

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

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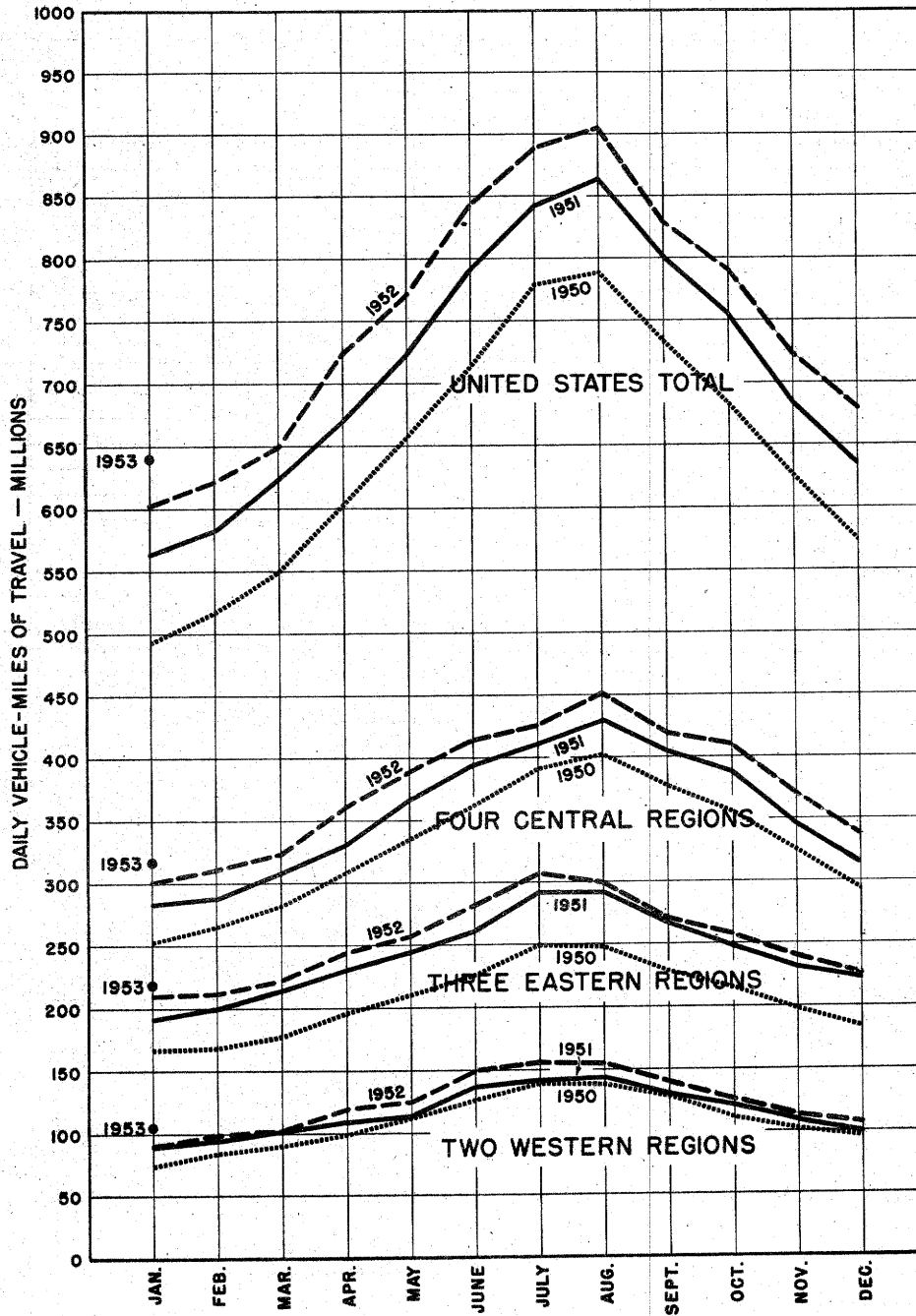
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## SUMMARY OF MOTOR-VEHICLE TRAVEL IN JANUARY (PRELIMINARY) AND DECEMBER (REVISED)

	Preliminary data for January 1953		Revised data for December 1952	
	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from 1952	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from 1951
<b>Class of road:</b>				
Main rural roads.....	14,314	+7.1	15,206	+7.2
Local rural roads.....	5,538	+5.0	5,876	+7.3
All rural roads.....	19,852	+6.5	21,082	+7.3
City streets.....	.....	+6.3	.....	+5.1
All roads and streets.....	.....	+6.4	.....	+6.2
<b>By region (rural only):</b>				
Eastern regions.....	6,806	+4.6	7,284	+6.1
Central regions.....	9,837	+5.4	10,478	+7.8
Western regions.....	3,209	+14.4	3,320	+8.4

Table 1.—JANUARY 1953 MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL (PRELIMINARY)  
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

State	Number of stations	Percentage change from December 1952	State	Number of stations	Percentage change from December 1952
Alabama.....	10	+1.9	Nebraska.....	15	+0.7
Arizona.....	4	+17.1	Nevada.....	17	+26.5
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	New Hampshire.....	.....	.....
California.....	4	+12.6	New Jersey.....	10	+4.1
Colorado.....	22	+3.1	New Mexico.....	23	+9.4
Connecticut.....	20	+6.0	New York.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	7	+4.2	North Carolina...	38	+3.5
Florida.....	23	+6.5	North Dakota.....	18	+11.7
Georgia.....	7	0.0	Ohio.....	21	+9.8
Idaho.....	.....	.....	Oklahoma.....	20	+3.7
Illinois.....	4	+5.4	Oregon.....	16	+27.2
Indiana.....	.....	.....	Pennsylvania.....	.....	.....
Iowa.....	.....	.....	Rhode Island.....	3	+9.3
Kansas.....	14	+10.2	South Carolina...	1	+3.2
Kentucky.....	15	+2.5	South Dakota.....	30	+11.1
Louisiana.....	42	+7.4	Tennessee.....	21	+6.7
Maine.....	12	+9.9	Texas.....	105	+5.7
Maryland.....	20	+2.2	Utah.....	12	+19.6
Massachusetts.....	9	+2.1	Vermont.....	13	+2.1
Michigan.....	30	+4.6	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	26	+8.2	Washington.....	.....	.....
Mississippi.....	19	+4.3	West Virginia...	27	-1.0
Missouri.....	27	+5.2	Wisconsin.....	11	+4.0
Montana.....	20	+16.9	Wyoming.....	.....	.....



TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS

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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

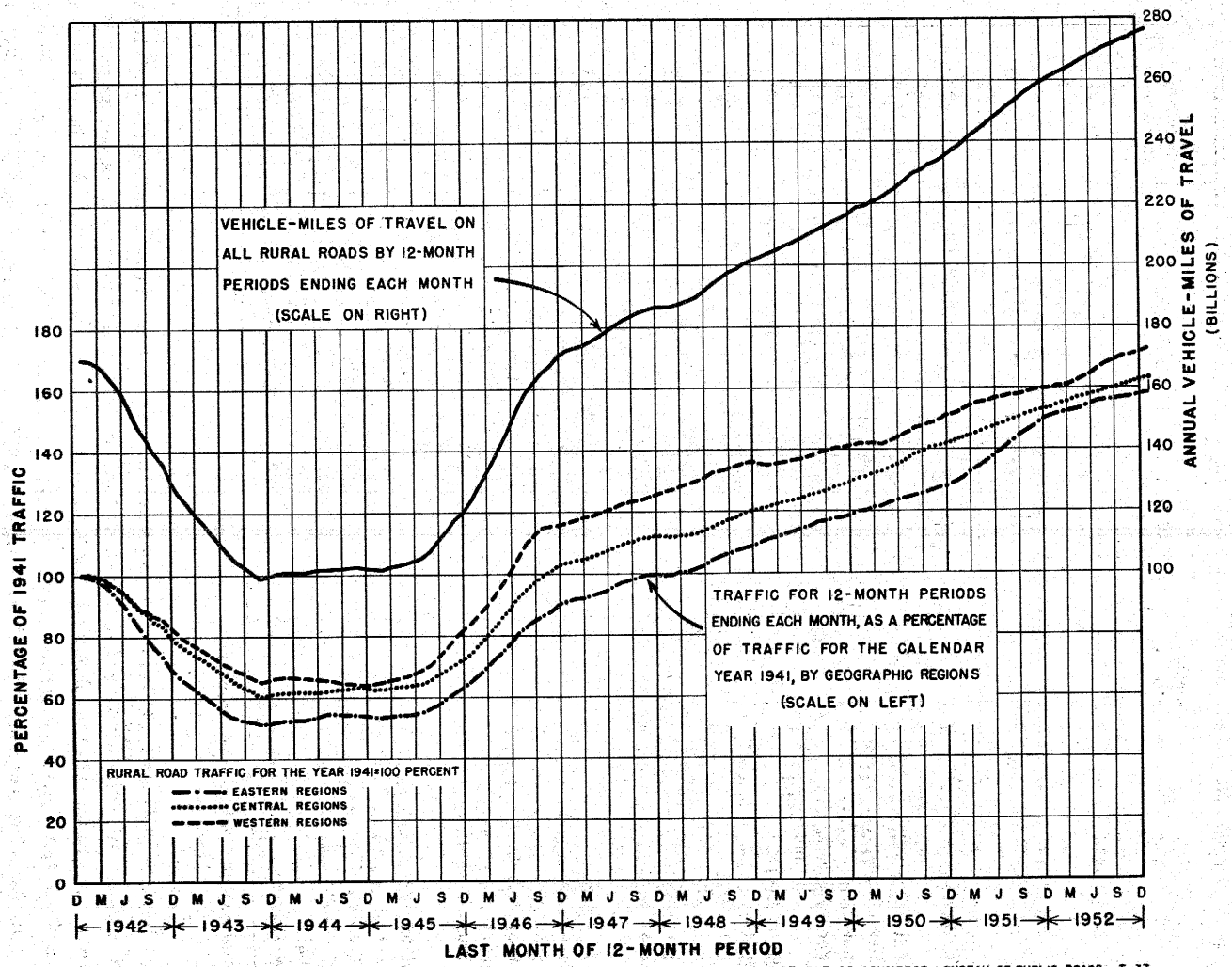


Table 2.—DECEMBER 1952 MOTOR-VEHICLE TRAVEL (REVISED)  
Summary of Automatic Traffic Recorder Data

Region and State	Number of stations	Percentage change from November 1951	Region and State	Number of stations	Percentage change from November 1951
NEW ENGLAND.....	71	+9.2	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL....	60	+5.4
Connecticut.....	22	+12.7	Alabama.....	10	+4.4
Maine.....	11	+8.3	Kentucky.....	14	+7.0
Massachusetts.....	9	+2.1	Mississippi.....	17	+7.1
New Hampshire.....	14	+1.0	Tennessee.....	19	+0.3
Rhode Island.....	3	+11.4	WEST NORTH CENTRAL....	157	+11.6
Vermont.....	12	+8.5	Iowa.....	33	+2.2
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	50	+8.1	Kansas.....	14	+9.7
New Jersey.....	10	+4.5	Minnesota.....	25	+9.4
New York.....	.....	.....	Missouri.....	27	+16.3
Pennsylvania.....	40	+8.9	Nebraska.....	14	+2.5
SOUTH ATLANTIC			North Dakota.....	14	+25.5
(North).....	55	+7.8	South Dakota.....	30	+26.2
Delaware.....	6	+10.3	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL....	163	+3.4
Maryland.....	20	+7.6	Arkansas.....	.....	.....
Virginia <sup>1</sup> .....	.....	+5.9	Louisiana.....	42	+6.5
West Virginia.....	29	+7.0	Oklahoma.....	20	-2.3
SOUTH ATLANTIC			Texas.....	101	+3.4
(South).....	68	+5.6	MOUNTAIN.....	115	+9.7
Florida.....	23	+8.0	Arizona.....	4	+19.1
Georgia.....	7	+4.0	Colorado.....	22	-4.4
North Carolina.....	37	+4.2	Idaho.....	9	+10.2
South Carolina.....	1	+4.1	Montana.....	20	+15.4
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	84	+13.7	Nevada.....	19	+13.4
Illinois.....	5	+3.9	New Mexico.....	19	+9.5
Indiana.....	22	+9.9	Utah.....	14	+16.8
Michigan.....	26	+13.9	Wyoming.....	8	+13.6
Ohio.....	20	+21.5	PACIFIC.....	31	+9.3
Wisconsin.....	11	+7.0	California.....	4	+8.1
			Oregon.....	15	+11.1
			Washington.....	12	+8.3

<sup>1</sup>Percentage calculated from trend in vehicle miles.

On the basis of preliminary figures, motor-vehicle travel on main and local roads was higher during January 1953 than in any previous January. A large part of the apparent increase in the January 1953 travel was due, actually, to decreases that occurred in the previous January as a result of unfavorable travel weather. For instance in the Pacific region, travel in January 1952 was 5.7 percent below the 1951 figures, in January 1953 it was 9.3 percent above the 1952 level; while the net average increase for the two year period was 1.5 percent. Similar variations in travel volumes are found in several northern States, as for instance, South Dakota where January 1952 data indicated a decrease of 0.1 percent from the previous year's volume, while 1953 data indicated an increase of 26.2 percent or an average of 12.5 percent each year.