

# TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Washington, D. C.

December 1950

On the basis of preliminary figures, motor-vehicle travel on main and local roads for the country as a whole was higher during December 1950 than in any previous December.

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from—		
		1941	1943	1949
Main rural roads.....	12,949	+40.1	+129.2	+7.7
Local rural roads.....	4,574	+15.2	+118.2	+7.8
All rural roads.....	17,523	+32.6	+126.2	+7.7

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

	Vehicle-miles (millions)	Percentage change from—		
		1941	1943	1949
Eastern regions.....	5,700	+30.2	+133.0	+7.1
Central regions.....	8,896	+29.1	+124.1	+5.6
Western regions.....	2,927	+50.9	+119.9	+15.7

Travel on city streets also was heavier 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 change from—		
	1941	1943	1949
City streets.....	+41.1	+97.3	+6.5
Rural roads.....	+32.6	+126.2	+7.7
All roads and streets.....	+36.8	+110.6	+7.1

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Table I.—PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR DECEMBER 1950 INCLUDING 712 STATIONS IN 41 STATES

Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from December 1949	Type of highway and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from December 1949
<b>STATE HIGHWAYS</b>			<b>STATE HIGHWAYS—Con.</b>		
Alabama.....	5	+15.9	Texas.....	104	+12.5
Arizona.....	5	+1.0	Utah.....	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	20	+10.3	Vermont.....	7	-0.5
California.....	6	+15.3	Virginia.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	22	+15.7	Washington.....	10	+10.8
Connecticut.....	17	+13.0	West Virginia.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	5	+6.6	Wisconsin.....	9	+1.0
Florida.....	20	+10.7	Wyoming.....	7	+21.0
Georgia.....	.....	.....			
Idaho.....	.....	.....	<b>TOTAL— 41 STATES.....</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>+7.7</b>
Illinois.....	4	+14.0			
Indiana.....	21	-0.9	<b>LOCAL HIGHWAYS</b>		
Iowa.....	25	-1.4	Alabama.....	2	+17.4
Kansas.....	14	+13.9	Connecticut.....	3	+18.2
Kentucky.....	14	+3.6	Georgia.....	.....	.....
Louisiana.....	36	+8.1	Indiana.....	1	-9.3
Maine.....	12	+11.7	Iowa.....	8	-4.1
Maryland.....	16	+9.5	Kentucky.....	1	-15.4
Massachusetts.....	.....	.....	Maryland.....	1	+2.4
Michigan.....	26	+8.4	Michigan.....	2	-3.4
Minnesota.....	25	+1.9	Missouri.....	1	+18.3
Mississippi.....	10	+1.0	Montana.....	2	+5.5
Missouri.....	23	+9.9	Nebraska.....	1	+6.6
Montana.....	11	+18.5	New Jersey.....	3	+9.9
Nebraska.....	11	+12.7	North Dakota.....	2	+47.9
Nevada.....	19	+28.1	Ohio.....	2	-14.1
New Hampshire.....	14	+17.3	Oregon.....	1	+31.6
New Jersey.....	7	+13.4	South Dakota.....	2	+3.2
New Mexico.....	17	+20.7	Wisconsin.....	1	-24.7
New York.....	.....	.....			
North Carolina.....	20	+5.1	<b>TOTAL— 16 STATES.....</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>+7.8</b>
North Dakota.....	11	+16.3			
Ohio.....	11	+0.3	<b>ALL HIGHWAYS—</b>		
Oklahoma.....	20	+9.8	<b>41 STATES.....</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>+7.7</b>
Oregon.....	5	+9.0	<b>3 EASTERN REGIONS....</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Pennsylvania.....	29	-2.5	<b>4 CENTRAL REGIONS....</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Rhode Island.....	3	+15.7	<b>2 WESTERN REGIONS.....</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>15.7</b>
South Carolina.....	5	+16.1			
South Dakota.....	21	+17.4			
Tennessee.....	12	+17.5			

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Table 2.—REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR NOVEMBER 1950 INCLUDING 799 STATIONS IN 47 STATES<sup>1</sup>

Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from November 1949	Region and State	Number of stations	Traffic volume percentage change from November 1949
<b>NEW ENGLAND:</b>			<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
Connecticut.....	20	+9.6	Alabama.....	10	+17.2
Maine.....	12	+11.8	Kentucky.....	15	+1.0
Massachusetts.....	9	+2.9	Mississippi.....	10	+3.9
New Hampshire.....	13	+14.4	Tennessee.....	14	+19.8
Rhode Island.....	3	+14.8	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	49	+8.4
Vermont.....	12	+4.3	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:</b>		
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	69	+8.4	Arkansas.....	21	+2.4
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC:</b>			Louisiana.....	36	+7.6
New Jersey.....	14	+11.1	Oklahoma.....	20	+5.1
New York.....	.....	.....	Texas.....	102	+7.4
Pennsylvania.....	30	-0.1	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	179	+6.7
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	44	+4.5	<b>MOUNTAIN:</b>		
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC:</b>			Arizona.....	5	+5.4
Delaware.....	8	+8.6	Colorado.....	22	+12.4
Maryland.....	18	+10.3	Idaho.....	8	+2.6
Virginia <sup>2</sup> .....	.....	+9.4	Montana.....	13	+2.7
West Virginia.....	11	+3.4	Nevada.....	19	+5.6
<i>Subtotal north</i>			New Mexico.....	17	+13.7
<i>portion</i> .....	37	+8.4	Utah.....	25	+9.3
Florida.....	18	+11.1	Wyoming.....	7	+10.2
Georgia.....	10	+7.7	<i>Subtotal</i> .....	116	+8.6
North Carolina.....	20	+9.3	<b>PACIFIC:</b>		
South Carolina.....	8	+14.1	California.....	5	+8.3
<i>Subtotal south</i>			Oregon.....	7	+13.6
<i>portion</i> .....	56	+10.3	Washington.....	10	+2.1
<i>Subtotal</i>			<i>Subtotal</i> .....	22	+6.6
<i>region</i> .....	93	+9.4	<b>TOTAL ALL STATES.....</b>		
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>				799	+6.4
Illinois.....	5	+5.9	<b>STATE HIGHWAYS.....</b>		
Indiana.....	22	+2.1		759	+6.9
Michigan.....	28	+10.5	<b>LOCAL HIGHWAYS.....</b>		
Ohio.....	15	+0.7		40	+5.1
Wisconsin.....	10	+6.9	<b>3 EASTERN REGIONS....</b>		
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	80	+6.3		206	+8.4
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL:</b>			<b>4 CENTRAL REGIONS....</b>		
Iowa.....	33	-6.1		455	+3.7
Kansas.....	14	+4.5	<b>2 WESTERN REGIONS....</b>		
Minnesota.....	25	+5.2		138	+11.4
Missouri.....	27	+6.0			
Nebraska.....	12	+4.7			
North Dakota.....	13	+4.2			
South Dakota.....	23	-2.2			
<i>Subtotal</i> .....	147	+2.2			

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

<sup>2</sup> Percentage figured from vehicle miles.

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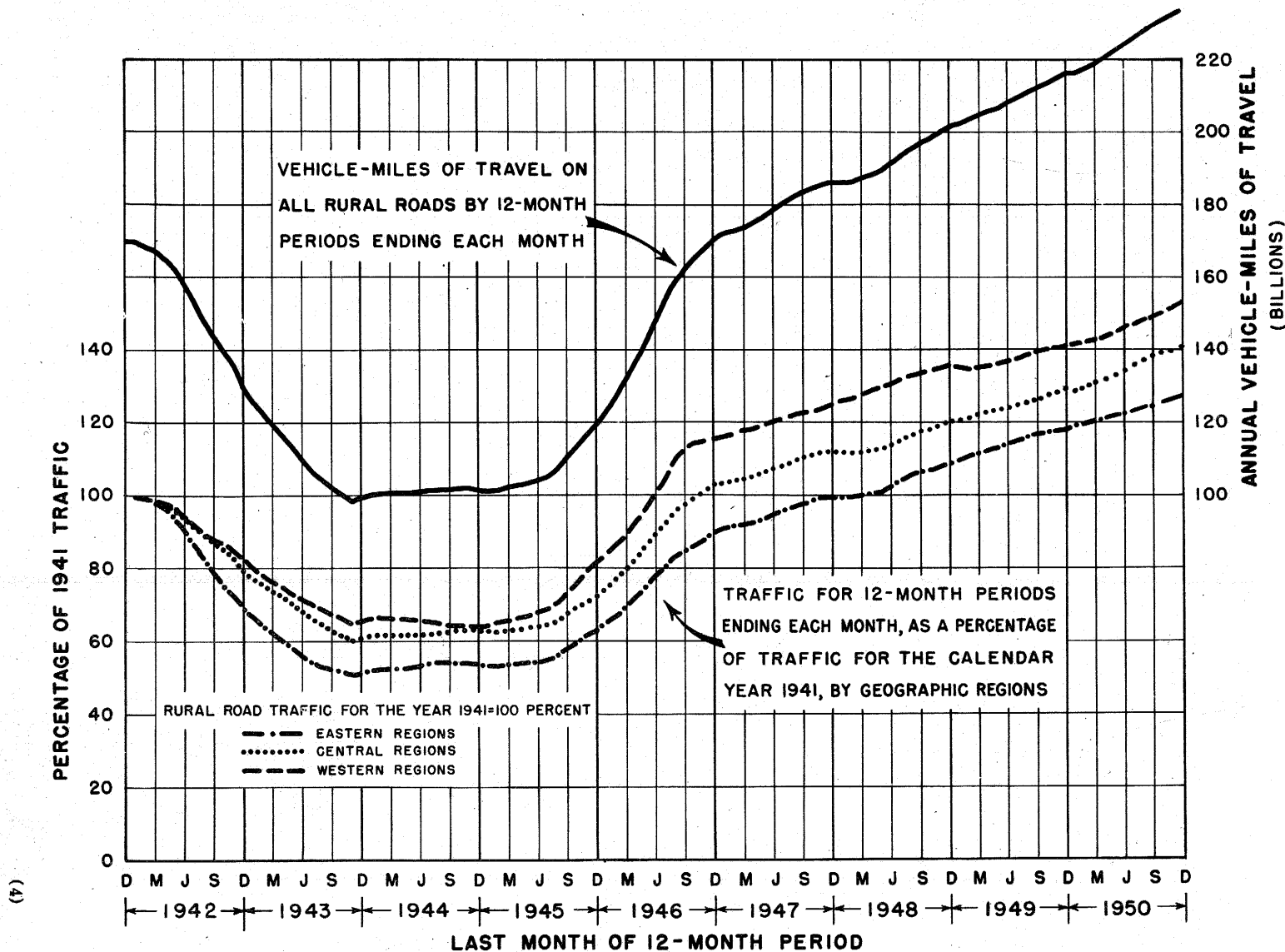
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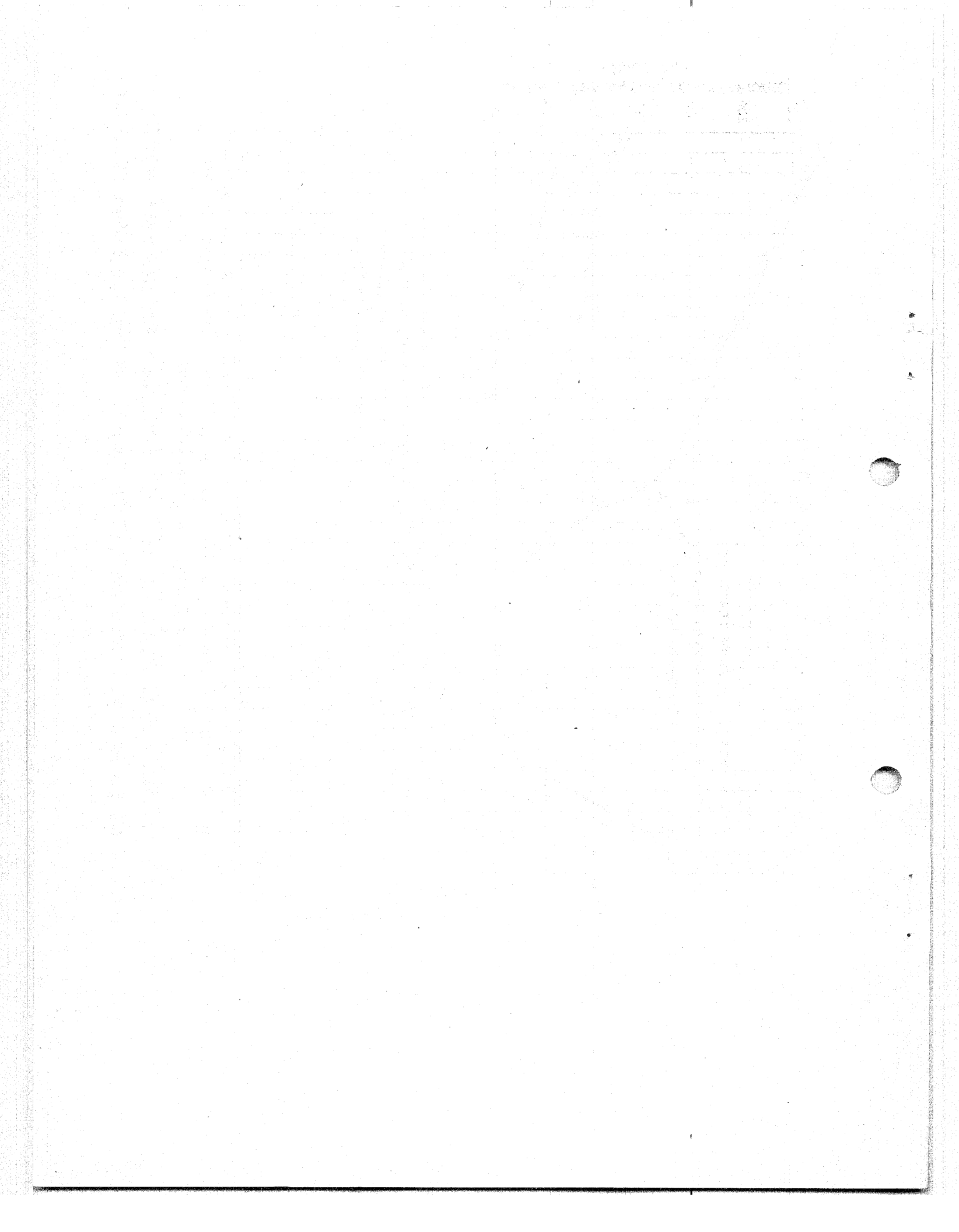
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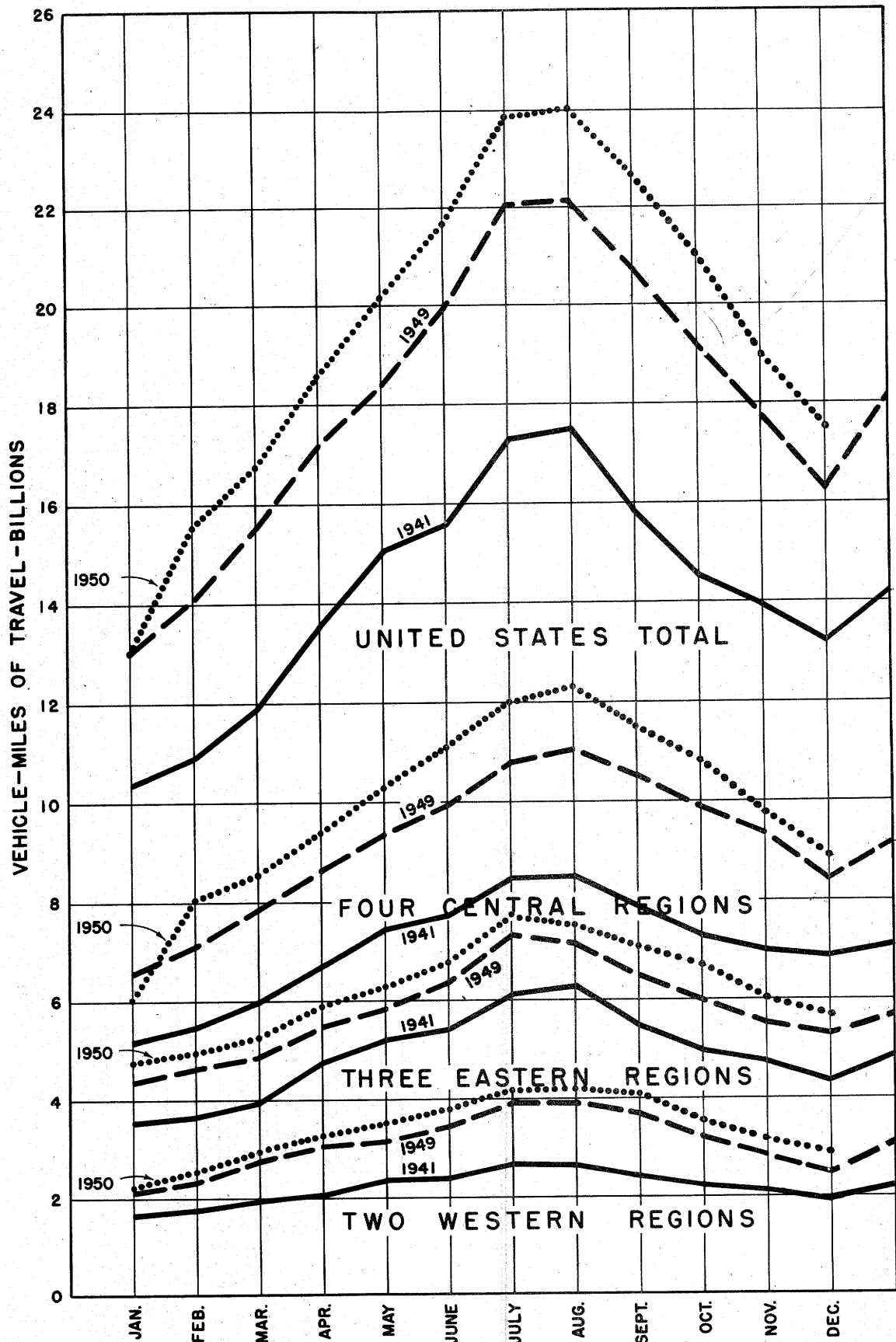
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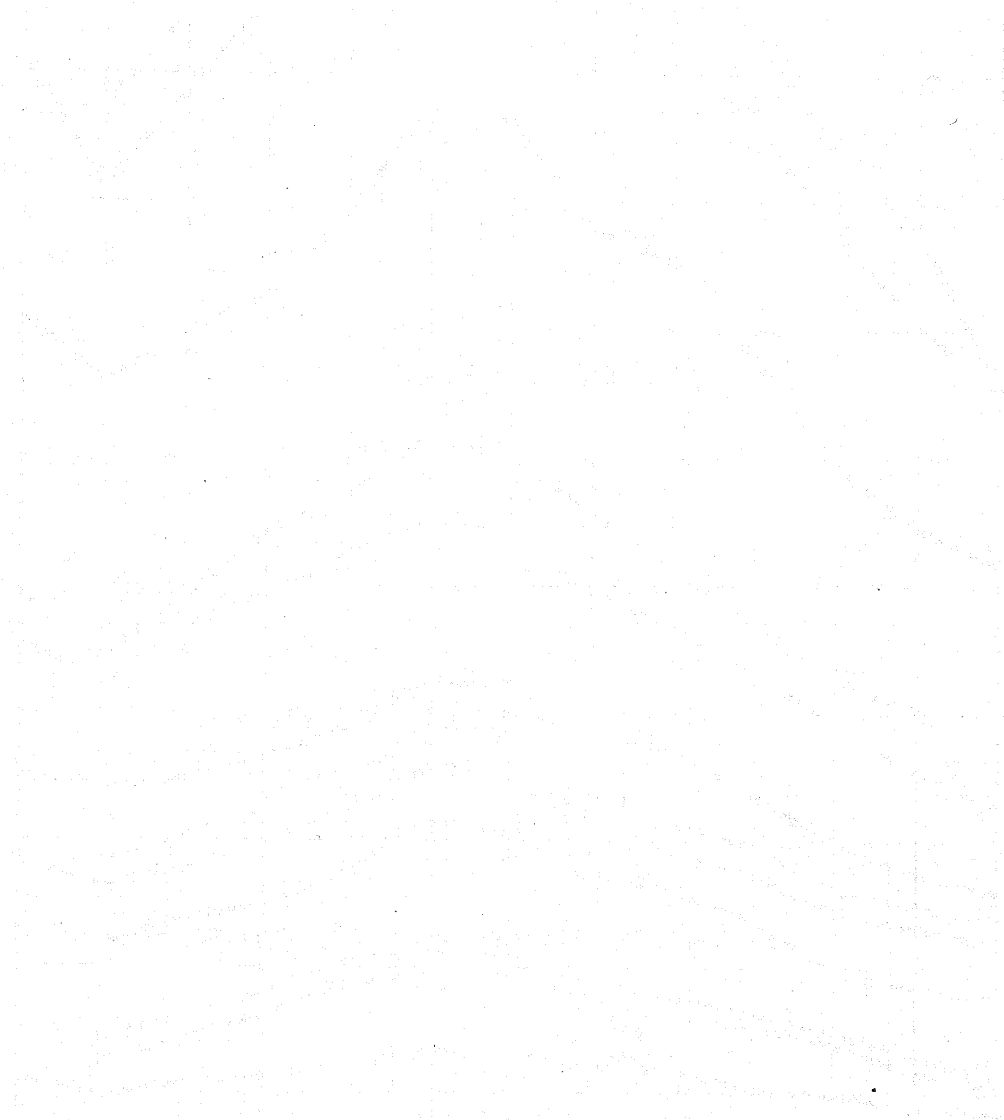
**TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12-MONTH PERIODS ENDING EACH MONTH, IN VEHICLE-MILES AND AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1941**







TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS, BY MONTHS



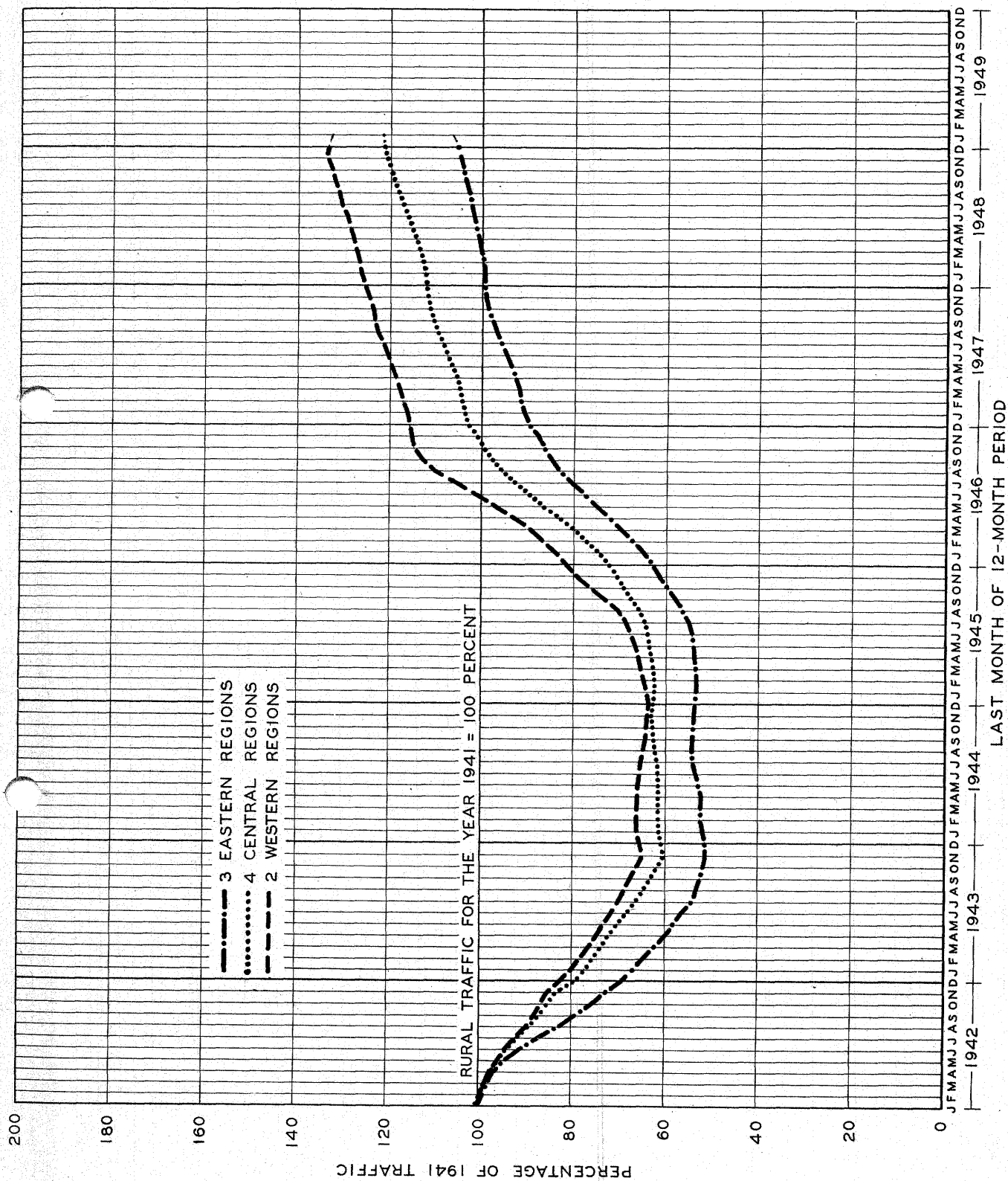


FIGURE 1 - TRAFFIC FOR YEAR ENDING EACH MONTH 1942 TO DATE AS A PERCENTAGE OF TRAFFIC FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1941 BY GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS



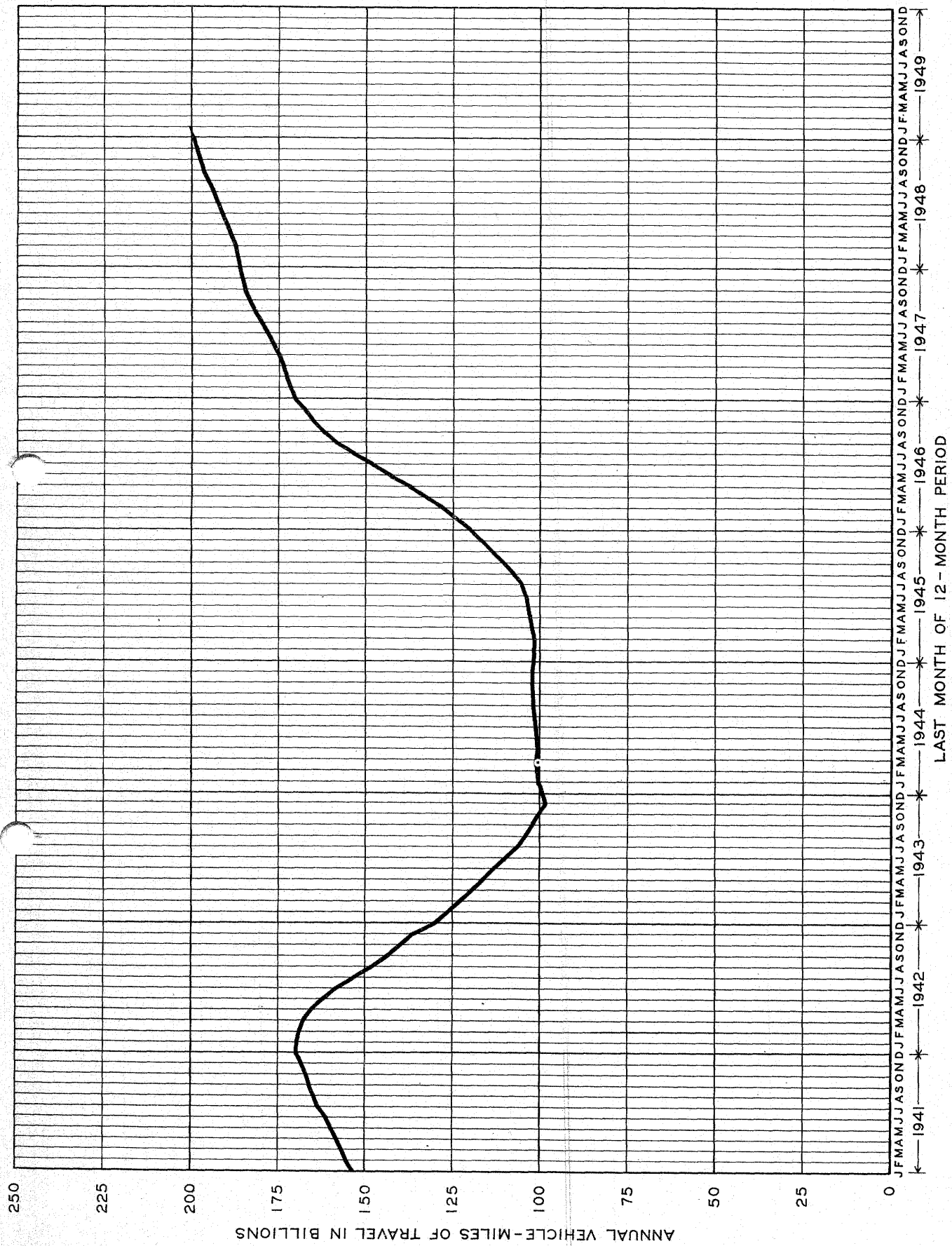


FIGURE 2 - VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS BY 12 MONTH PERIODS  
ENDING EACH MONTH - 1941 TO DATE



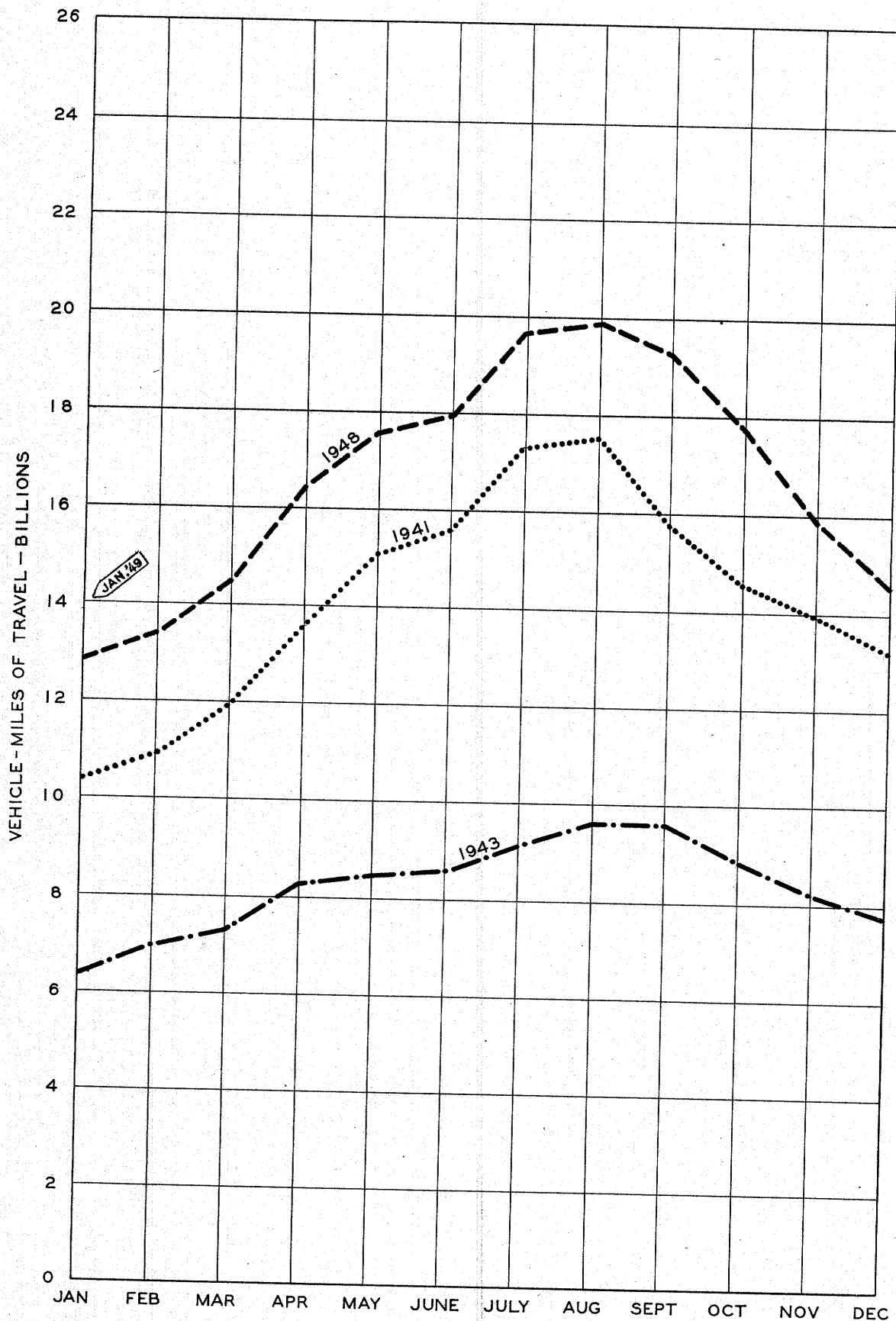


FIGURE 3 - VEHICLE-MILES OF TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS IN 1941, 1943, 1948 AND 1949

