

**PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION  
FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY**

**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 1946**

**SUBJECT: TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS**

January 1946 marks the beginning of the postwar period in traffic. For the first time since the war, the total traffic flow on the rural highways of the country exceeded the volume in the corresponding month of 1941. After four years of restrictions the upward trend in travel has been resumed.

On the basis of preliminary estimates, total travel on rural roads during January exceeded the amount of such traffic in January 1941 by 6.9 percent. Traffic on main highways was 9.2 percent above, and that on local roads 1.1 percent above the 1941 figures.

Traffic in the two western regions was 24.0 percent above corresponding 1941 counts, that in the central regions was 3.2 percent above, although that in the eastern regions was still 1.6 percent below the 1941 levels.

Comparisons of city traffic in January with corresponding traffic in January 1945 are as follows:

6 stations in Chicago, Illinois +24.3 percent.  
3 stations in Detroit, Michigan +30.9 percent.  
1 station in Santa Fe, New Mexico +35.5 percent.  
5 stations in St. Louis, Missouri +20.6 percent.

**H. S. FAIRBANK, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,  
PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION**

**Attachments**

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TABLE 1.--PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA  
FOR JANUARY 1946 INCLUDING 574 STATIONS IN 42 STATES<sup>1</sup>

Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Percentage change from Jan. 1945	Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Percentage change from Jan. 1945
<i>STATE HIGHWAYS</i>			<i>STATE HIGHWAYS</i>		
Alabama	8	+32.7	(Continued)		
Arizona	4	+72.2	Vermont	9	+60.3
Arkansas	13	+58.9	Virginia	3	+75.4
California	6	+71.8	Washington	10	+47.8
Colorado	5	+37.1	West Virginia	11	+63.7
Connecticut	17	+71.6	Wisconsin	9	+44.6
Delaware	6	+56.2	Wyoming	6	+43.0
Florida	19	+71.5			
Georgia	4	+67.2	<i>TOTAL - 42 STATES</i>	542	+60.2
Idaho	8	+43.0			
Illinois	4	+35.6	<i>LOCAL HIGHWAYS</i>		
Iowa	26	+43.0	Alabama	2	+33.0
Kansas <sup>2</sup>	14	+27.2	Connecticut	3	+34.0
Kentucky	11	+59.3	Delaware	2	+ 1.7
Louisiana	8	+30.5	Georgia	4	+10.6
Maine	10	+46.0	Iowa	9	+14.2
Maryland	17	+53.7	Maryland	1	+21.2
Michigan	26	+34.3	Michigan	2	+42.4
Mississippi	10	+35.3	Montana	2	+ 8.4
Missouri	23	+52.8	Nebraska	1	+38.7
Montana	12	+44.3	North Dakota	1	+33.3
Nebraska	10	+40.0	Ohio	2	+68.0
Nevada	16	+64.7	Oregon	1	+53.8
New Hampshire	14	+68.3	Rhode Island	1	+54.7
New Mexico	12	+45.7	Wisconsin	1	+ 9.6
New York	2	+61.4			
North Carolina	20	+59.2	<i>TOTAL - 14 STATES</i>	32	+36.9
North Dakota	4	+16.1			
Ohio	18	+68.3	<i>ALL HIGHWAYS</i>		
Oklahoma	20	+52.8	<i>42 STATES</i>	574	+53.2
Oregon	4	+74.0			
Pennsylvania	29	+83.2	<i>3 EASTERN REGIONS</i>	174	+69.1
Rhode Island	2	+24.1	<i>4 CENTRAL REGIONS</i>	304	+43.1
South Dakota	8	+32.7	<i>2 WESTERN REGIONS</i>	96	+55.0
Texas	74	+37.6			
Utah	10	+11.9			

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<sup>1</sup>Includes all States except Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, South Carolina and Tennessee.

<sup>2</sup>Abnormal conditions in 1945 or 1946 affected 1 count in Kansas, excluding station 10, the increase is 48.2 percent.

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TABLE 2.--REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR  
DECEMBER 1945 INCLUDING 618 STATIONS IN 45 STATES<sup>1</sup>

Region and State	Number of stations	Percentage change from Dec. 1944	Region and State	Number of stations	Percentage change from Dec. 1944
<i>NEW ENGLAND</i>			<i>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</i>		
Connecticut	20	+37.0	Alabama	10	+23.2
Maine	10	+33.2	Kentucky	12	+38.8
Massachusetts	8	+22.8	Mississippi	10	+30.0
New Hampshire	14	+34.9	Tennessee	3	+58.3
Rhode Island	3	+12.0	<i>Subtotal</i>	35	+33.0
Vermont	9	+52.2			
<i>Subtotal</i>	64	+33.0	<i>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</i>		
<i>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</i>			Arkansas	10	+37.4
New York	4	+41.7	Louisiana	8	+23.6
Pennsylvania	29	+43.0	Oklahoma	20	+42.4
<i>Subtotal</i>	33	+42.7	Texas	74	+33.6
			<i>Subtotal</i>	112	+34.2
<i>SOUTH ATLANTIC</i>			<i>MOUNTAIN</i>		
Delaware	8	+21.8	Arizona	5	+66.6
Maryland	18	+27.8	Colorado	6	+29.2
Virginia	2	+53.2	Idaho	7	+32.1
West Virginia	10	+54.6	Montana	14	+19.8
<i>Subtotal north portion</i>	38	+32.0	Nevada	16	+49.7
Florida	17	+48.2	New Mexico	12	+49.7
Georgia	11	+39.4	Utah	10	+13.0
North Carolina	20	+37.5	Wyoming	6	+52.7
<i>Subtotal south portion</i>	48	+41.8	<i>Subtotal</i>	76	+39.4
<i>Subtotal region</i>	86	+37.3	<i>PACIFIC</i>		
<i>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</i>			California	7	+64.6
Illinois	4	+37.9	Oregon	5	+52.9
Indiana	22	+40.1	Washington	10	+40.5
Michigan	28	+23.7	<i>Subtotal</i>	22	+51.6
Ohio	20	+51.2			
Wisconsin	10	+27.6	<i>TOTAL ALL STATES</i> <sup>2</sup>	618	+37.1
<i>Subtotal</i>	84	+34.2	<i>STATE HIGHWAYS</i> <sup>2</sup>	584	+44.0
<i>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</i>			<i>LOCAL HIGHWAYS</i>	34	+20.3
Iowa	35	+28.0			
Kansas <sup>3</sup>	14	+9.4	3 <i>EASTERN REGIONS</i>	183	+38.8
Missouri	27	+38.5	4 <i>CENTRAL REGIONS</i>	337	+32.7
Nebraska	12	+24.7	2 <i>WESTERN REGIONS</i>	98	+47.4
North Dakota	8	+34.2			
South Dakota	10	+15.2			
<i>Subtotal</i>	106	+28.4			

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

<sup>2</sup>Includes all States except the following: Minnesota, New Jersey, and South Carolina.

<sup>3</sup>Abnormal conditions in 1944 or 1945 affected 2 counts in the following States:

Kansas, excluding station 10, the increase is 27.9 percent. Louisiana, excluding station 23, the increase is 29.9 percent.

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TABLE 3.--NUMBER OF VEHICLES, CLASSIFIED BY TYPES, USING TOLL FACILITIES IN JANUARY  
1946 COMPARED WITH THOSE IN JANUARY 1945 AND 1941.

Facilities	1946			Percentage change from 1945			Percentage change from 1941		
	Total	Passenger cars	Trucks and busses	Total	Passenger cars	Trucks and busses	Total	Passenger cars	Trucks and busses
<b>EASTERN REGIONS</b>									
4 in the New England States	38,698	33,364	5,334	+36.5	+36.4	+36.9	+15.0	+ 9.0	+74.4
16 in the Middle Atlantic States	7,246,594	6,134,041	1,112,553	+69.8	+85.3	+16.3	+18.4	+17.1	+25.8
Fleetwood Viaduct, Westchester County, New York	256,672	256,672	---	+190.2	+190.2	--	- 5.9	- 5.9	--
Pennsylvania Turnpike	122,219	92,624	29,595	+116.0	+190.9	+19.6	+25.3	+18.0	+55.7
4 in the South Atlantic States	275,297	222,227	53,070	+74.3	+102.4	+10.2	+29.4	+36.0	+ 7.5
<b>TOTAL - 26 facilities<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>7,939,480</b>	<b>6,738,928</b>	<b>1,200,552</b>	<b>+72.6</b>	<b>+89.0</b>	<b>+16.2</b>	<b>+17.8</b>	<b>+16.5</b>	<b>+25.6</b>
<b>TOTAL - 31 facilities</b>	<b>8,353,491</b>	<b>7,100,895</b>	<b>1,252,596</b>	<b>+19.8</b>	<b>+18.8</b>	<b>+25.5</b>			
<b>CENTRAL REGIONS</b>									
3 on the Great Lakes Canadian Border <sup>2</sup>	118,098	106,685	11,413	+86.9	+107.7	- 3.5	+44.4	+52.0	- 1.8
2 in the Great Lakes Region	61,491	43,343	18,148	+101.8	+181.7	+20.3	+ 7.0	+22.4	-17.7
<i>Subtotal - 5 facilities</i>	<i>179,589</i>	<i>150,028</i>	<i>29,561</i>	<i>+91.8</i>	<i>+124.8</i>	<i>+ 9.9</i>	<i>+29.0</i>	<i>+42.1</i>	<i>-12.2</i>
7 on the Ohio River <sup>3</sup>	410,221	335,355	74,866	+54.4	+64.1	+22.1	+15.4	+18.3	+ 4.2
2 in Kentucky	19,084	13,197	5,887	+49.5	+62.1	+27.3	+85.7	+83.2	+91.6
<i>Subtotal - 9 facilities</i>	<i>429,305</i>	<i>348,552</i>	<i>80,753</i>	<i>+54.2</i>	<i>+64.0</i>	<i>+22.5</i>	<i>+17.4</i>	<i>+19.9</i>	<i>+ 7.8</i>
6 on the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers . Louis and north	273,231	235,394	37,837	+23.5	+28.9	- 2.3	+39.1	+42.1	+23.3
on the Mississippi River south of St. Louis	34,499	24,252	10,247	+31.0	+54.0	- 3.2	+ 2.1	+22.6	-26.8
<i>Subtotal - 7 facilities</i>	<i>307,730</i>	<i>259,646</i>	<i>48,084</i>						
4 on the Missouri River	354,778	286,398	68,380	+36.1	+42.6	+14.5	+32.2	+37.9	+13.0
2 in the Missouri River area	2,981	2,396	585	+56.0	+54.6	+62.0	- 3.4	+ 4.4	-26.1
<i>Subtotal - 6 facilities</i>	<i>357,759</i>	<i>288,794</i>	<i>68,965</i>	<i>+36.3</i>	<i>+42.7</i>	<i>+14.7</i>	<i>+31.8</i>	<i>+37.5</i>	<i>+12.4</i>
<b>TOTAL - 27 facilities<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,274,383</b>	<b>1,047,020</b>	<b>227,363</b>	<b>+44.4</b>	<b>+54.0</b>	<b>+12.4</b>	<b>+26.6</b>	<b>+32.2</b>	<b>+ 5.9</b>
<b>TOTAL - 33 facilities</b>	<b>1,491,556</b>	<b>1,218,961</b>	<b>272,595</b>	<b>+46.1</b>	<b>+54.0</b>	<b>+18.9</b>			
<b>WESTERN REGIONS</b>									
2 in California	2,344,577	2,133,786	210,791	+33.3	+37.8	--	+45.5	+43.0	+77.1
4 in the Oregon-Washington area	277,786	241,159	36,627	+52.9	+58.8	+22.9	+121.4	+118.6	+141.8
<b>TOTAL - 6 facilities</b>	<b>2,622,363</b>	<b>2,374,945</b>	<b>247,418</b>	<b>+35.1</b>	<b>+40.0</b>	<b>+ 2.8</b>	<b>+51.0</b>	<b>+48.2</b>	<b>+84.4</b>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
<b>TOTAL - 59 facilities<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>11,836,226</b>	<b>10,160,893</b>	<b>1,675,333</b>	<b>+59.5</b>	<b>+70.9</b>	<b>+13.5</b>	<b>+24.8</b>	<b>+24.3</b>	<b>+28.4</b>
<b>TOTAL - 70 facilities</b>	<b>12,467,410</b>	<b>10,694,801</b>	<b>1,772,609</b>	<b>+25.5</b>	<b>+26.3</b>	<b>+20.8</b>			

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<sup>1</sup>These facilities have comparative data for 1946, 1945 and 1941 and are included in the larger total below.

<sup>2</sup>Two of these facilities are in Western New York and therefore are related to similar facilities in the Central States.

<sup>3</sup>Four of these facilities are between Ohio and West Virginia.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
 TAX COLLECTOR

PROPERTY TAX		SALES TAX		INCOME TAX		TOTAL	
AMOUNT	PERCENT	AMOUNT	PERCENT	AMOUNT	PERCENT	AMOUNT	PERCENT
1,200.00	10.00%	120.00	10.00%	1,200.00	10.00%	2,400.00	20.00%
2,400.00	10.00%	240.00	10.00%	2,400.00	10.00%	4,800.00	20.00%
3,600.00	10.00%	360.00	10.00%	3,600.00	10.00%	7,200.00	20.00%
4,800.00	10.00%	480.00	10.00%	4,800.00	10.00%	9,600.00	20.00%
6,000.00	10.00%	600.00	10.00%	6,000.00	10.00%	12,000.00	20.00%
7,200.00	10.00%	720.00	10.00%	7,200.00	10.00%	14,400.00	20.00%
8,400.00	10.00%	840.00	10.00%	8,400.00	10.00%	16,800.00	20.00%
9,600.00	10.00%	960.00	10.00%	9,600.00	10.00%	19,200.00	20.00%
10,800.00	10.00%	1,080.00	10.00%	10,800.00	10.00%	21,600.00	20.00%
12,000.00	10.00%	1,200.00	10.00%	12,000.00	10.00%	24,000.00	20.00%
13,200.00	10.00%	1,320.00	10.00%	13,200.00	10.00%	26,400.00	20.00%
14,400.00	10.00%	1,440.00	10.00%	14,400.00	10.00%	28,800.00	20.00%
15,600.00	10.00%	1,560.00	10.00%	15,600.00	10.00%	31,200.00	20.00%
16,800.00	10.00%	1,680.00	10.00%	16,800.00	10.00%	33,600.00	20.00%
18,000.00	10.00%	1,800.00	10.00%	18,000.00	10.00%	36,000.00	20.00%
19,200.00	10.00%	1,920.00	10.00%	19,200.00	10.00%	38,400.00	20.00%
20,400.00	10.00%	2,040.00	10.00%	20,400.00	10.00%	40,800.00	20.00%
21,600.00	10.00%	2,160.00	10.00%	21,600.00	10.00%	43,200.00	20.00%
22,800.00	10.00%	2,280.00	10.00%	22,800.00	10.00%	45,600.00	20.00%
24,000.00	10.00%	2,400.00	10.00%	24,000.00	10.00%	48,000.00	20.00%
25,200.00	10.00%	2,520.00	10.00%	25,200.00	10.00%	50,400.00	20.00%
26,400.00	10.00%	2,640.00	10.00%	26,400.00	10.00%	52,800.00	20.00%
27,600.00	10.00%	2,760.00	10.00%	27,600.00	10.00%	55,200.00	20.00%
28,800.00	10.00%	2,880.00	10.00%	28,800.00	10.00%	57,600.00	20.00%
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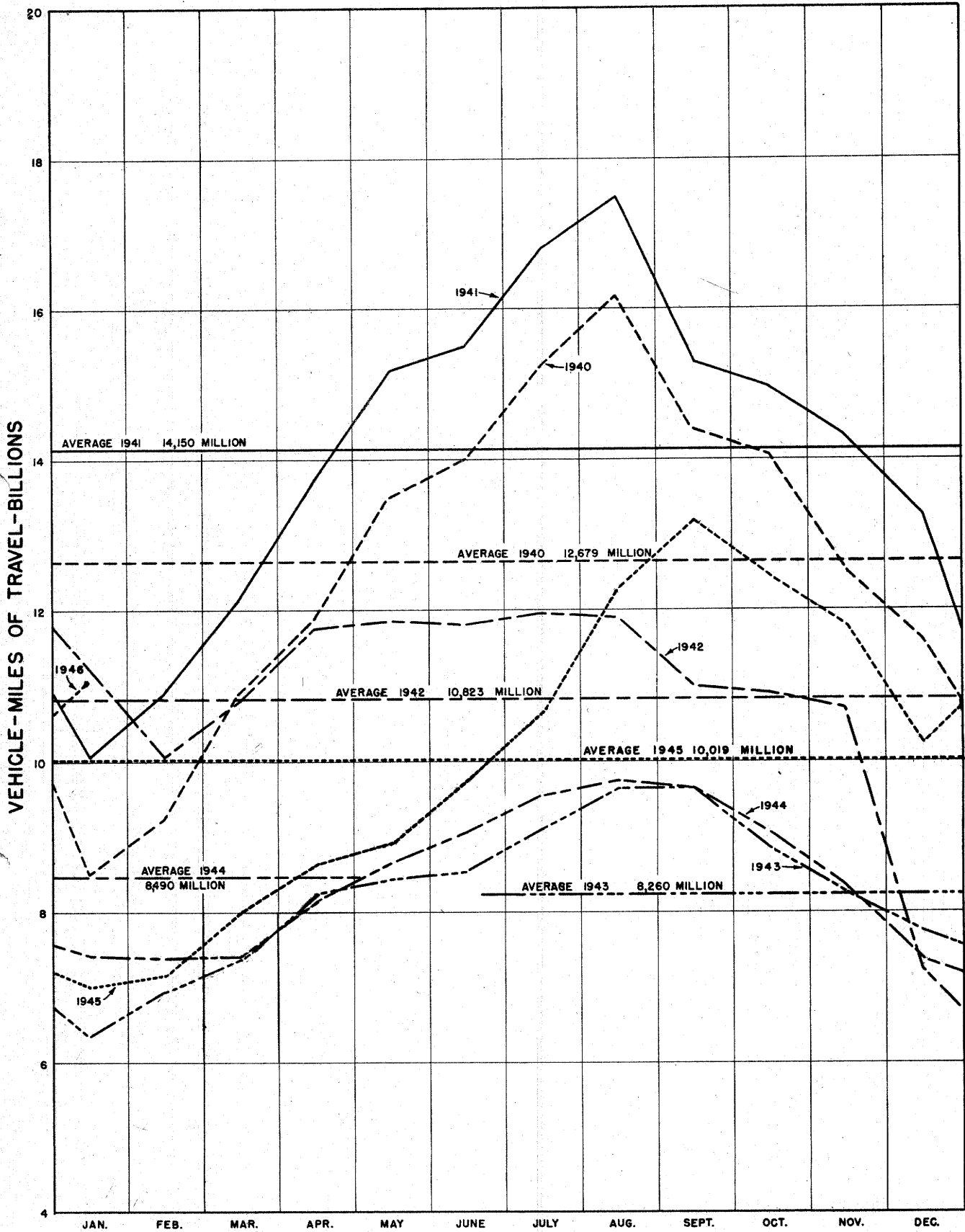
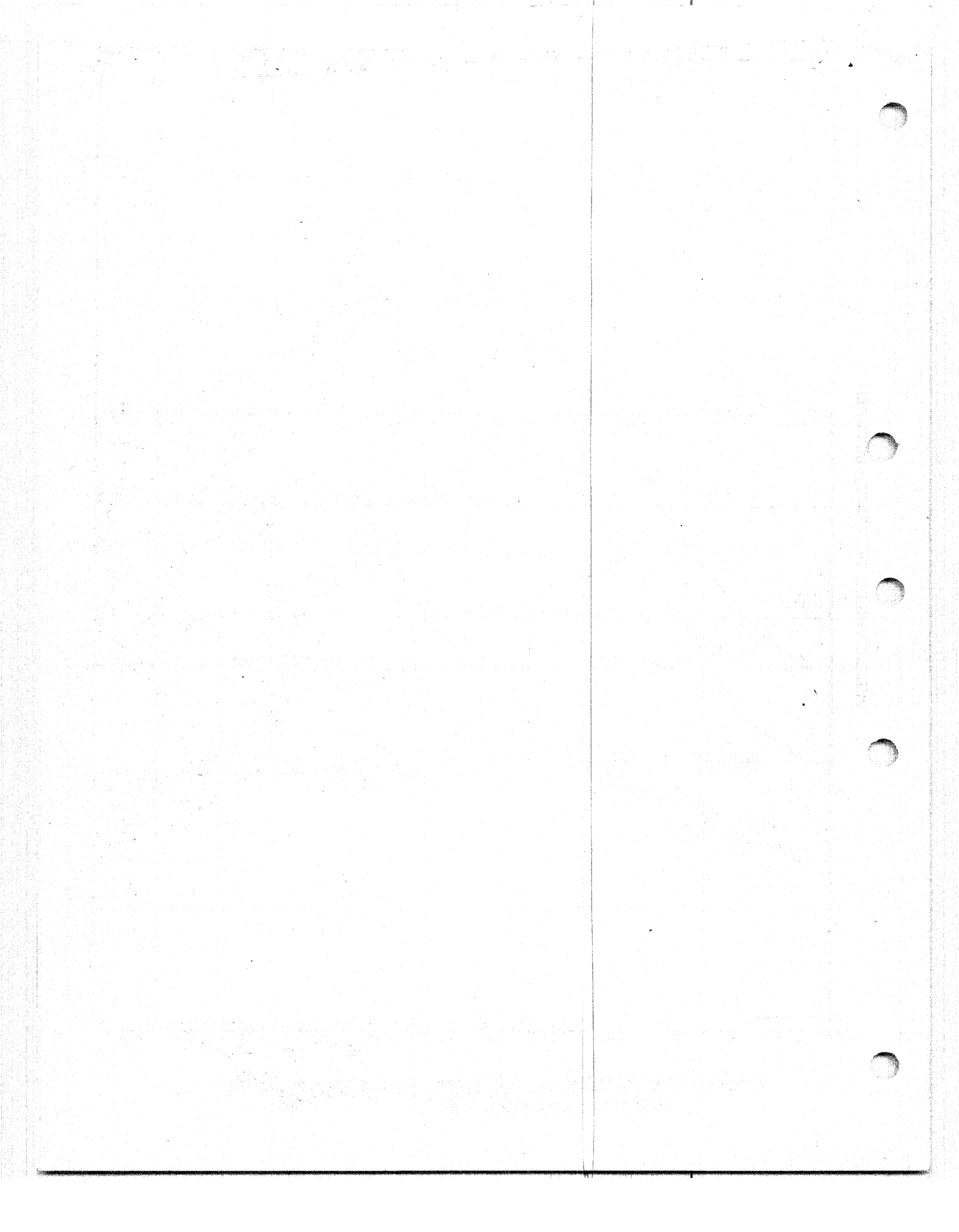


FIGURE I.—VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS  
1940 TO 1946 BY MONTHS.



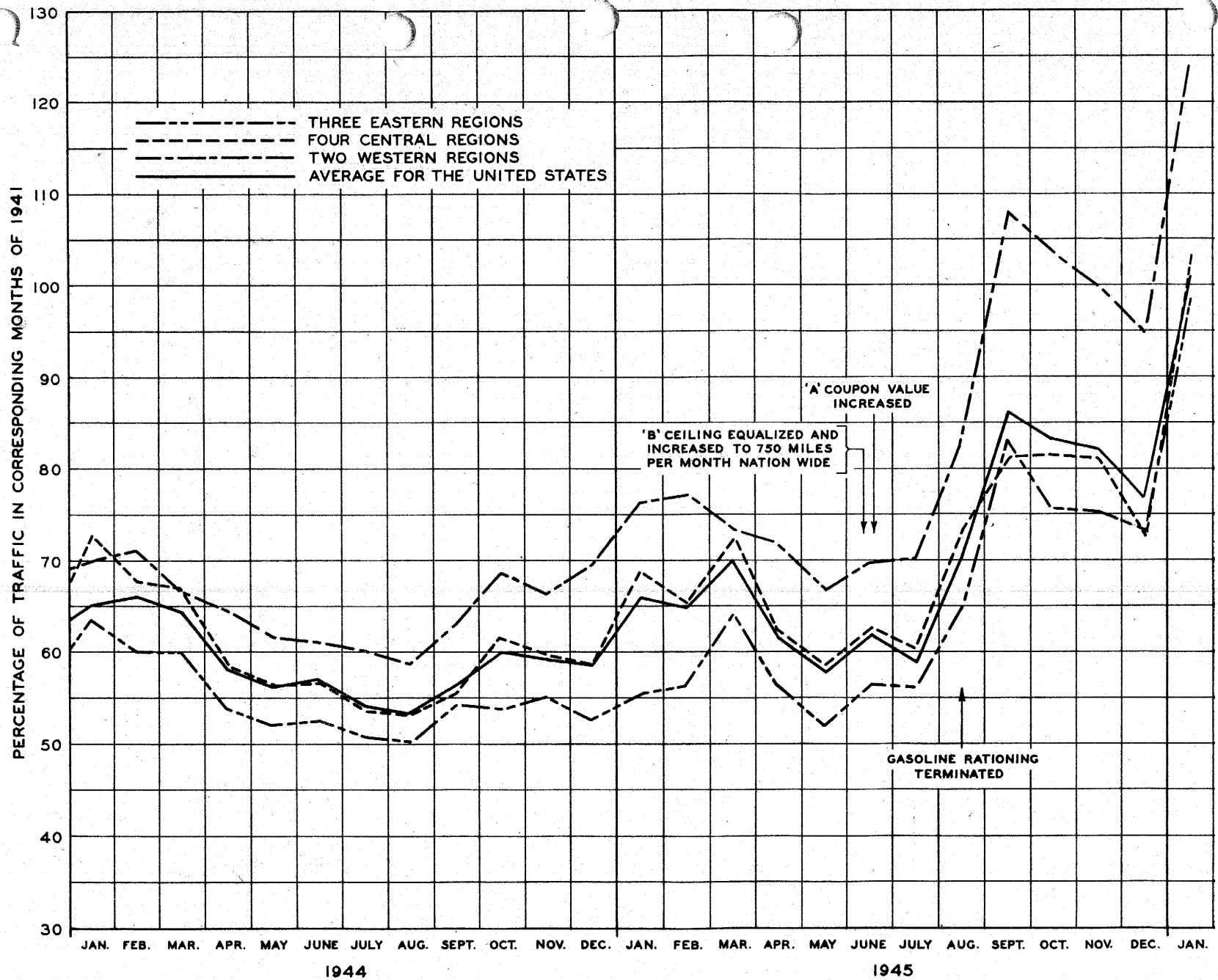
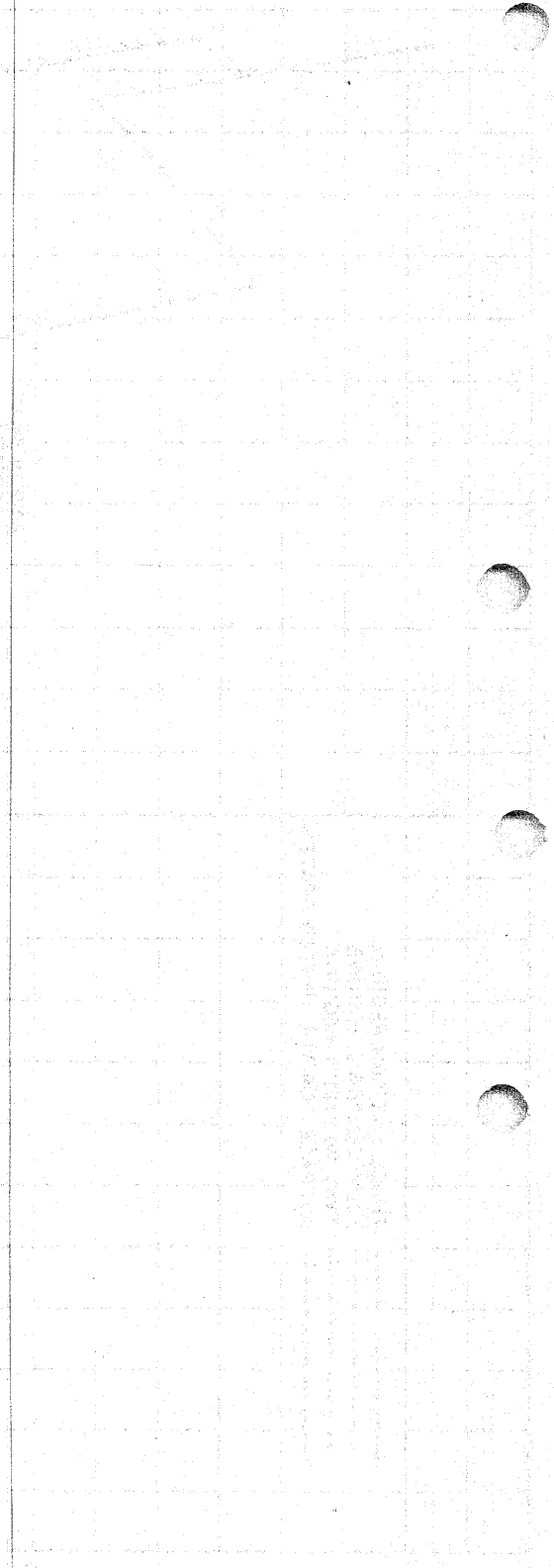
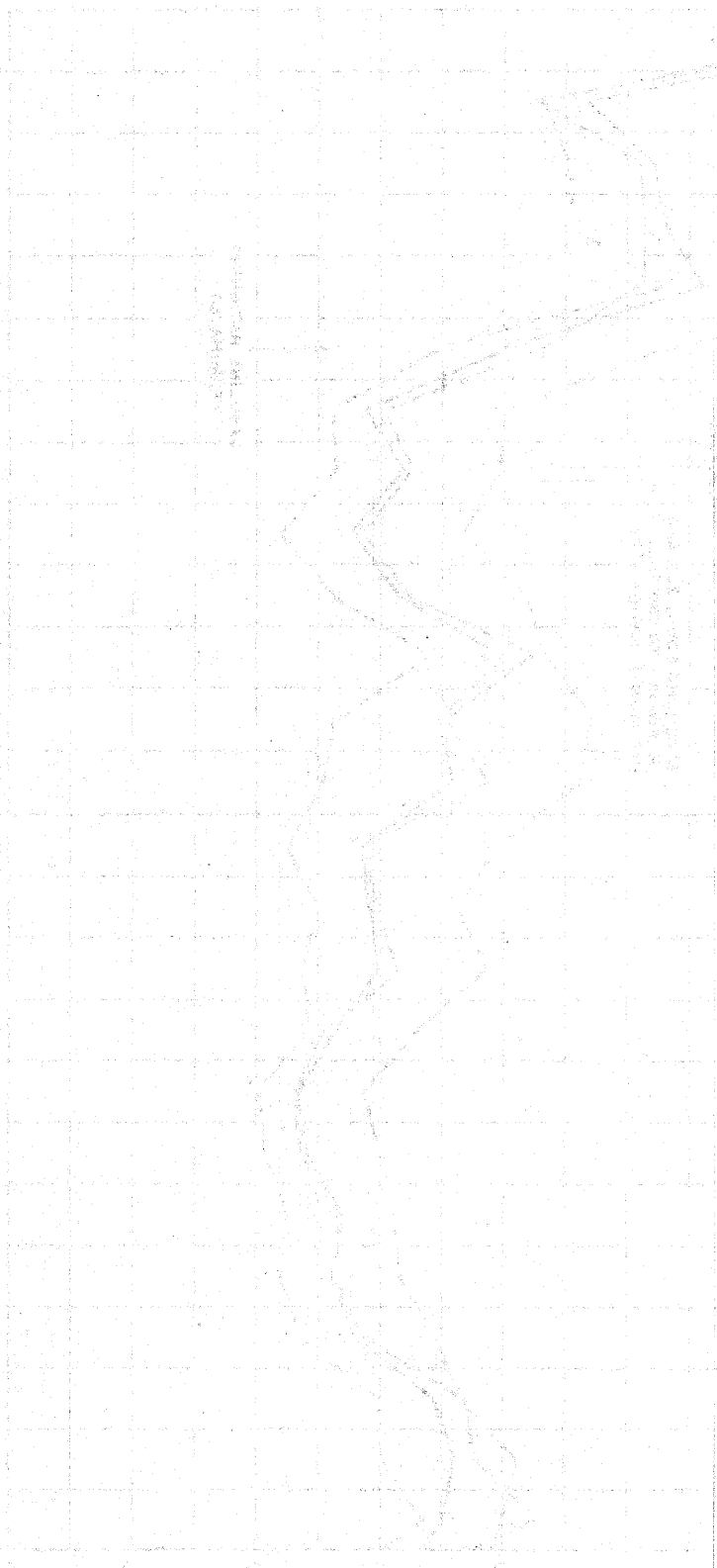


FIGURE 2 - PERCENTAGE RELATIONS OF RURAL TRAFFIC IN MONTHS OF 1944 1945 AND 1946 WITH THAT IN CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 1941

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