

PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION  
FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 64

DATE: MAY 31, 1944

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC VOLUME TRENDS

Preliminary data for April 1944 indicated that traffic on rural roads was slightly less than in April 1943. Traffic in the eastern portion of the country decreased 0.6 percent; that in the central portion decreased 6.1 percent; while that in the western section diminished 5.0 percent. In the entire country, rural traffic fell off 4.2 percent from that estimated for April 1943.

In Detroit, Michigan, traffic counted at three stations in April 1944 was 7.7 percent below the count at the same locations in this month in 1943.

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Attachments.



TABLE 1.--PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR APRIL  
1944 INCLUDING 563 STATIONS IN 42 STATES<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Includes all States except Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, and New Jersey.

<sup>2</sup>Abnormal conditions in 1943 or 1944 affected 3 counts in the following States: Alabama (Local Highway), excluding station 3 there is a decrease of 3.5 percent. Louisiana, excluding station 23 the increase is 1.9 percent. Nevada, excluding station 110 the decrease is 2.1 percent.

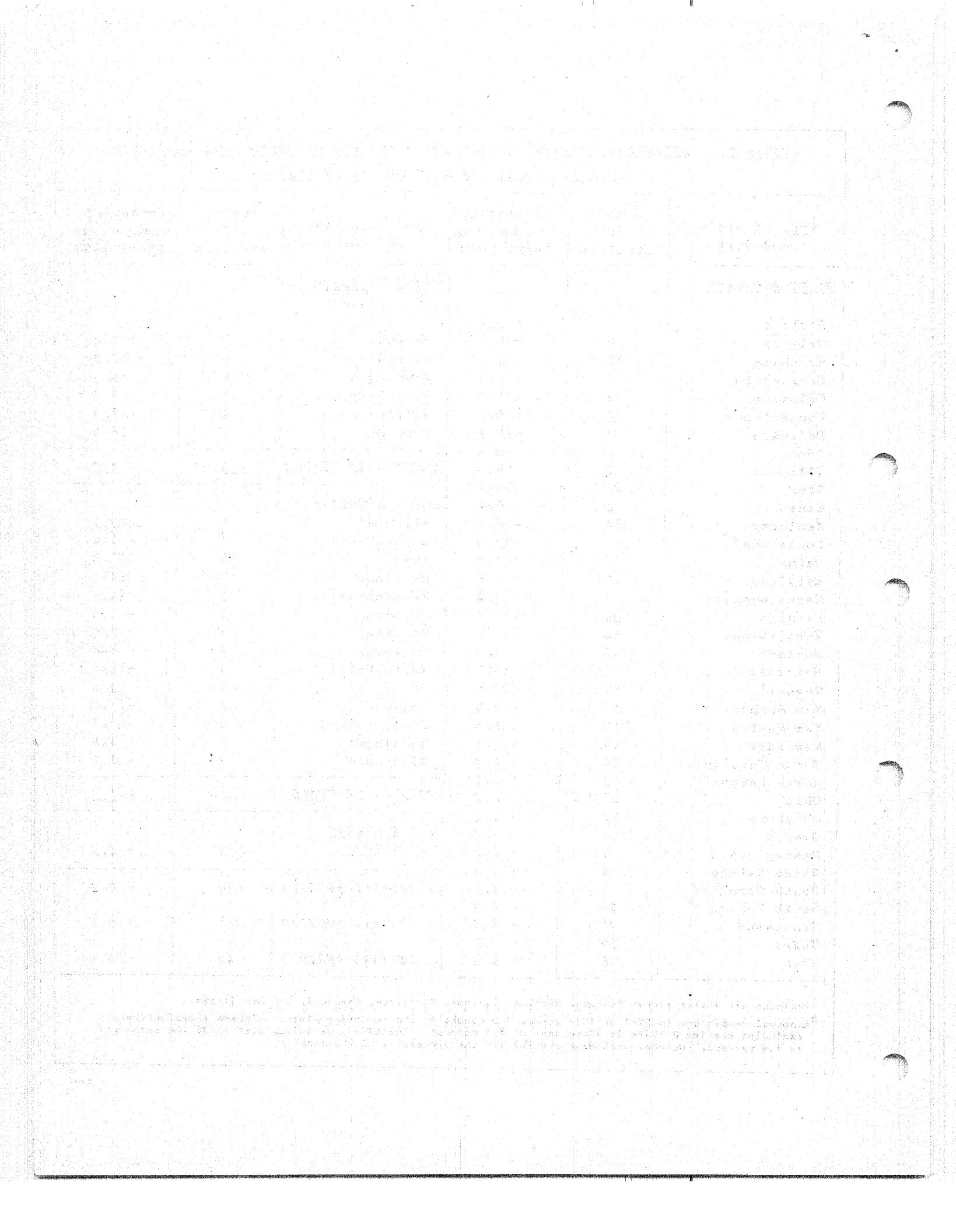


TABLE 2.--REVISED SUMMARY OF AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC RECORDER DATA FOR MARCH 1944  
INCLUDING 627 STATIONS IN 46 STATES<sup>1</sup>

Region and State	Number of stations	Percentage change from March 1943	Region and State	Number of stations	Percentage change from March 1943
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>			<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>		
Connecticut	20	+ 3.6	Alabama	9	+10.6
Maine	11	+ 8.3	Kentucky	13	+ 0.6
Massachusetts	8	+ 7.3	Mississippi	10	+12.6
New Hampshire	10	- 0.8	Tennessee <sup>2</sup>	5	+26.9
Rhode Island	4	+ 1.5	<i>Subtotal</i>	37	+ 9.8
Vermont	7	+ 3.0	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>		
<i>Subtotal</i>	80	+ 4.7	Arkansas	21	- 0.1
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</b>			Louisiana <sup>2</sup>	8	+30.8
New York	11	+ 2.5	Oklahoma	20	+ 3.4
Pennsylvania	30	- 1.6	Texas	69	+ 4.8
<i>Subtotal</i>	41	- 0.2	<i>Subtotal</i>	118	+ 6.7
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>			<b>MOUNTAIN</b>		
Delaware	4	-11.6	Arizona	4	+ 5.1
Maryland	17	+ 4.9	Colorado	5	-11.3
Virginia	5	-13.5	Idaho <sup>2</sup>	7	+ 8.5
West Virginia	10	- 5.8	Montana	14	+ 2.8
<i>Subtotal north portion</i>	36	- 2.6	Nevada <sup>2</sup>	12	-23.1
Florida	19	+11.8	New Mexico	13	+ 4.5
Georgia	10	+10.0	Utah	8	- 8.8
North Carolina	19	+ 6.9	Wyoming	3	-11.4
South Carolina	3	+11.3	<i>Subtotal</i>	66	- 5.2
<i>Subtotal south portion</i>	51	+ 9.4	<b>PACIFIC</b>		
<i>Subtotal region</i>	87	+ 4.1	California	10	+ 9.3
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>			Oregon	4	- 2.2
Illinois	2	+ 4.7	Washington	9	- 5.7
Indiana	23	- 2.5	<i>Subtotal</i>	23	+ 1.8
Michigan	28	- 8.4	<b>TOTAL ALL STATES<sup>1</sup></b>	627	+ 0.1
Ohio	26	- 8.0	<b>STATE HIGHWAYS<sup>1</sup></b>	589	+ 0.7
Wisconsin	10	- 4.2	<b>LOCAL HIGHWAYS</b>	38	- 1.6
<i>Subtotal</i>	89	- 6.4	<b>3 EASTERN REGIONS</b>	188	+ 2.5
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</b>			<b>4 CENTRAL REGIONS</b>	350	- 1.1
Iowa	36	-14.2	<b>2 WESTERN REGIONS</b>	89	- 0.6
Kansas <sup>2</sup>	9	+ 3.4			
Missouri	27	- 5.5			
Nebraska	12	- 8.6			
North Dakota	12	+11.9			
South Dakota	10	- 2.8			
<i>Subtotal</i>	106	- 6.7			

<sup>1</sup>Includes all States except the following: Minnesota and New Jersey.

<sup>2</sup>Abnormal conditions in 1943 or 1944 affect 5 counts in the following States: Idaho, excluding station 7, the increase is 0.1 percent. Kansas, excluding station 10, there is a decrease of 6.5 percent. Louisiana, excluding station 23, the increase is 11.0 percent. Nevada, excluding station 110, the decrease is 2.2 percent. Tennessee, excluding station 6, the increase is 12.1 percent.



TABLE 3.--NUMBER OF VEHICLES, CLASSIFIED BY TYPES, USING TOLL FACILITIES AND DRAWBRIDGES  
IN APRIL 1944 COMPARED WITH THOSE IN APRIL 1943 AND 1941

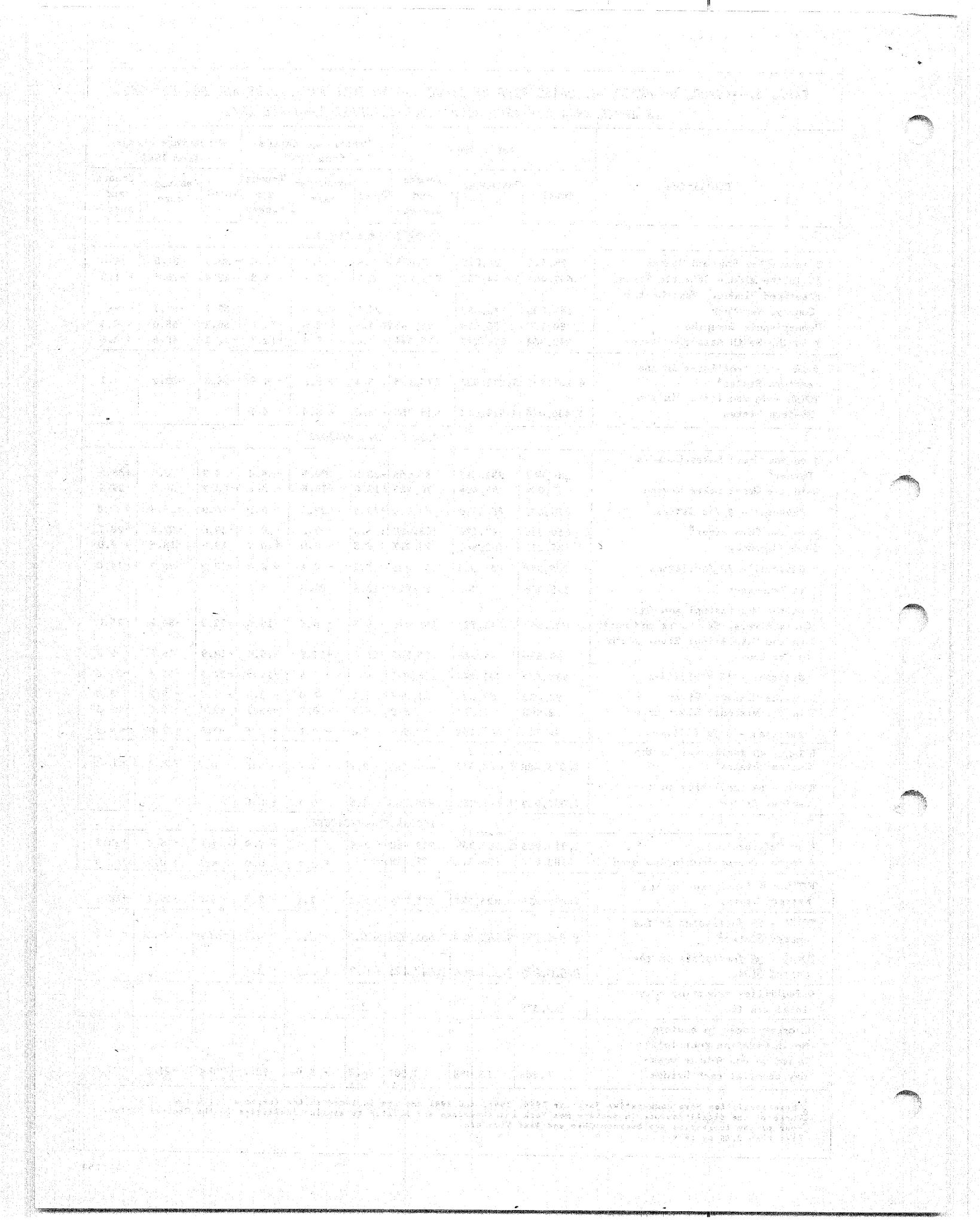
Facilities	April 1944			Percentage change from 1943			Percentage change from 1941		
	Total	Passenger cars	Trucks and busses	Total	Passenger cars	Trucks and busses	Total	Passenger cars	Trucks and busses
<b>THREE EASTERN REGIONS</b>									
3 in the New England States	26,726	24,098	2,628	- 2.4	- 1.1	-13.0	-30.9	-32.5	-11.6
10 in the Middle Atlantic States	3,607,407	2,834,668	772,739	+ 6.1	+ 9.1	- 3.8	-22.4	-26.5	- 1.9
Fleetwood Viaduct, Westchester County, New York	143,033	143,033	--	+24.3	+24.3	--	-67.7	-67.7	--
Pennsylvania Turnpike	80,757	56,614	24,143	+ 4.3	+12.6	-11.0	-56.1	-65.0	+ 9.4
7 in the South Atlantic States	299,864	224,220	75,644	- 7.4	- 5.4	-12.7	-38.1	-45.6	+ 4.6
TOTAL - 22 facilities in the eastern States <sup>1</sup>	4,157,787	3,282,633	875,154	+ 5.4	+ 8.5	- 4.9	-28.3	-33.2	- 1.1
TOTAL - 26 facilities in the Eastern States	4,436,026	3,519,071	916,955	+ 5.6	+ 8.4	- 4.1			
<b>FOUR CENTRAL REGIONS</b>									
6 on the Great Lakes Canadian Border <sup>2</sup>	269,481	231,516	37,965	+28.2	+30.8	+14.4	- 4.2	- 8.8	+38.9
2 in the Great Lakes Region	47,039	30,604	16,435	-13.6	-15.8	- 9.1	-48.2	-54.6	-29.9
Subtotal - 8 facilities	316,520	262,120	54,400	+19.6	+22.8	+ 6.0	-15.0	-18.4	+ 7.2
8 on the Ohio River <sup>3</sup>	650,236	547,178	103,058	- 5.3	- 6.2	- 0.1	-26.6	-27.6	-20.7
10 in Kentucky	132,112	103,885	28,227	+ 8.5	+ 8.0	+10.2	-13.8	-18.5	+ 9.0
Subtotal - 18 facilities	782,348	651,063	131,285	- 8.2	- 4.2	+ 2.0	-24.7	-26.3	-15.8
7 in Tennessee	125,366	95,441	29,925	+13.5	+20.5	- 4.1	--	--	--
9 on the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers, St. Louis and north	827,867	646,797	181,070	- 8.9	- 6.5	-16.6	-32.9	-34.8	-25.0
3 on the Mississippi River south of St. Louis	60,650	44,943	15,707	+15.0	+14.5	+16.6	-14.9	-16.5	- 9.9
Subtotal - 12 facilities	888,517	691,740	196,777	- 7.6	- 5.4	-14.7	-31.9	-33.9	-24.0
3 on the Missouri River	90,020	68,025	21,995	- 6.1	- 7.0	- 3.0	- 7.9	- 9.2	- 3.8
2 in the Missouri River area	2,083	1,571	512	- 4.2	-10.7	+23.7	-48.0	-52.1	-29.3
Subtotal - 5 facilities	92,103	69,596	22,507	- 6.0	- 7.1	- 2.5	- 9.5	-11.0	- 4.6
TOTAL - 43 facilities in the Central States <sup>1</sup>	2,079,488	1,674,519	404,969	- 2.5	- 1.4	- 6.6	-26.2	-28.1	-17.2
TOTAL - 54 facilities in the Central States	2,377,939	1,919,256	458,683	- 1.6	- 0.4	- 6.6			
<b>TWO WESTERN REGIONS</b>									
4 in California	1,913,933	1,669,965	243,968	- 6.5	- 7.8	+ 2.9	-11.0	-15.4	+38.1
4 in the Oregon-Washington area	183,030	155,212	27,818	+ 0.04 <sup>4</sup>	+ 0.2	- 0.9	+ 5.6	+ 0.9	+42.3
TOTAL - 8 facilities in the Western States	2,096,963	1,825,177	271,786	- 6.0	- 7.1	+ 2.5	- 9.7	-14.2	+38.5
TOTAL - 73 facilities in the United States <sup>1</sup>	8,334,238	6,782,329	1,551,909	+ 0.3	+ 1.4	- 4.1	-23.8	-27.6	- 1.2
TOTAL - 88 facilities in the United States	8,910,928	7,263,504	1,647,424	+ 0.7	+ 1.8	- 3.8			
4 facilities reporting only total traffic	152,375			+ 2.6					
32 drawbridges in eastern North Carolina (not toll) based on one 8-hour week- day count at each bridge	16,565	13,058	3,507	- 8.3	- 5.0	-18.7	-20.6	-21.3	-17.5

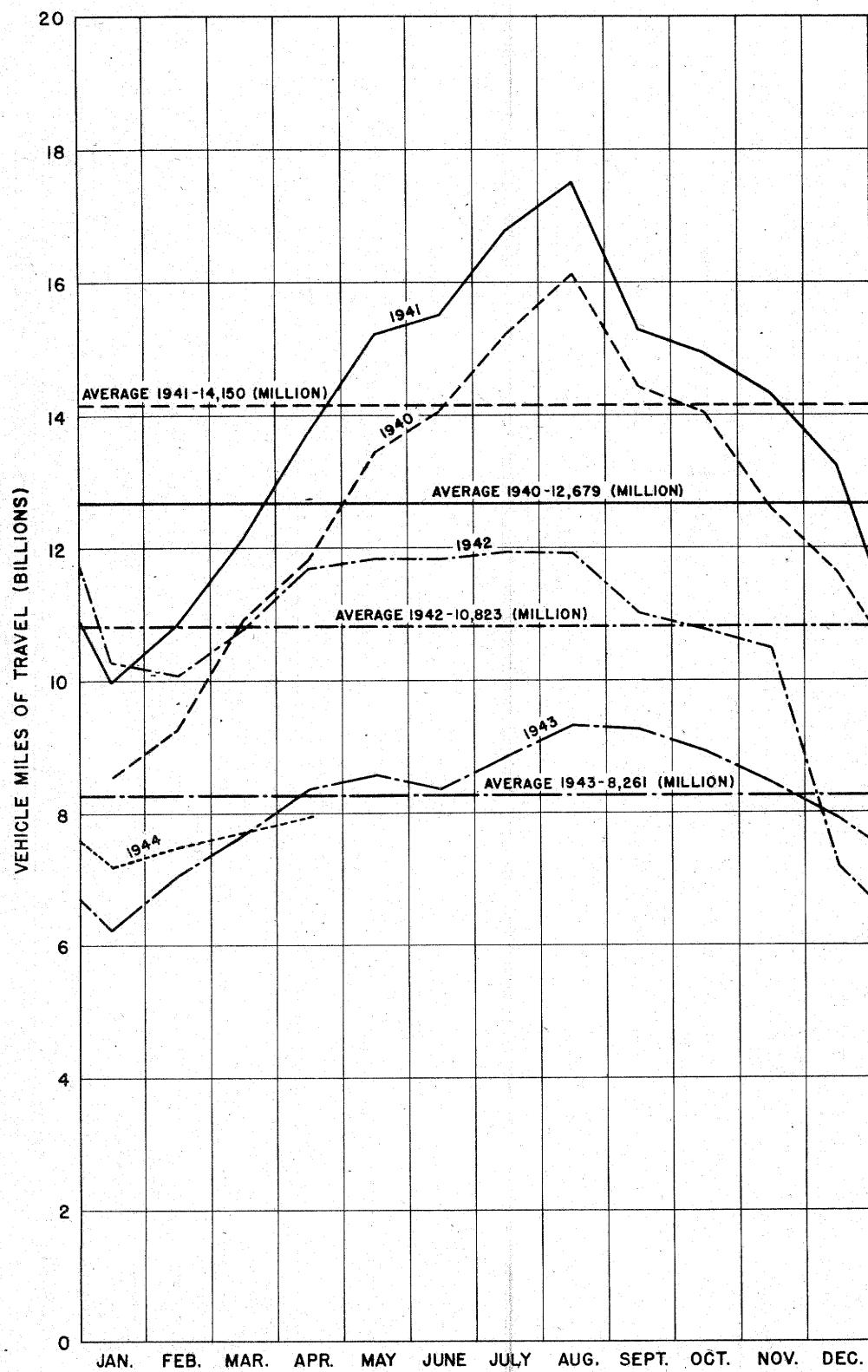
<sup>1</sup>These facilities have comparative data for 1944, 1943, and 1941 and are included in the larger total below.

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

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

<sup>4</sup>Less than 0.05 percent.





**FIGURE I. VEHICLE MILES OF TRAVEL ON ALL RURAL ROADS 1940 TO 1944 BY MONTHS**

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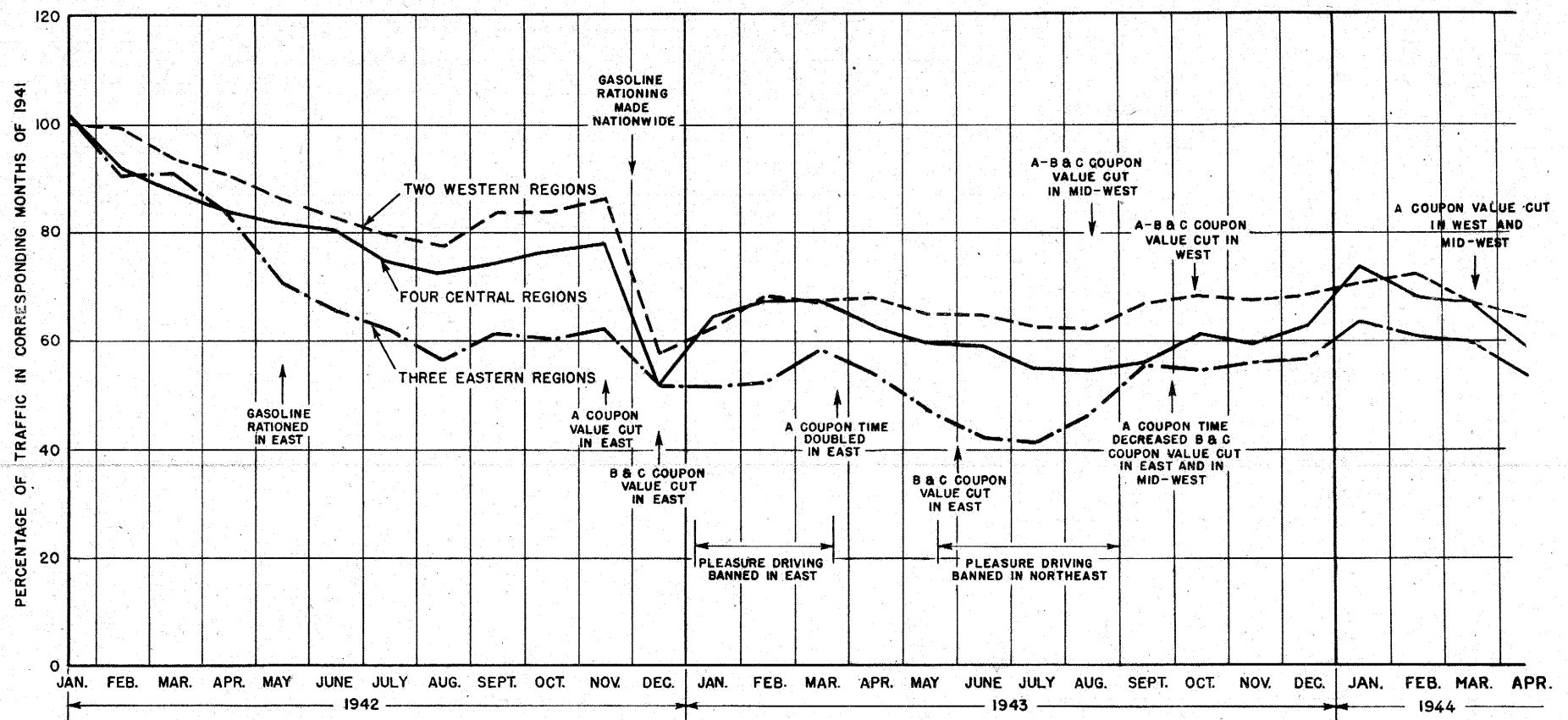


FIGURE 2. PERCENTAGE RELATIONS OF RURAL TRAFFIC IN MONTHS OF 1942, 1943, AND 1944 WITH THAT IN CORRESPONDING MONTHS OF 1941

