

TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

March 1951

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

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from—		
		1941	1943	1950
Main rural roads.....	13,895	+59.1	+159.9	+10.6
Local rural roads.....	4,862	+43.2	+149.0	+8.6
All rural roads.....	18,757	+54.6	+156.9	+10.1

Traffic on rural roads in the geographic regions and changes from previous years were as follows:

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from—		
		1941	1943	1950
Eastern regions.....	6,148	+48.3	+185.2	+12.3
Central regions.....	9,367	+55.2	+139.8	+7.0
Western regions.....	3,242	+66.3	+161.9	+15.4

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

	Percentage change from—		
	1941	1943	1950
City streets.....	+53.6	+111.4	+7.7
Rural roads.....	+54.6	+156.9	+10.1
All roads and streets.....	+54.1	+132.4	+8.9

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Table 1.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR MARCH 1951 INCLUDING 756 STATIONS IN 42 STATES

Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from March 1950	Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from March 1950
STATE HIGHWAYS			STATE HIGHWAYS—Con.		
Alabama.....	7	+14.7	Texas.....	105	+7.9
Arizona.....	5	+4.7	Utah.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	21	+10.1	Vermont.....	7	-4.1
California.....	6	+21.8	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	22	+6.1	Washington.....	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	17	+16.5	West Virginia.....	11	+19.4
Delaware.....	6	+10.2	Wisconsin.....	9	+3.1
Florida.....	21	+10.2	Wyoming.....	.....	.....
Georgia.....	7	+8.7	TOTAL— 42 STATES.....	720	+10.6
Idaho.....	8	+5.4	LOCAL HIGHWAYS		
Illinois.....	4	+2.6	Alabama.....	2	+29.6
Indiana.....	21	+12.6	Connecticut.....	3	+10.7
Iowa.....	25	-9.9	Delaware.....	1	+2.9
Kansas.....	13	+15.2	Georgia.....	3	+16.2
Kentucky.....	14	+9.4	Indiana.....	1	+4.2
Louisiana.....	36	+13.6	Iowa.....	7	-15.2
Maine.....	12	+7.8	Kentucky.....	1	-6.4
Maryland.....	16	+19.7	Maryland.....	1	+9.5
Massachusetts.....	9	+9.0	Michigan.....	2	+24.1
Michigan.....	26	+14.3	Missouri.....	2	-5.5
Minnesota.....	27	-9.9	Montana.....	2	-1.7
Mississippi.....	18	+2.4	Nebraska.....	1	+2.6
Missouri.....	25	+11.3	New Jersey.....	3	+10.2
Montana.....	17	+7.1	North Dakota.....	2	-3.5
Nebraska.....	11	+7.0	Oregon.....	1	+31.4
Nevada.....	19	+16.6	Rhode Island.....	1	+4.3
New Hampshire.....	12	+4.0	South Dakota.....	2	-31.0
New Jersey.....	7	+20.5	Wisconsin.....	1	-7.8
New Mexico.....	17	+19.3	TOTAL— 18 STATES.....	36	+8.6
New York.....	.....	.....	ALL HIGHWAYS—		
North Carolina.....	19	+9.5	42 STATES.....	756	+10.1
North Dakota.....	11	-6.9	3 EASTERN REGIONS....	195	+12.3
Ohio.....	.....	.....	4 CENTRAL REGIONS....	458	+7.0
Oklahoma.....	20	+11.1	2 WESTERN REGIONS.....	103	+15.4
Oregon.....	6	+8.4			
Pennsylvania.....	30	+10.5			
Rhode Island.....	2	+21.9			
South Carolina.....	7	+10.5			
South Dakota.....	28	-3.6			
Tennessee.....	16	+14.2			

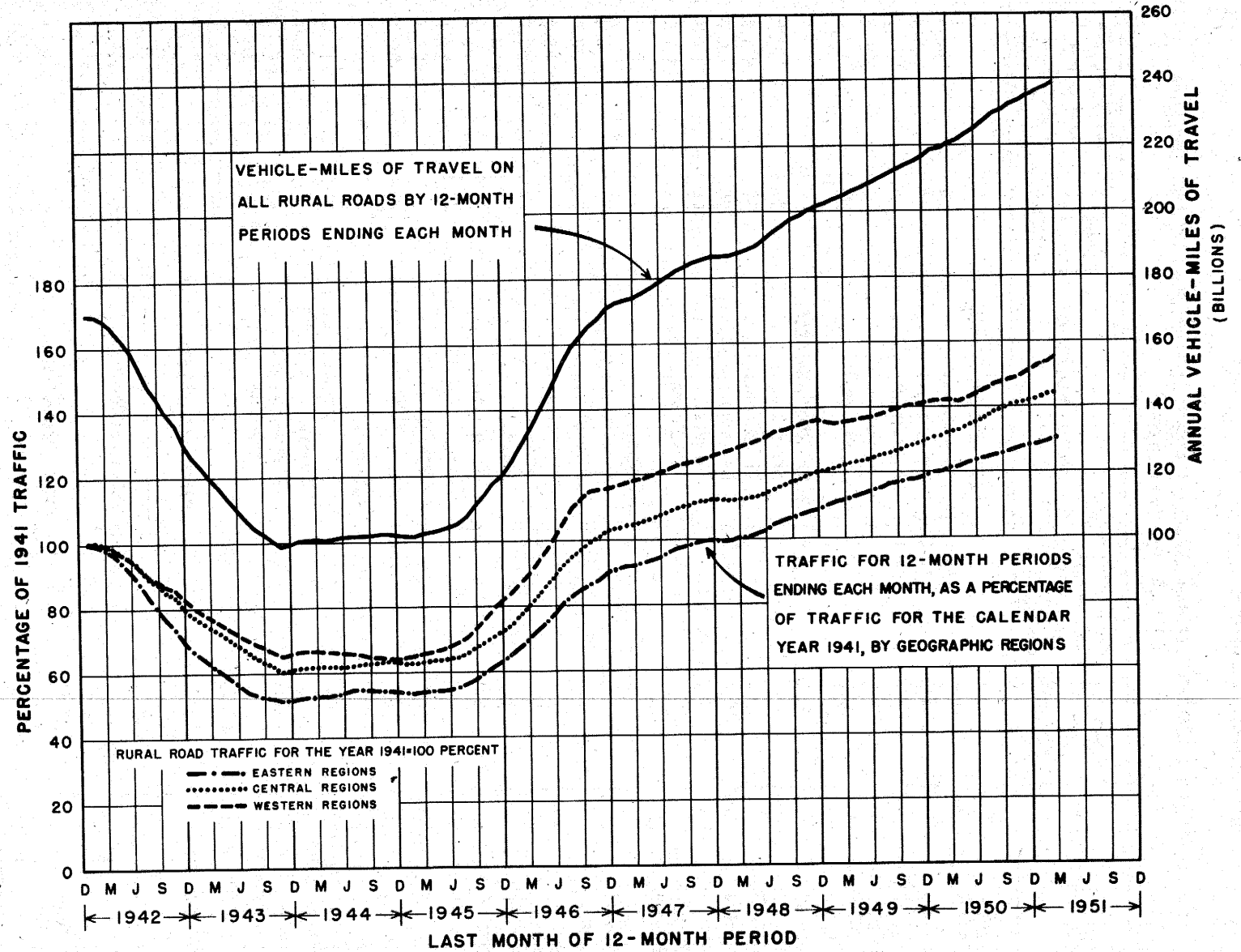
Table 2.—REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR FEBRUARY 1951 INCLUDING 801 STATIONS IN 47 STATES¹

Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from February 1950	Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from February 1950
NEW ENGLAND:			EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
Connecticut.....	20	+21.6	Alabama.....	9	+2.0
Maine.....	12	+12.8	Kentucky.....	14	-3.4
Massachusetts.....	8	-3.1	Mississippi.....	15	+1.2
New Hampshire.....	10	+12.6	Tennessee.....	13	+20.5
Rhode Island.....	3	+11.9	<i>Subtotal</i>	51	+2.4
Vermont.....	12	-3.1	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:		
<i>Subtotal</i>	65	+11.7	Arkansas.....	21	-7.5
MIDDLE ATLANTIC:			Louisiana.....	36	+3.3
New Jersey.....	10	+14.0	Oklahoma.....	20	-3.0
New York.....	.....	.....	Texas.....	105	+6.6
Pennsylvania.....	30	+4.2	<i>Subtotal</i>	182	+3.6
<i>Subtotal</i>	40	+7.4	MOUNTAIN:		
SOUTH ATLANTIC:			Arizona.....	5	-0.1
Delaware.....	7	+9.4	Colorado.....	22	+0.1
Maryland.....	17	+7.3	Idaho.....	8	+9.3
Virginia ².....	.....	+10.7	Montana.....	18	+10.9
West Virginia.....	11	+13.9	Nevada.....	19	+15.1
<i>Subtotal north</i>	35	+9.3	New Mexico.....	17	+13.7
<i>portion</i>			Utah.....	26	+3.1
Florida.....	22	+4.6	Wyoming.....	7	+22.1
Georgia.....	10	+6.2	<i>Subtotal</i>	122	+6.7
North Carolina.....	17	+4.4	PACIFIC:		
South Carolina.....	6	+8.6	California.....	4	+10.4
<i>Subtotal south</i>			Oregon.....	7	+20.4
<i>portion</i>	55	+5.2	Washington.....	11	+20.6
<i>Subtotal</i>			<i>Subtotal</i>	22	+17.6
<i>region</i>	90	+7.0	TOTAL ALL STATES.....		
EAST NORTH CENTRAL:				801	+7.6
Illinois.....	2	+1.9	STATE HIGHWAYS.....		
Indiana.....	22	+3.3		766	+6.1
Michigan.....	28	+4.5	LOCAL HIGHWAYS.....		
Ohio.....	16	+8.1		35	+11.9
Wisconsin.....	10	+6.1	3 EASTERN REGIONS....		
<i>Subtotal</i>	78	+5.3		195	+8.3
WEST NORTH CENTRAL:			4 CENTRAL REGIONS....		
Iowa.....	31	+4.7		462	+6.4
Kansas.....	13	+5.2	2 WESTERN REGIONS....		
Minnesota.....	25	+5.6		144	+10.0
Missouri.....	27	+2.7			
Nebraska.....	12	+17.9			
North Dakota.....	13	+25.9			
South Dakota.....	30	+21.3			
<i>Subtotal</i>	151	+7.4			

¹ Combined State and local highways.

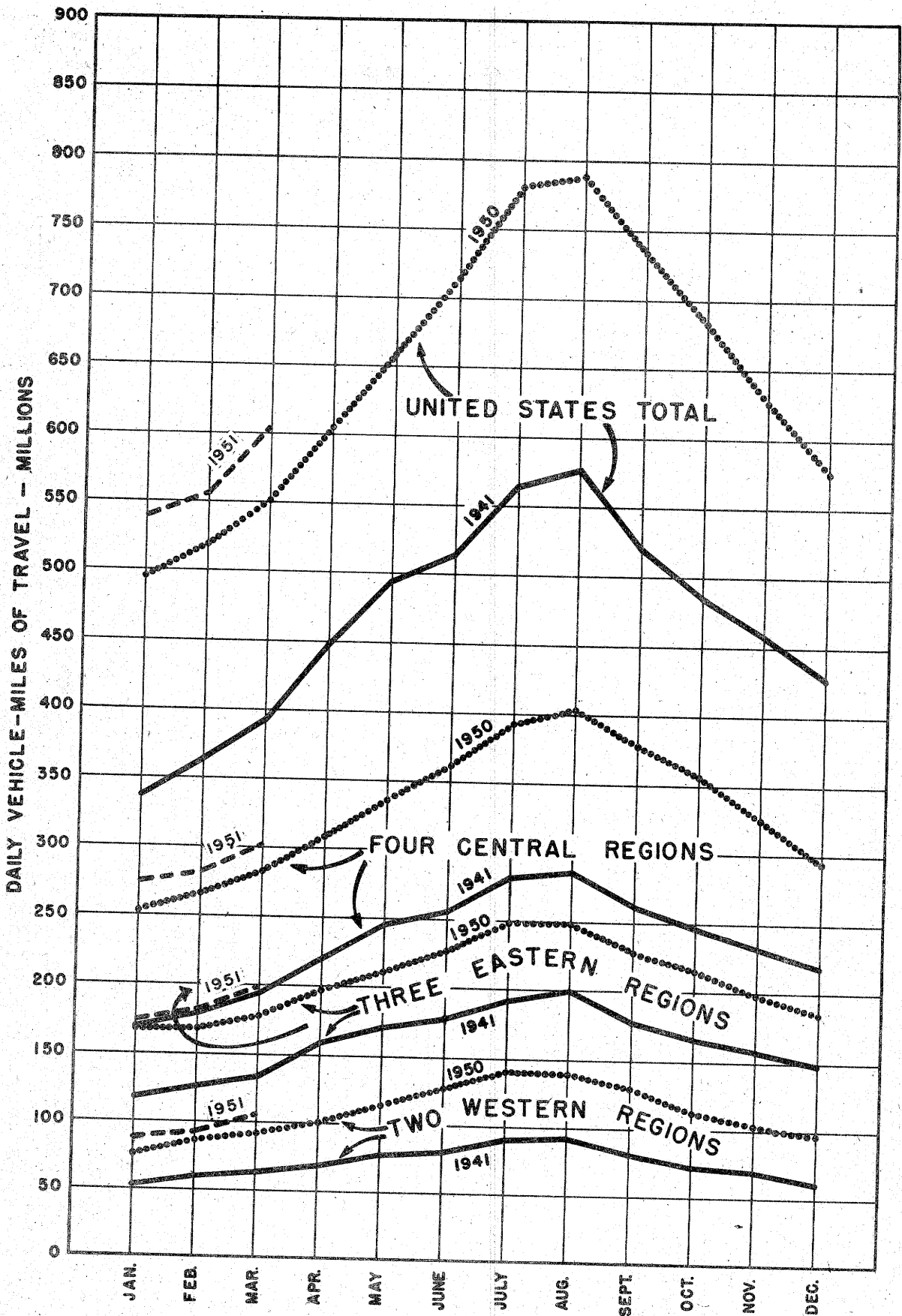
² Percentage figured from trend in vehicle miles furnished by state.

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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

