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

Class of road:	Preliminary data for April 1956			Revised data for March 1956		
	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change	Vehicle-miles (millions)		Percent- age change
	1955	1956		1955	1956	
Main rural roads.....	18,260	18,606	+ 1.9	16,993	17,899	+ 5.3
Local rural roads.....	8,022	8,308	+ 3.6	7,708	8,108	+ 5.2
All rural roads.....	26,282	26,914	+ 2.4	24,701	26,007	+ 5.3
City streets.....	.....	.....	+ 2.5	.....	.....	+ 3.0
All roads and streets....	.....	.....	+ 2.4	.....	.....	+ 4.2
By region (Main rural only):						
Eastern regions.....	6,142	6,349	+ 3.4	5,709	6,008	+ 5.2
Central regions.....	9,114	9,071	- 0.5	8,426	8,795	+ 4.4
Western regions.....	3,004	3,186	+ 6.1	2,858	3,096	+ 8.3

Table I.—APRIL 1956 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)

Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from April 1955	State	Number of stations	Percentage Change from April 1955
Alabama.....	8	+ 7.6	Nebraska.....	.....	.....
Arizona.....	11	+ 3.9	Nevada.....	20	+ 1.6
Arkansas.....	20	- 0.2	New Hampshire.....	15	- 1.3
California ¹.....	.....	+ 8.7	New Jersey.....	6	+ 4.4
Colorado.....	20	+ 1.6	New Mexico.....	26	+ 6.4
Connecticut.....	18	0.0	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	8	+ 1.0	North Carolina.....	30	+ 6.2
Florida.....	.....	.....	North Dakota.....	17	- 7.3
Georgia.....	25	+ 1.8	Ohio.....	17	- 0.7
Idaho.....	9	+ 3.7	Oklahoma.....	22	- 5.7
Illinois.....	7	+ 2.4	Oregon.....	28	+ 9.4
Indiana.....	22	+ 4.1	Pennsylvania.....	52	+ 2.5
Iowa.....	26	- 2.5	Rhode Island.....	4	+ 19.8
Kansas.....	14	- 12.2	South Carolina.....	9	+ 0.2
Kentucky.....	14	+ 1.2	South Dakota.....	28	- 0.9
Louisiana.....	39	+ 7.4	Tennessee.....	22	+ 1.2
Maine.....	8	- 8.1	Texas.....	80	+ 0.4
Maryland.....	25	+ 3.2	Utah.....	12	+ 3.9
Massachusetts.....	12	+ 10.2	Vermont.....	7	+ 0.9
Michigan.....	28	- 2.6	Virginia ¹.....	.....	+ 4.1
Minnesota.....	27	- 3.9	Washington.....	8	+ 0.1
Mississippi.....	37	- 3.2	West Virginia.....	26	- 2.5
Missouri.....	26	- 1.8	Wisconsin.....	15	+ 4.3
Montana.....	18	+ 10.3	Wyoming.....	24	+ 1.7

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

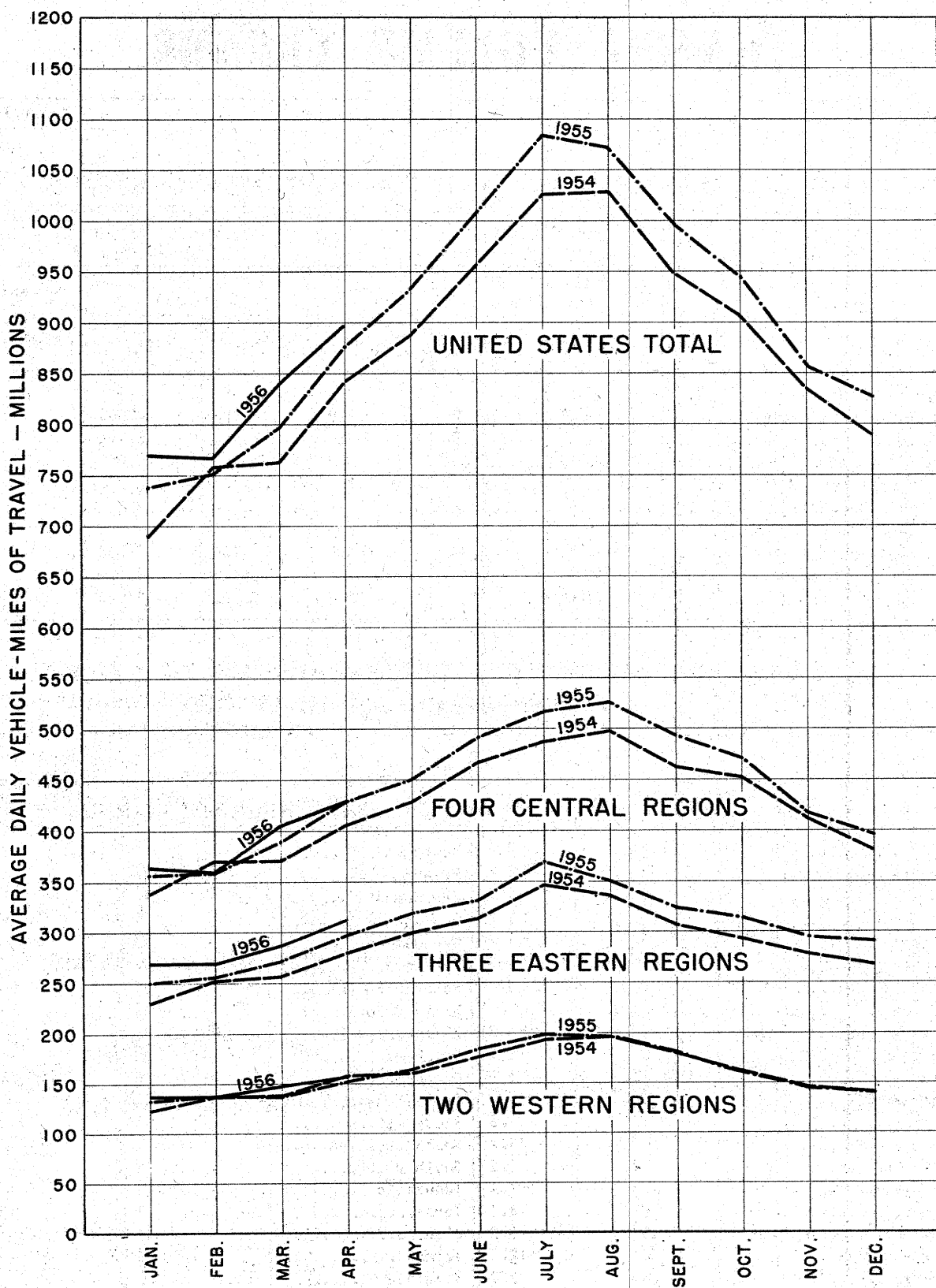


FIGURE 1 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

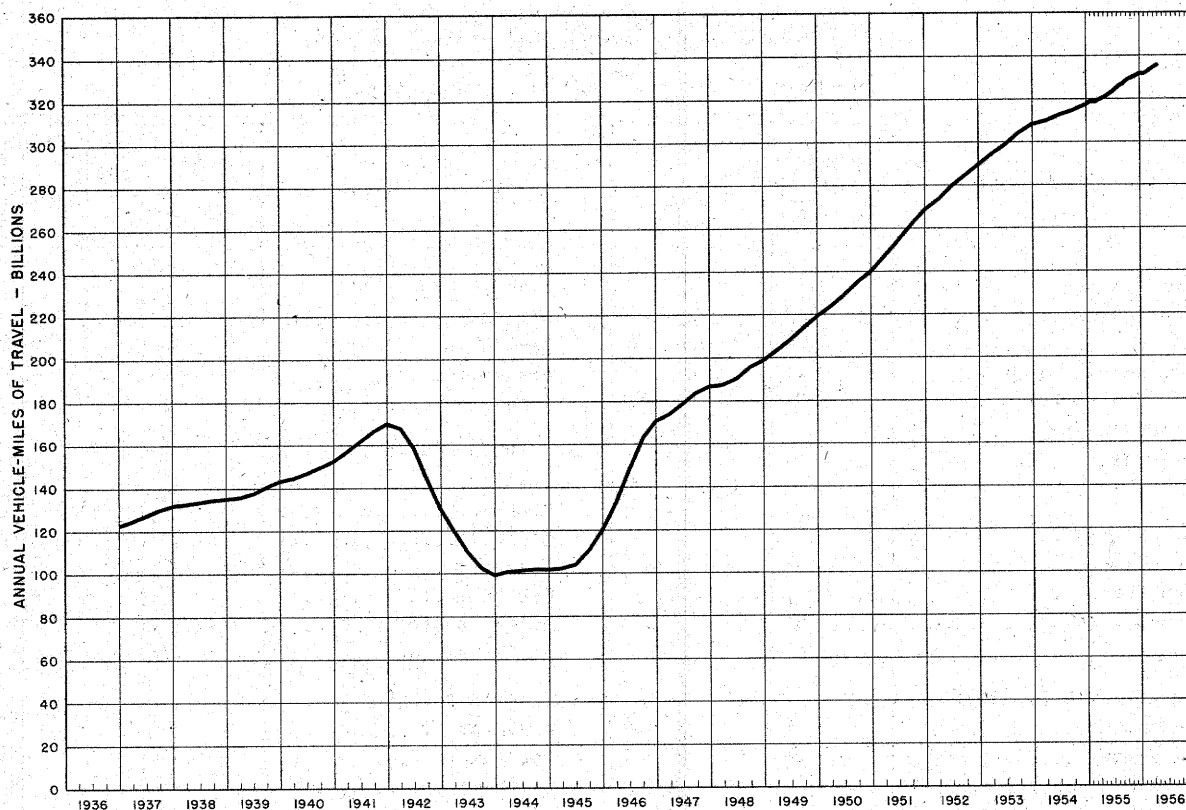


FIGURE 2 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES

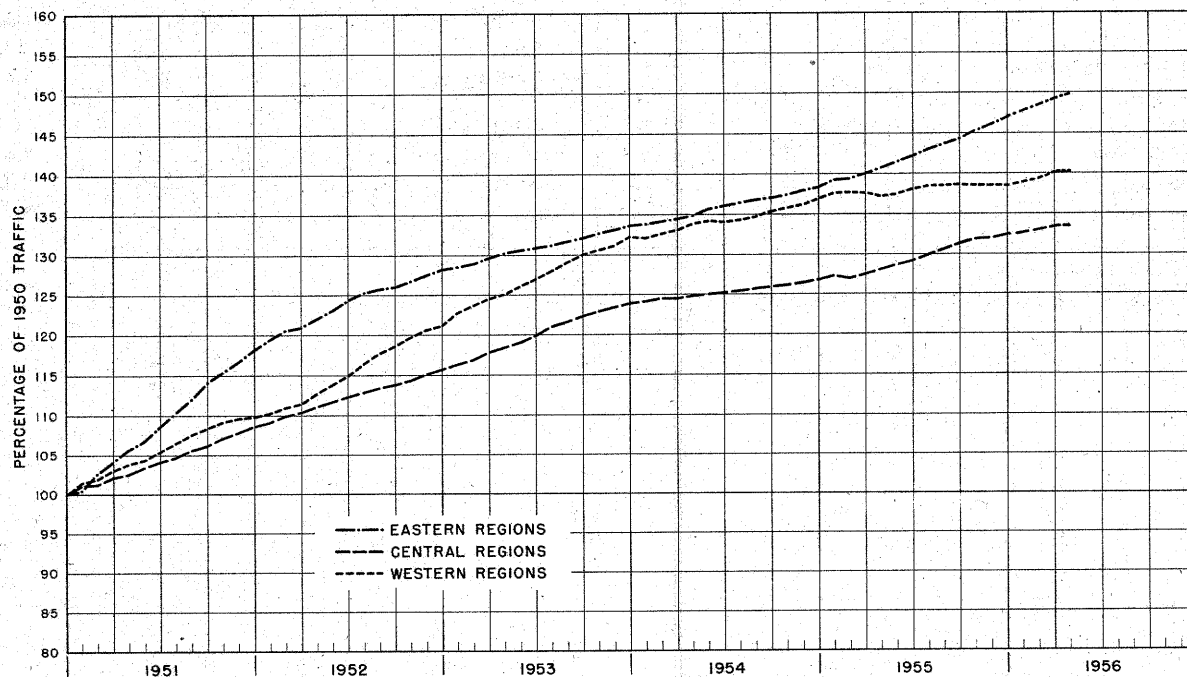


FIGURE 3 - TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1950

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

Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data ¹

Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from March 1955	Region and state	Number of stations	Percentage change from March 1955
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	18	- 4.2	Alabama.....	7	+ 4.6
Maine.....	8	- 4.2	Kentucky.....	14	+ 9.6
Massachusetts.....	12	+ 3.4	Mississippi.....	37	- 3.8
New Hampshire.....	33	- 4.5	Tennessee.....	21	+ 8.5
Rhode Island.....	4	+ 9.7			
Vermont.....	13	+ 11.0	WEST NORTH CENTRAL:		
			Iowa.....	26	+ 5.9
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Kansas.....	50	+ 1.0
New Jersey.....	6	+ 6.2	Minnesota.....	27	+ 3.1
New York.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	26	+ 8.4
Pennsylvania.....	52	+ 2.8	Nebraska.....	12	- 0.4
			North Dakota ².....	.....	+ 0.6
SOUTH ATLANTIC (North):			South Dakota.....	28	- 0.6
Delaware.....	8	+ 4.5	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Maryland.....	28	+ 6.2	Arkansas.....	23	+ 1.8
Virginia ².....	.....	+ 3.8	Louisiana.....	38	+ 8.3
West Virginia.....	26	+ 3.8	Oklahoma.....	21	+ 5.3
			Texas.....	80	+ 5.1
SOUTH ATLANTIC (South):			MOUNTAIN:		
Florida.....	55	+ 8.3	Arizona.....	11	+ 6.3
Georgia.....	25	+ 7.6	Colorado.....	20	+ 7.6
North Carolina.....	30	+ 10.3	Idaho.....	9	+ 1.4
South Carolina.....	10	+ 3.1	Montana.....	18	+ 16.0
			Nevada.....	20	+ 3.0
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			New Mexico ².....	.....	+ 9.2
Illinois.....	6	+ 10.8	Utah.....	13	+ 11.0
Indiana ².....	.....	+ 3.8	Wyoming.....	23	+ 7.1
Michigan.....	28	+ 2.4	PACIFIC:		
Ohio.....	17	+ 0.2	California ².....	.....	+ 8.6
Wisconsin.....	15	+ 6.6	Oregon.....	28	+ 5.2
			Washington.....	8	+ 7.6

¹ Main roads only.² Percentage calculated from trend in vehicle-miles furnished by State.