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SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL IN MARCH (PRELIMINARY) AND FEBRUARY (REVISED)

Class of road:	Preliminary data for March 1955			Revised data for February 1955		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change
	1954 (revised)	1955		1954 (revised)	1955	
Main rural roads.....	16,207	16,881	+4.2	14,366 14,280	14,392 14,181	-0.7 +0.0 +
Local rural roads.....	6,224	6,364	+2.2	6,217 5,780	6,215 5,583	-3.4 -3.3
All rural roads.....	22,431	23,245	+3.6	20,583	19,764	-1.5 -1.0
City streets.....	.....	.....	+3.5	.....	.....	-0.7
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	+3.6	.....	.....	-1.1
By region (rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	7,799	8,126	+4.2	6,957	7,009	+0.7
Central regions.....	10,857	11,388	+4.9	9,805	9,397	-4.2
Western regions.....	3,775	3,731	-1.2	3,298	3,358	+1.8

Table 1.—MARCH 1955 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from March 1954	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from March 1954
Alabama.....	9	+7.6	Nebraska.....	15	+10.2
Arizona.....	8	+7.5	Nevada.....	20	+9.1
Arkansas.....	25	+0.2	New Hampshire.....	14	+8.9
California.....	.....	.....	New Jersey.....	10	+2.7
Colorado.....	22	+6.5	New Mexico.....	26	+2.0
Connecticut.....	.....	.....	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	8	+9.7	North Carolina.....	37	+9.3
Florida.....	21	+11.2	North Dakota.....	18	-4.5
Georgia.....	22	+2.4	Ohio.....	16	+4.3
Idaho.....	9	-4.5	Oklahoma.....	19	-4.9
Illinois.....	5	+0.4	Oregon.....	22	+1.9
Indiana.....	21	+2.1	Pennsylvania.....	52	+3.2
Iowa.....	.....	.....	Rhode Island.....	1	+0.3
Kansas.....	14	+8.9	South Carolina.....	10	+9.9
Kentucky.....	15	+3.0	South Dakota.....	30	+4.4
Louisiana.....	41	+6.4	Tennessee.....	29	+3.7
Maine.....	.....	.....	Texas.....	104	+5.9
Maryland.....	23	+5.3	Utah.....	12	+2.7
Massachusetts.....	12	+4.6	Vermont.....	7	-3.0
Michigan.....	28	+15.1	Virginia ¹.....	.....	+3.6
Minnesota.....	25	+1.9	Washington.....	15	-1.0
Mississippi.....	29	+2.9	West Virginia.....	32	-0.3
Missouri.....	19	+2.0	Wisconsin.....	14	+4.0
Montana.....	20	-4.1	Wyoming.....	.....	.....

¹ Percentage calculated from trend in vehicle-miles furnished by State.

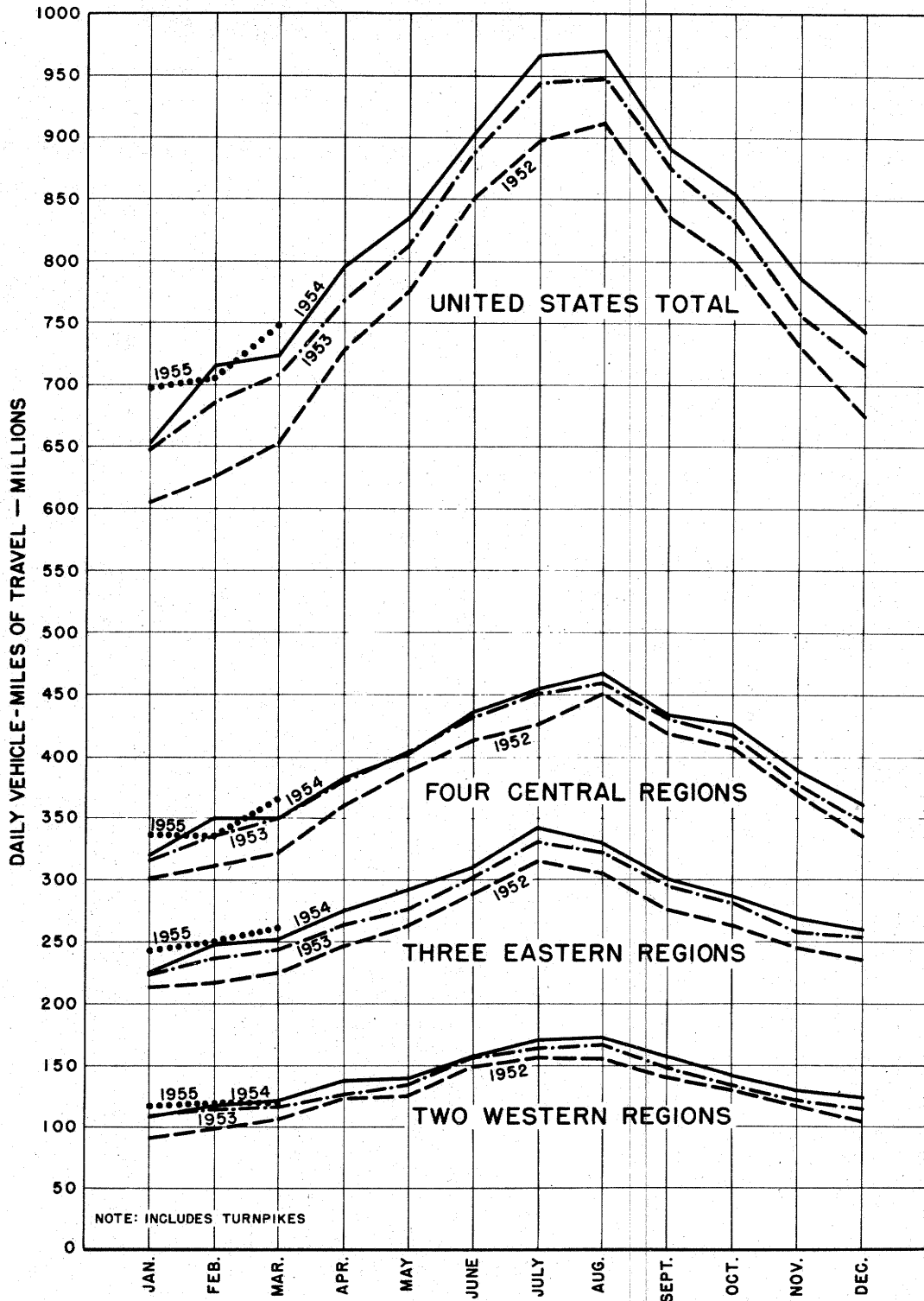


FIGURE I — TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

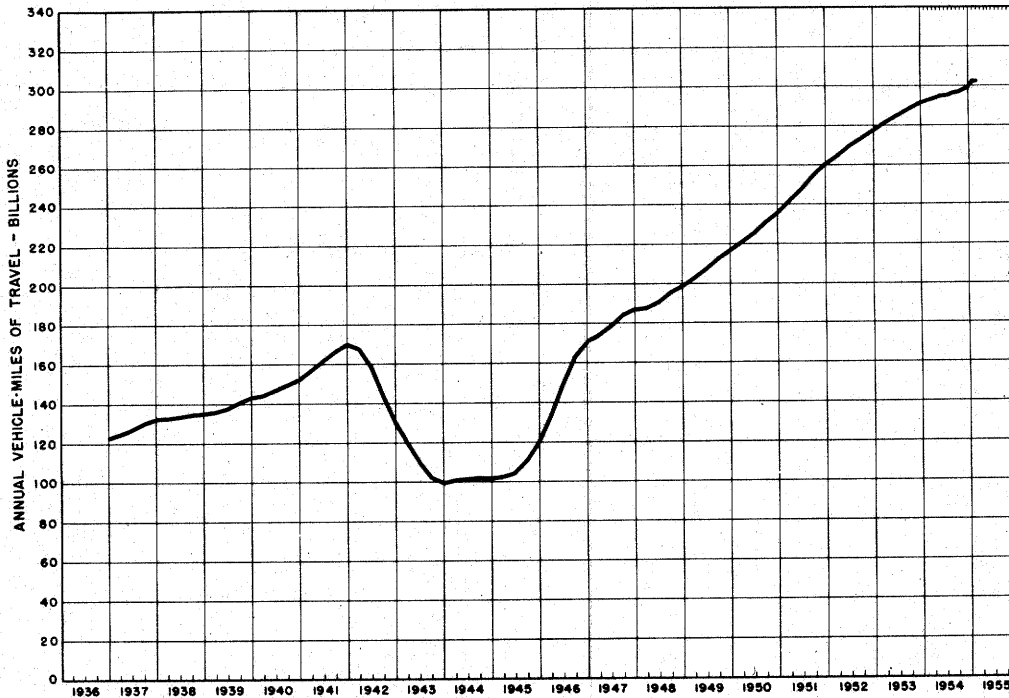


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

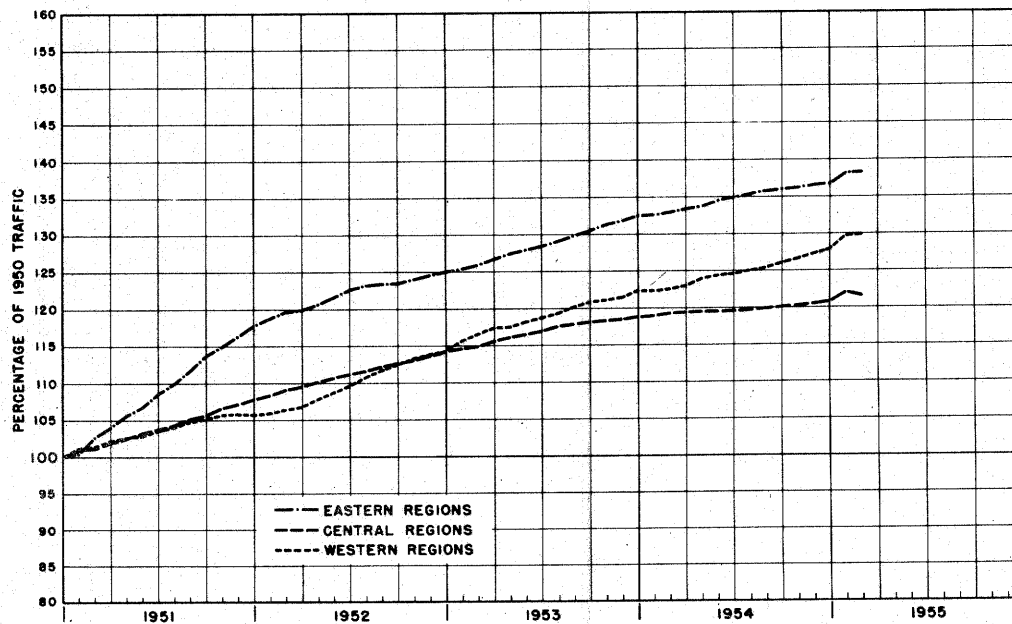


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

Table 2.—FEBRUARY 1955 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from February 1954	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from February 1954
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	21	-1.0	Alabama.....	9	+2.1
Maine.....	11	+7.2	Kentucky.....	15	-4.9
Massachusetts.....	10	+2.7	Mississippi.....	28	-3.2
New Hampshire.....	45	+5.3	Tennessee.....	29	-4.5
Rhode Island.....	5	+7.7			
Vermont.....	14	+5.0	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:		
			Iowa.....	33	-9.3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Kansas.....	64	-11.2
New Jersey.....	10	0.0	Minnesota.....	26	-13.8
New York.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	106	-6.6
Pennsylvania.....	52	-4.1	Nebraska.....	15	-11.0
			North Dakota ¹.....	.....	-15.5
SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):			South Dakota.....	30	-13.0
Delaware.....	7	+3.6			
Maryland.....	28	-4.7	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Virginia ¹.....	.....	+4.5	Arkansas.....	25	-4.6
West Virginia.....	32	-3.6	Louisiana.....	40	+3.4
			Oklahoma.....	20	-1.3
SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):			Texas.....	103	+1.9
Florida.....	21	+6.6			
Georgia.....	22	+1.8	MOUNTAIN:		
North Carolina.....	37	+4.2	Arizona ¹.....	.....	+6.3
South Carolina.....	9	+6.7	Colorado.....	22	-2.5
			Idaho.....	9	-10.6
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			Montana.....	20	-10.6
Illinois.....	5	-3.9	Nevada.....	20	+7.0
Indiana.....	21	-3.5	New Mexico ¹.....	.....	-1.7
Michigan.....	28	+4.3	Utah.....	12	-2.7
Ohio.....	18	-0.9	Wyoming.....	15	-12.2
Wisconsin.....	14	+3.1			
			PACIFIC:		
			California ¹	+5.3
			Oregon.....	20	+6.6
			Washington.....	15	+4.6

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