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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

December 1951

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

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage increase from—		
		1941	1943	1950
Main rural roads.....	13,932	49.6	143.7	5.7
Local rural roads.....	4,976	27.4	140.2	7.7
All rural roads.....	18,908	43.1	142.8	6.2

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.....	6,194	35.0	141.4	8.5
Central regions.....	9,706	44.5	148.4	6.6
Western regions.....	3,008	57.5	128.7	0.6

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

	Percentage increase from—		
	1941	1943	1950
City streets.....	48.0	107.0	4.2
Rural roads.....	43.1	142.8	6.2
All roads and streets.....	45.5	123.5	5.2

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TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS—DECEMBER 1951

Table 1.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR DECEMBER 1951 INCLUDING 681 STATIONS IN 37 STATES ¹

Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from Dec. 1950	Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from Dec. 1950
<i>STATE HIGHWAYS</i>			<i>STATE HIGHWAYS—Con.</i>		
Alabama.....	7	+20.0	Texas.....	106	+6.7
Arizona.....	5	+8.8	Utah.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	Vermont.....	7	-0.2
California.....	5	+4.3	Virginia ¹.....	.....	+8.8
Colorado.....	.....	.....	Washington.....	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	21	+8.8	West Virginia.....	11	+11.1
Delaware.....	6	+9.2	Wisconsin.....	10	+7.4
Florida.....	.....	.....	Wyoming.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	7	+6.8			
Idaho.....	9	+1.7	<i>TOTAL— 37 STATES</i> ¹	638	+5.7
Illinois.....	5	-6.2			
Indiana.....	.....	.....	<i>LOCAL HIGHWAYS</i>		
Iowa.....	24	+4.5	Alabama.....	2	+23.2
Kansas.....	14	-0.7	Connecticut.....	3	+7.5
Kentucky.....	14	+14.4	Delaware.....	1	+0.2
Louisiana.....	40	+8.6	Georgia.....	2	+18.3
Maine.....	12	+0.9	Iowa.....	8	+5.9
Maryland.....	16	+8.8	Kentucky.....	1	+21.6
Massachusetts.....	7	+6.1	Maryland.....	1	+16.4
Michigan.....	23	-0.6	Michigan.....	2	+11.7
Minnesota.....	21	+8.1	Missouri.....	1	-24.8
Mississippi.....	18	+5.5	Montana.....	2	-1.4
Missouri.....	25	+0.3	Nebraska.....	3	-30.5
Montana.....	18	-3.5	North Carolina.....	10	+11.9
Nebraska.....	9	+0.9	North Dakota.....	1	-5.2
Nevada.....	19	+7.6	Ohio.....	2	+10.2
New Hampshire.....	15	+2.3	Oregon.....	1	-13.2
New Jersey.....	.....	.....	South Dakota.....	2	+3.3
New Mexico.....	16	+6.0	Wisconsin.....	1	+35.6
New York.....	.....	.....	
North Carolina.....	29	+10.2	<i>TOTAL— 17 STATES</i> ¹	43	+7.7
North Dakota.....	8	-6.4			
Ohio.....	12	+5.9	<i>ALL HIGHWAYS—</i>		
Oklahoma.....	20	+12.6	<i>37 STATES</i> ¹	681	+6.2
Oregon.....	6	+1.7			
Pennsylvania.....	29	+7.6	<i>3 EASTERN REGIONS</i> ¹	177	+8.5
Rhode Island.....	.....	.....	<i>4 CENTRAL REGIONS</i> ¹	423	+6.6
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	<i>2 WESTERN REGIONS</i> ¹	81	+0.6
South Dakota.....	28	-13.1			
Tennessee.....	16	+7.2			

¹Percentage figured from trend in vehicle miles.

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS—NOVEMBER 1951

Table 2.—REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR NOVEMBER 1951 INCLUDING 834 STATIONS IN 46 STATES¹

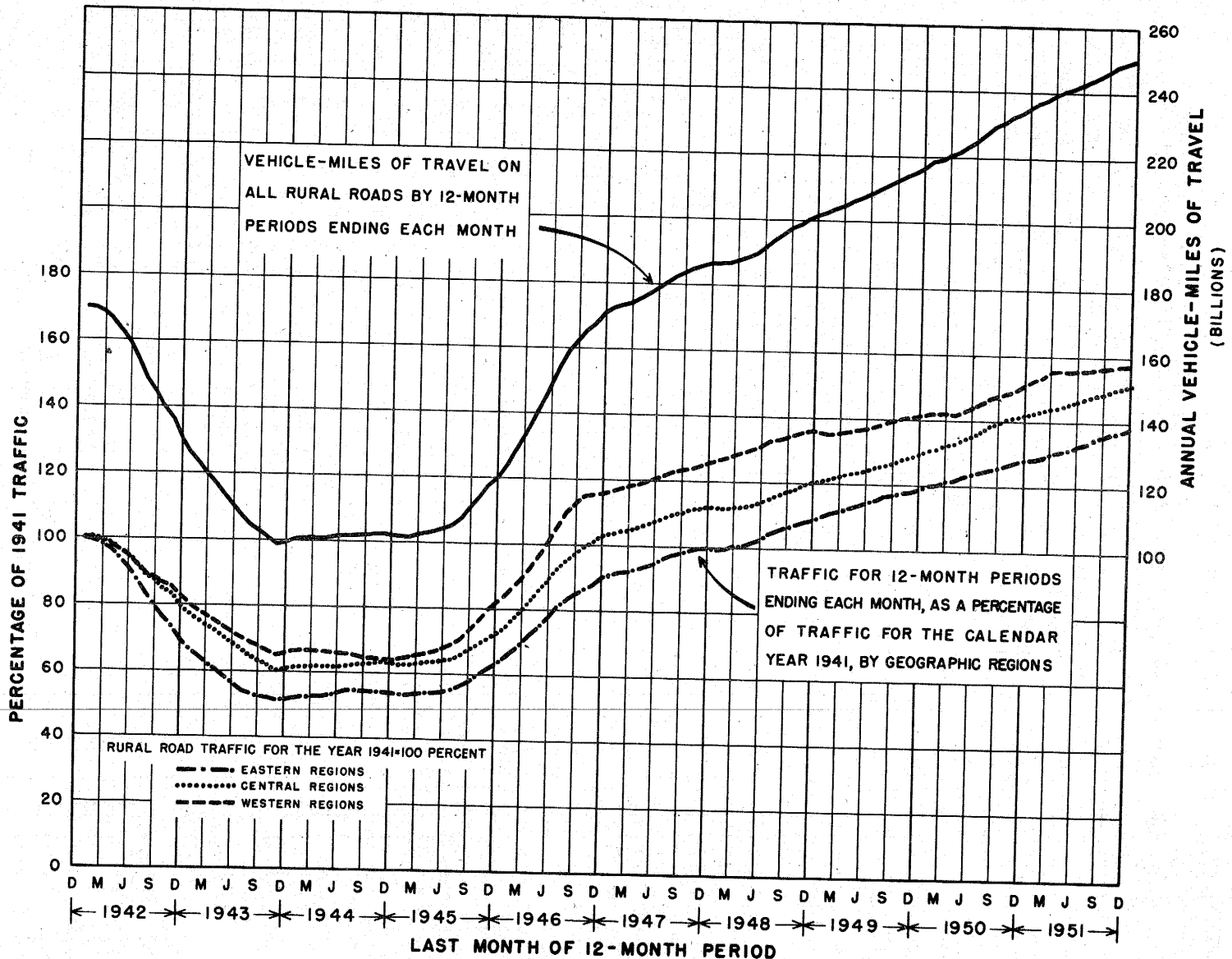
Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from November 1950	Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from November 1950
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	22	+12.4	Alabama.....	10	+12.0
Maine.....	12	+4.7	Kentucky.....	15	+16.3
Massachusetts.....	9	+3.8	Mississippi.....	18	-3.0
New Hampshire.....	14	+3.0	Tennessee.....	11	+10.3
Rhode Island.....	3	+5.8	<i>Subtotal</i>	54	+7.4
Vermont.....	12	+2.0	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
<i>Subtotal</i>	72	+8.2	Arkansas.....	19	+2.0
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Louisiana.....	41	+11.2
New Jersey.....	9	+2.6	Oklahoma.....	20	+7.4
New York.....	.....	.....	Texas.....	104	+7.6
Pennsylvania.....	30	+5.8	<i>Subtotal</i>	184	+8.0
<i>Subtotal</i>	39	+4.9	MOUNTAIN:		
SOUTH ATLANTIC:			Arizona.....	5	+11.2
Delaware.....	7	+18.8	Colorado.....	22	-3.6
Maryland.....	18	+11.9	Idaho.....	9	+5.0
Virginia ².....	.....	+8.7	Montana.....	20	+9.5
West Virginia.....	31	+8.4	Nevada.....	19	+32.9
<i>Subtotal north</i>	56	+11.8	New Mexico.....	13	+13.8
<i>portion</i>.....	.....	.....	Utah.....	24	+4.0
Florida.....	19	+4.9	Wyoming.....	8	+8.5
Georgia.....	9	+6.3	<i>Subtotal</i>	120	+8.1
North Carolina.....	40	+7.2	PACIFIC:		
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	California.....	3	+2.8
<i>Subtotal south</i>	68	+6.3	Oregon.....	7	+8.7
<i>portion</i>.....	.....	.....	Washington.....	9	+7.9
<i>Subtotal</i>	124	+9.2	<i>Subtotal</i>	19	+7.4
<i>region</i>.....	.....	.....	TOTAL ALL STATES ²		
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:			834	+5.4	
Illinois.....	5	-7.6	STATE HIGHWAYS ²		
Indiana.....	22	+8.4	786	+5.5	
Michigan.....	25	+0.4	LOCAL HIGHWAYS ²		
Ohio.....	14	+9.9	48	+5.2	
Wisconsin.....	11	-0.5	3 EASTERN REGIONS ² ...		
<i>Subtotal</i>	77	+3.0	235	+7.1	
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:			4 CENTRAL REGIONS ² ...		
Iowa.....	32	-2.4	460	+5.3	
Kansas.....	14	+3.5	2 WESTERN REGIONS ² ...		
Minnesota.....	21	-1.9	139	+2.6	
Missouri.....	26	-0.2			
Nebraska.....	14	+7.7			
North Dakota.....	8	-0.6			
South Dakota.....	30	+8.3			
<i>Subtotal</i>	145	+0.8			

¹ Combined State and local highways.

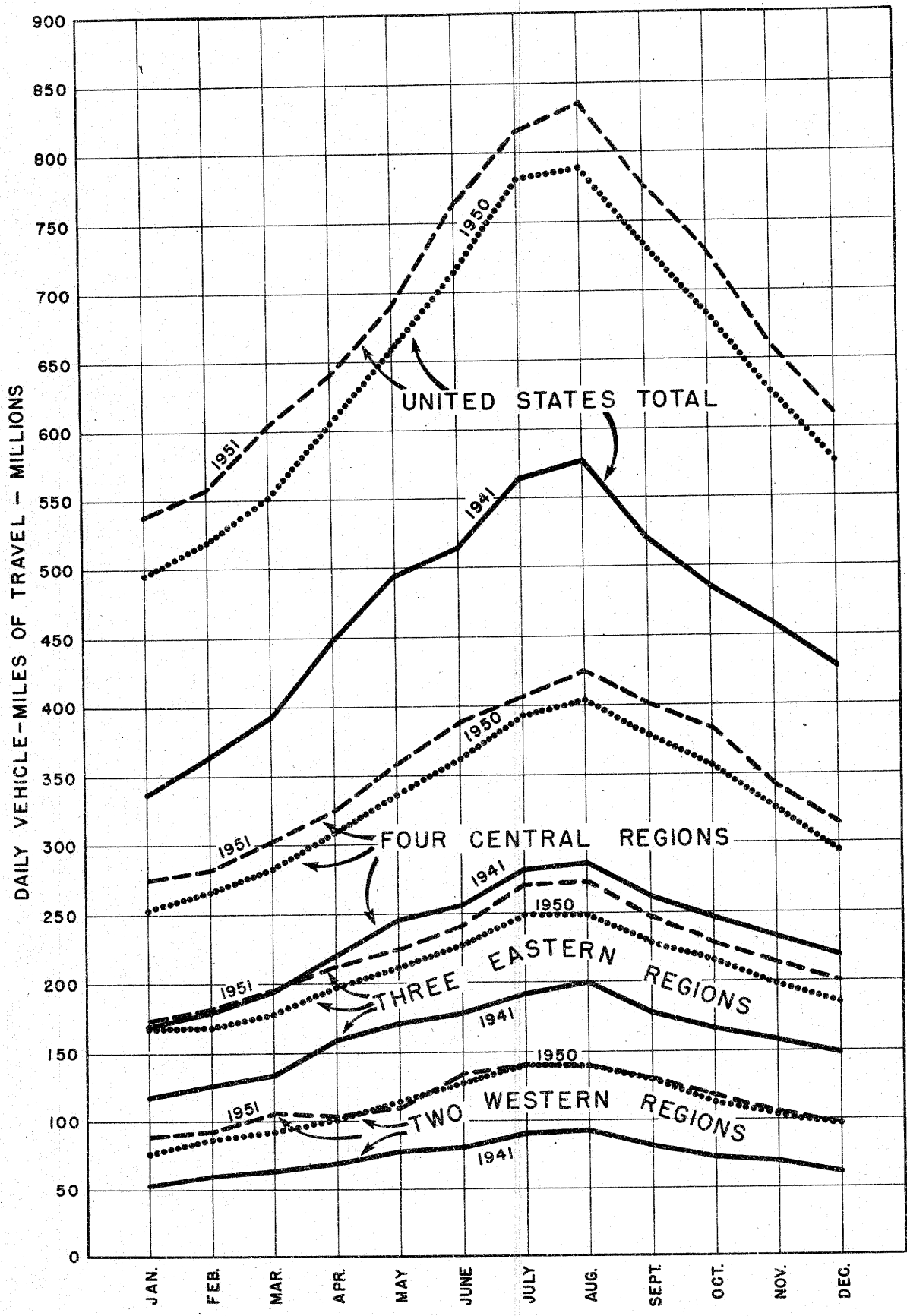
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TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES AND AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1941



TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

