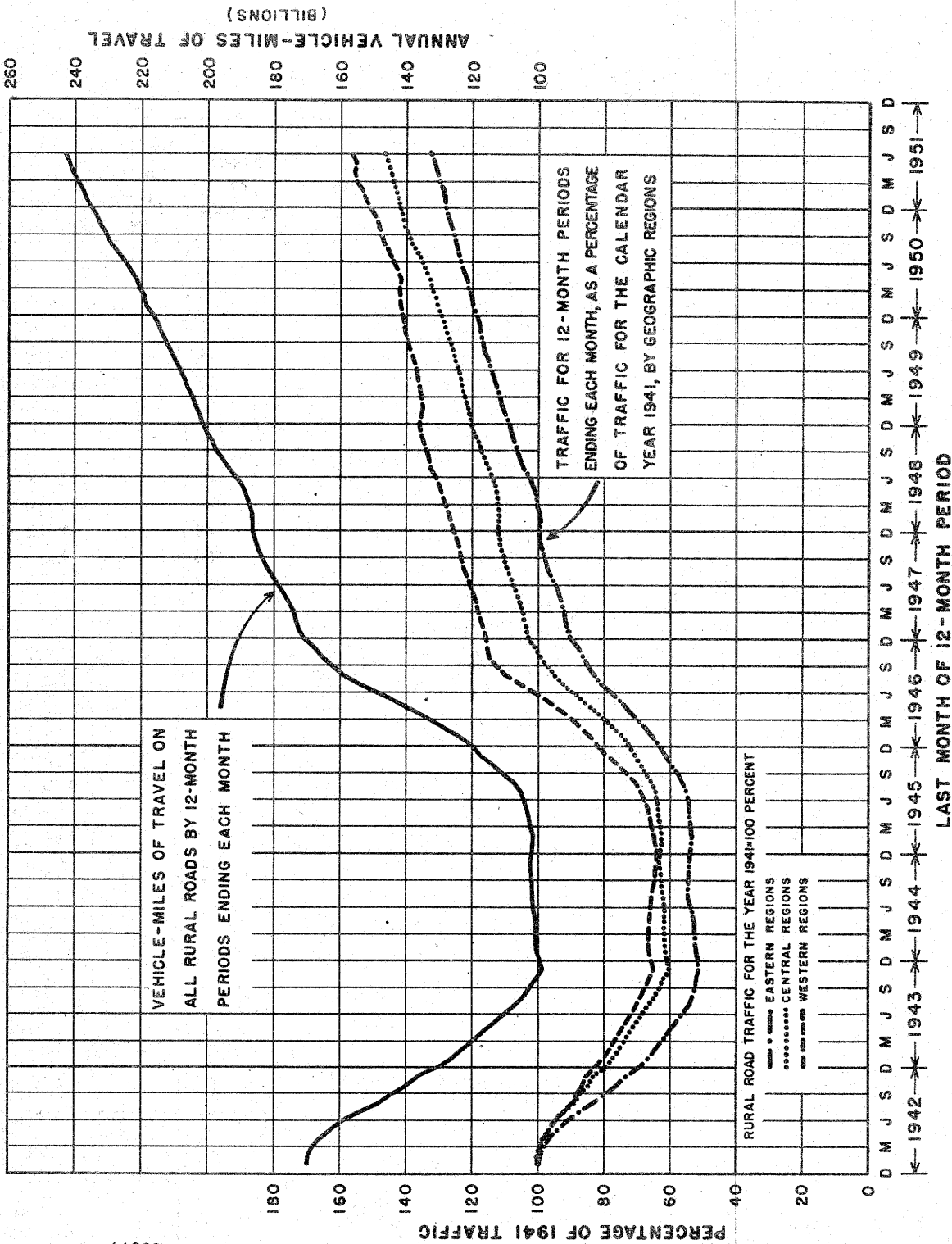
Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from June 1950	Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from June 1950
<b>STATE HIGHWAYS</b>			<b>STATE HIGHWAYS—Con.</b>		
Alabama.....	8	+9.5	Texas.....	105	+8.3
Arizona.....	5	+11.1	Utah.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	21	+7.8	Vermont.....	.....	.....
California.....	6	+13.8	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	.....	.....	Washington.....	11	+4.1
Connecticut.....	16	+13.2	West Virginia.....	11	+5.2
Delaware.....	6	+10.9	Wisconsin.....	8	+0.2
Florida.....	21	+12.3	Wyoming.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	7	+11.4			
Idaho.....	.....	.....	<b>TOTAL—39 STATES.....</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>+6.9</b>
Illinois.....	.....	.....			
Indiana.....	.....	.....	<b>LOCAL HIGHWAYS</b>		
Iowa.....	24	+7.2	Alabama.....	2	+18.0
Kansas.....	14	+1.9	Connecticut.....	3	-0.5
Kentucky.....	14	+13.6	Delaware.....	1	+10.6
Louisiana.....	41	+10.5	Georgia.....	2	+15.7
Maine.....	12	+8.1	Iowa.....	7	-3.2
Maryland.....	17	+6.8	Kentucky.....	1	-8.4
Massachusetts.....	9	+3.0	Maryland.....	1	-1.8
Michigan.....	24	+3.2	Michigan.....	2	+8.8
Minnesota.....	27	+5.1	Montana.....	2	-14.1
Mississippi.....	18	-3.2	Nebraska.....	2	-3.3
Missouri.....	22	+7.5	New Jersey.....	3	+3.1
Montana.....	17	+9.4	North Dakota.....	2	+5.6
Nebraska.....	10	+10.7	Ohio.....	2	+16.6
Nevada.....	19	+15.9	Oregon.....	1	+8.6
New Hampshire.....	14	+2.4	Rhode Island.....	1	+12.3
New Jersey.....	7	+10.0	South Dakota.....	2	+22.4
New Mexico.....	17	+12.0	Wisconsin.....	1	+7.5
New York.....	.....	.....			
North Carolina.....	18	+5.2	<b>TOTAL—17 STATES.....</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>+7.2</b>
North Dakota.....	10	+9.6			
Ohio.....	11	+8.9	<b>ALL HIGHWAYS—</b>		
Oklahoma.....	20	+4.6	<b>39 STATES.....</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>+7.0</b>
Oregon.....	6	+4.0			
Pennsylvania.....	30	+2.0	<b>3 EASTERN REGIONS....</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>+6.4</b>
Rhode Island.....	3	+10.8	<b>4 CENTRAL REGIONS....</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>+7.0</b>
South Carolina.....	3	+12.1	<b>2 WESTERN REGIONS....</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>+7.9</b>
South Dakota.....	28	+2.8			
Tennessee.....	16	+7.1			

Table 2.—REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR MAY 1951 INCLUDING 837 STATIONS IN 47 STATES<sup>1</sup>

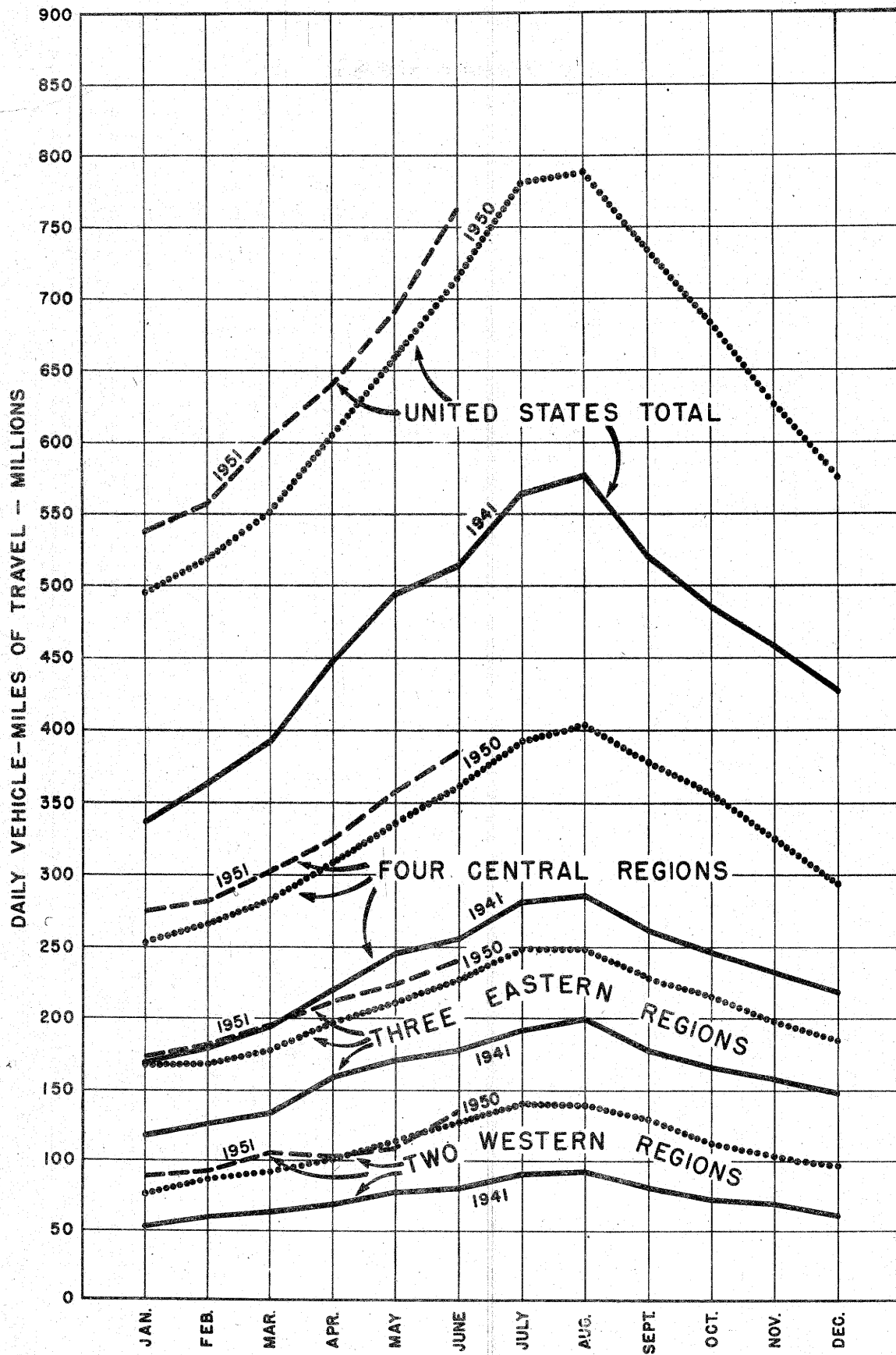
Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from May 1950	Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from May 1950
<b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>			<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Connecticut.....	19	+11.5	Alabama.....	10	+14.3
Maine.....	12	+3.2	Kentucky.....	15	+9.5
Massachusetts.....	9	+1.0	Mississippi.....	18	+1.6
New Hampshire.....	14	+4.6	Tennessee.....	15	+7.3
Rhode Island.....	3	+7.3	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	58	+7.2
Vermont.....	12	+4.5	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	69	+6.5	Arkansas.....	22	+11.2
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>			Louisiana.....	41	+12.0
New Jersey.....	9	+9.5	Oklahoma.....	20	+9.5
New York.....	.....	.....	Texas.....	104	+8.0
Pennsylvania.....	30	+3.0	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	187	+9.3
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	39	+4.7	<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>		
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC:</b>			Arizona.....	5	+6.7
Delaware.....	7	+17.3	Colorado.....	22	+2.5
Maryland.....	18	+4.7	Idaho.....	8	+0.2
Virginia <sup>1</sup> .....	.....	+6.9	Montana.....	19	+8.2
West Virginia.....	29	+16.1	Nevada.....	19	+12.9
<i>Subtotal north</i>			New Mexico.....	17	+10.0
<i>portion</i> .....	54	+10.6	Utah.....	26	+5.3
Florida.....	21	+10.4	Wyoming.....	7	+11.3
Georgia.....	9	+11.1	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	123	+6.4
North Carolina.....	17	+5.9	<b>PACIFIC:</b>		
South Carolina.....	4	+6.7	California.....	4	-2.8
<i>Subtotal south</i>			Oregon.....	7	-2.4
<i>portion</i> .....	51	+8.3	Washington.....	11	+1.8
<i>Subtotal</i>			<i>Subtotal</i> .....	22	-0.6
<i>region</i> .....	105	+9.6	<b>TOTAL ALL STATES.....</b>		
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>				837	+5.2
Illinois.....	4	-3.3	<b>STATE HIGHWAYS.....</b>		
Indiana.....	22	+8.8		803	+5.8
Michigan.....	26	+2.9	<b>LOCAL HIGHWAYS.....</b>		
Ohio.....	19	+10.2		34	+3.5
Wisconsin.....	10	+10.5	<b>3 EASTERN REGIONS....</b>		
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	81	+6.9		213	+6.7
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>			<b>4 CENTRAL REGIONS....</b>		
Iowa.....	30	+5.1		479	+6.7
Kansas.....	14	+6.4	<b>2 WESTERN REGIONS....</b>		
Minnesota.....	27	+6.4		145	-2.2
Missouri.....	26	+7.8			
Nebraska.....	13	+7.9			
North Dakota.....	13	+19.8			
South Dakota.....	30	+5.5			
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	153	+7.0			

<sup>1</sup> Combined State and local highways.

<sup>2</sup> Percentage figured from trend in vehicle mile estimate furnished by state.



**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**



TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

