## PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY

## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 31, 1946

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

June 1946 traffic on rural roads was approximately midway between that found in June of 1940 and in June 1941 which is about the same relationship to previous years as for April and May. On the basis of preliminary estimates, total travel during June 1946 was 5 percent below that of June 1941. Traffic on main highways was 3 percent below, while that on local roads was 8 percent below the 1941 figures.

Traffic in the two western regions was 26 percent above corresponding 1941 counts; that in the central regions was 7 percent below; and that in the eastern regions was 13 percent below 1941 levels. In comparison with 1945 figures, traffic in the western regions increased 66 percent, that in the central regions 44 percent, and that in the eastern regions 32 percent.

Comparisons of city traffic in May 1946 with corresponding traffic in May 1945 are as follows:

- 6 stations in Chicago, Illinois +41.5
- 3 stations in Cleveland, Ohio +37.1
- 3 stations in Detroit, Michigan +26.0
- 1 station in Duluth, Minnesota +13.0
- 1 station in Kansas City, Missouri +23.2
- 1 station in Santa Fe, New Mexico +50.2
- 5 stations in St, Louis, Missouri +34.3
- 13 stations in Washington, D.C. +37.1

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TABLE 1.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR JUNE 1946 INCLUDING 576 STATIONS IN 42 STATES 1

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Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Percentage change from June 1945	Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Percentage change from June 1945	
STATE HIGHWAYS			STATE HIGHWAYS (Continued)			
Al abama	8	+40.6	Utah	10	+66.9	
Arizona	5	+65.7	Vermont	7	+73.2	
Arkansas	18	+47.5	Washington	10	+76.8	
California	8	+70.6	West Virginia	11	+51.4	
Colorado	6	+45.2	Wisconsin	9	+57.9	
Connecticut	17	+80.9	Wyoming	4	+97.6	
Delaware	5	+37.8				
Florida	20	+49.3	TOTAL - 42 STATES	545	+57.7	
Georgia	5	+69.9				
Idaho	8	+79.8	LOCAL HIGHWAYS			
Illinois	5	+43.7	A1 abama	2	+61.5	
Iowa	26	+60.7	Connecticut	3	+53.7	
Kansas	14	+35.4	Delaware	2	- 8.7	
Kentucky	8	+44.8	Georgia	2	+66.3	
Louisiana	8	+49.0	Iowa	8	+20.6	
Maine	10	+69.2	Maryland	1	+ 6.4	
Maryland	17	+47.5	Michigan	2	+48.5	
Massachusetts	9	+62.1	Missouri	1	+ 2.1	
Michigan	26	+55.2	Montana	2	+30.2	
Mississippi	10	+48.8	North Dakota	2	+ 3.1	
Missouri	21	+70.0	Ohio	2	+32.8	
Montana	11	+79.3	Oregon	1	+55.9	
Nevada	16	+94.6	Rhode Island	1	+37.3	
New Mexico	14	+53.4	Tennessee	1	+44.2	
New York	3	+75.2	Wisconsin	1	+54.3	
North Carolina	19	+68.3				
North Dakota	10	+106.8	TOTAL - 15 STATES	31	+41.1	
Ohio	22	+65.3				
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Oregon	4	+91.5	42 STATES	576	+52.8	
Pennsylvania	30	+58.1				
Rhode Island	3	+35.0	3 BASTERN REGIONS.	166	+51.9	
South Carolina	1	+69.0				
South Dakota	10	+69.1	4 CENTRAL REGIONS	311	+48.7	
Tennessee	4	+14.7				
Texas	73	+38.8	2 WESTERN REGIONS	99	+66.2	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Includes all States except Indiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Virginia.

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TABLE 2.--REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR MAY 1946 INCLUDING 633 STATIONS IN 46 STATES 1

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Region and State	Number Percentage change from stations May 1945		Region and State	Number of stations	Percentage change from May 1945	
NEW ENGLAND			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL			
Connecticut	20	+82.4	Al abama	10	+43.6	
Maine	10	+64.9	Kentucky	11	+53.7	
Massachusetts	9	+58.2	Mississippi	10	+48.9	
New Hampshire	15	+75.9	Tennessee	2	+10.3	
Rhode Island	4	+27.5	Subtotal	33	+45.3	
Vermont	9	+72.5			.,,,,,	
Subtotal	67	+70.5	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL			
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MIDDLE ATLANTIC			Louisiana	7	+44.6	
New York	3	+82.2	Oklahoma	20	+60.9	
Pennsylvania	30	+61.1	Texas	74	+37.4	
Subtotal	33	+84.0	Subtotal	118	+44.3	
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SOUTH ATLANTIC			MOUNTAIN			
Delaware	8	+46.5	Arizona	4	+57.7	
Maryland	18	+54.4	Colorado	6	+39.6	
Virginia	3	+62.0	Idaho	8	+72.4	
West Virginia	11	+60.7	Montana	13	+62.5	
Subtotal north			Nevada	16	+92.0	
portion	40	+54.5	New Mexico	13	+51.3	
			Utah	10	+56.4	
Florida	20	+54.0	Wyoming	3	<b>∔71.1</b>	
Georgia	9	+62.2	Subtotal	73	+60.4	
North Carolina	19	+64.3		4		
South Carolina	1	+55.8	PACIFIC	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \		
Subtotal south			California	9	+79.3	
portion	49	+59.8	Oregon	5	+97.3	
			Washington	10	+89.0	
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EAST NORTH CENTRAL			TOTAL ALL STATES2	633	+55.3	
Illinois	6	+49.7		<u> </u>		
Indiana	22	+85.5				
Michigan	28	+55.6	STATE HIGHWAYS2	600	+61.5	
Ohio	24	+67.5				
Wisconsin	10	+67.5				
Subtotal	90	+85.4	LOCAL HIGHWAYS	33	+41.3	
WEST NORTH CENTRAL						
Iowa	35	+59.2	3 EASTERN REGIONS	189	+55.6	
Kansas <sup>3</sup>	13	+26.5				
Missouri	23	+71.8		1 1		
Nebraska	12	+53.6	4 CENTRAL REGIONS	347	+51.6	
North Dakota	13	+72.9				
South Dakota	10	+64.4				
Subtotal	106	+59.4	2 WESTERN REGIONS	97	+66.2	

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ Combined State and local highways.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Includes all States except the following: Minnesota and New Jersey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Abnormal conditions in 1945 or 1946 affected 1 count in Kansas, excluding station 10, the increase is 41.1 percent.

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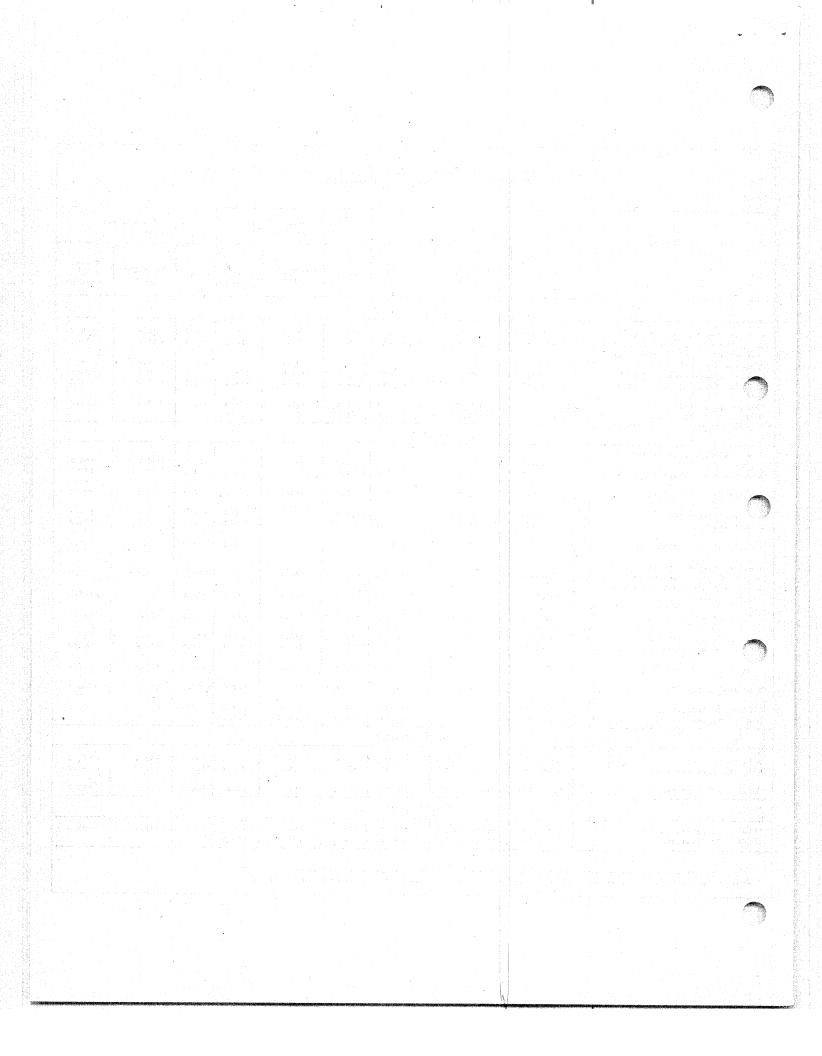
## TABLE 3.7-NUMBER OF VEHICLES, CLASSIFIED BY TYPES, USING TOLL FACILITIES IN JUNE 1946 COMPARED WITH THOSE IN JUNE 1945 AND 1941.

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<b>Facilities</b>		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
		EAS	TERN REGIONS						
4 in the New England States	79.138	72,522	6,616	+62.0	+69.6	+ 8.6	- 9.5	-12.6	+47.3
4 in the Middle Atlantic States	11,673,050	10,239,013	1,434,037	+59.7	+65.9	+26.1	+14.2	+11.9	+33.9
Fleetwood Viaduct, Westchester	11,0,0,0	10,200,010	2, 10 1, 10						
County, New York	483,951	483,951		+131.1	+131.1		- 8.9	- 8.9	
Pannsylvania Turnpike	242,916	208,477	34,439	+127.9	+166.0	+14.9	- 2.0	-10.2	+73.8
the South Atlantic States	449,452	368,316	81,136	+62.6	+76.6	+19.4	+ 3.7	+ 3.0	+ 7.2
momar			1,556,228	+62.6	+69.5	+25.4	+13.2	+10.9	+32.9
TOTAL - 26 facilities 1 TOTAL - 30 facilities	12,928,507	11,372,279	1,673,764	161.7	+68.5	+24.4	113.2	110.3	(321)
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3 on the Great Lakes Canadian	<del></del>	1		<u> </u>	T		r		
Son the Great Lakes Canadian  Border <sup>2</sup>	474, 159	456.958	17.191	+45.9	†46.9	+22.4	+57.7	+57.5	+64.0
2 in the Great Lakes Region	163,269	138,113	25,156	+101.7	+129.1	+21.8	+11.6	+10.7	+17.
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Subtotal - 5 facilities	637,428	595,081	42,347	T57.0	100.3	122.0	142.0	143.4	102.
on the Ohio River	904,015	784,578	119,437	+12.4	+13.5	+ 5.8	- 8.6	- 9.8	+ 0.3
2 in Kentucky	24,738	18,625	6,113	+56.4	+70.4	+25.0	+70.6	+69.7	+73.5
Subtotal - 9 facilities	928,753	803,203	125,550	+13.3	+14.4	+ 6.6	- 7.4	- 8.8	+ 2.
6 on the Mississippi and St. Croix									
Rivers St Louis and north	348,658	310,437	38,221	+52.9	+60.6	+10.4	+15.2	+18.7	- 7.3
3 on the Mississippi River south									1.0
of St. Louis	106,134	88,176	17,958	+47.7	+49.7	+38.5	+73.0	+70.2	+88.
Subtotal - 9 facilities	454,792	398,613	56,179	+51.7	+58.0	+18.1	+24.9	+27.2	+10.
Amon the Missouri River	243,267	192,009	51.258	+42.2	+55.0	+ 8.6	+30.7	+37.4	+10.4
the Missouri River Area	6,567	5,418	1, 149	+122.0	+118.4	+141.4	+27.8	+19.5	+91.
Subtotal - 6 facilities	249,834	197,427	52,407	+48.5	+56.2	+ 9.9	+30.6	+36.8	+11.4
3 on the Mexican Border	69,083	60,991	8,092	+25.4	+26.0	+21.4	+129.6	+128.8	+135.4
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TOTAL - 32 facilities 1 TOTAL - 35 facilities	2,339,890	2,055,315	284,575	+33.3 +35.0	+37.0 +38.1	+11.8	+14.9	+15.5	+11.3
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2 in California	2,681,377	2,445,131	235,246	+37.6	+42.1	+ 3.5	+34.8	+33.2	+54.
4 in the Oregon-Washington Area	396,657	352,682	43,975	+60.7	+65.8	+28.8	+82.6	+82.0	+88.
TOTAL - 6 facilities	3,078,034	2,797.813	280,221	+40.2	+44.7	+6.8	+39.5	+37.8	+59.0
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TOTAL - 64 facilities 1	18,345,431	16,225,402	2, 121, 024	+54.1	160.0	+20.6	+17.3	+15.5	+32.

These facilities have comparative data for 1946, 1945 and 1941 and are included in the larger total below.

2 One of these facilities is in Western New York and therefore is related to similar facilities in the Central States.



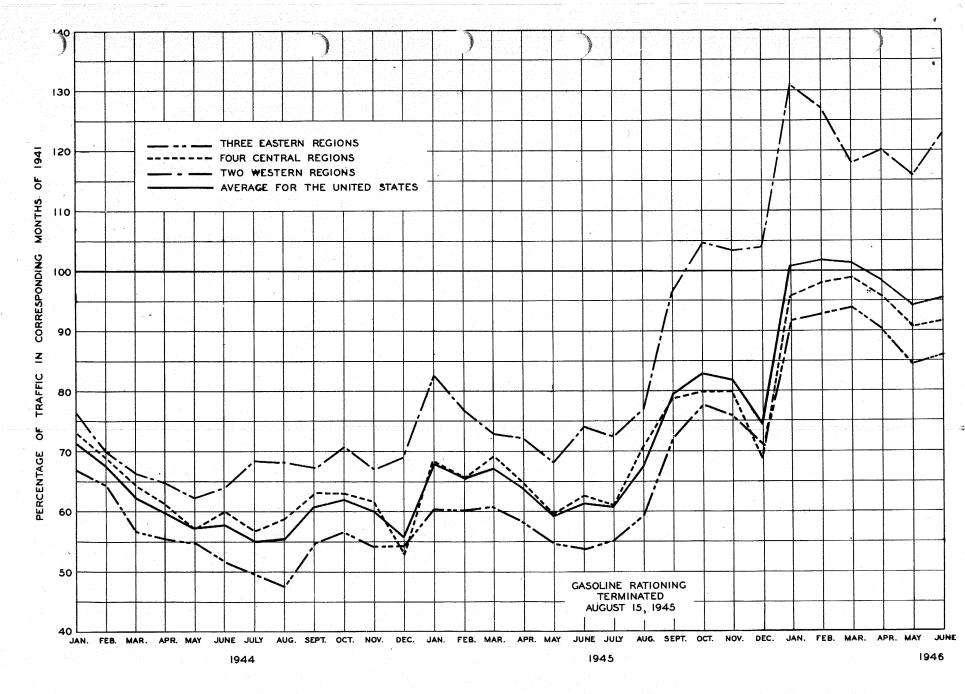
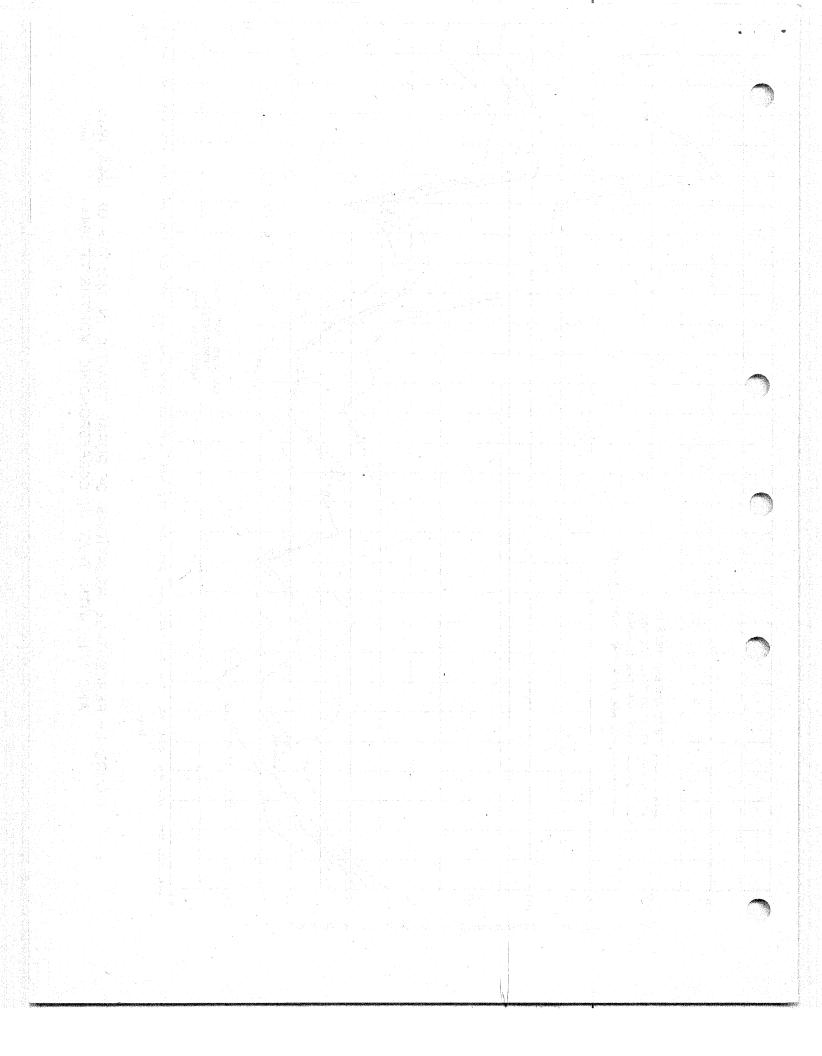


FIGURE 1.— PERCENTAGE RELATIONS OF RURAL TRAFFIC IN MONTHS OF 1944, 1945
AND 1946 WITH THAT IN CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 1941.



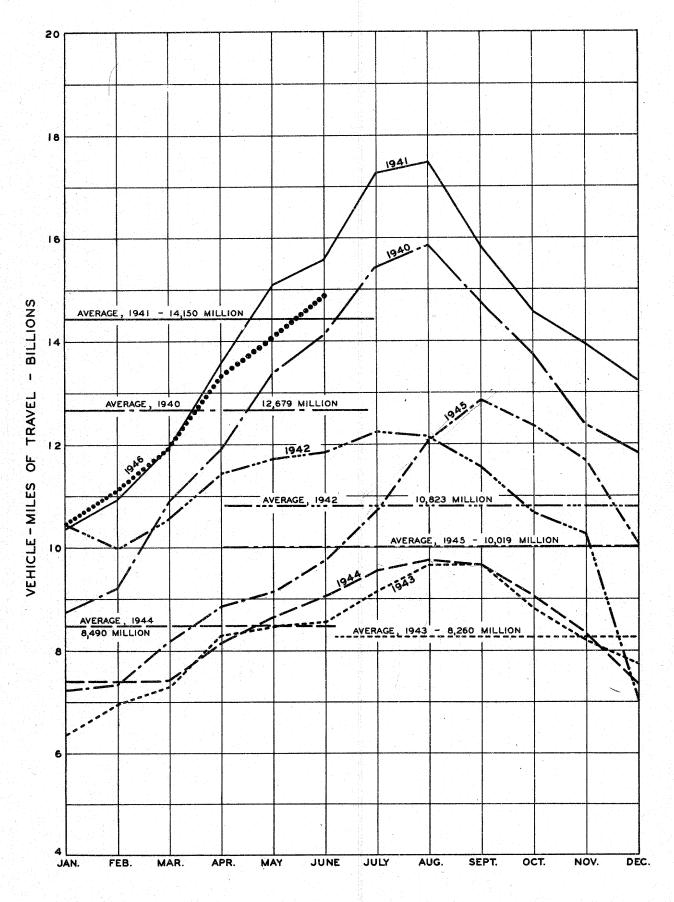


FIGURE 2.- VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS
1940 TO 1946 BY MONTHS.

