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*Annual Summary of Basic Data and Trends  
in the Transit Industry of the United States*

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**T**HIS IS THE NINTH annual edition of the Transit Fact Book compiled by the Statistical department of the American Transit Association. It is identified as the 1951 edition and covers the operations of the industry through the year 1950 with the latest plant and equipment data as of December 31, 1950. The figures given are in all cases totals for the whole transit industry of the United States.

The transit industry herein represented comprises all organized local passenger transportation agencies except taxicab and suburban railroads, sightseeing buses and school buses. Included are (1) local motor bus lines, (2) electric street railways, (3) elevated and subway lines, (4) interurban electric railways, and (5) trolley coach lines.

The primary sources of the data herein developed are the financial and statistical reports received by the American Transit Association from transit companies representing more than 85 per cent of the transit industry.

Any minor differences between figures reported for 1949 and earlier years as shown in this issue of the Fact Book as compared with data published in earlier editions are the result of adjustments necessary to take into account additional information received subsequent to the issuance of the 1950 edition.



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# THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY — 1950

1. Number of Operating Companies (Dec. 31, 1950) : Total 1,406

(a) Electric Railway Companies (Total) .....	89
Urban Railway .....	42
(Subway and Elevated Railway..... 5)	
Interurban Railway .....	47
Railway Exclusively .....	49
*Railway and Motor Bus Combined .....	22
Railway and Trolley Coach Combined .....	1
*Railway, Motor Bus & Trolley Coach Combined.	17
(b) Trolley Coach Companies (Total) (All Urban) ....	42
Trolley Coach Exclusively .....	2
*Trolley Coach and Motor Bus Combined.....	22
(c) Motor Bus Companies (Total) .....	1,354
Urban Motor Bus .....	749
Suburban Motor Bus .....	605
Motor Bus Exclusively .....	1,293

\* Included also in item (c)

## Distribution of Transit Companies by Population Groups

(Each company is counted only in the population group of the largest city it serves.)

POPULATION GROUP	ELECTRIC RAILWAYS (INCL. JOINT TROLLEY COACH AND/OR MOTOR BUS OPERATIONS)	TROLLEY COACH AND MOTOR BUS OPERATIONS COMBINED	TROLLEY COACH (Exclusively)	MOTOR BUS (Exclusively)	GRAND TOTAL
Over 1,000,000	9	0	0	14	23
500,000-1,000,000	9	0	0	3	12
250,000- 500,000	11	8	0	25	44
100,000- 250,000	5	8	2	59	74
50,000- 100,000	6	5	0	92	103
Less than 50,000	2	1	0	***500	503
Suburban and Other	**47	0	0	***600	647
TOTAL....	89	22	2	1,293	1,406

\*\* Includes 30 companies which are 100% freight or switching operations.

\*\*\* Estimated.

2. <i>Miles of Line and Miles of Route Operated</i> (Dec. 31, 1950)	
(a) Electric Railway Line Mileage .....	5,490
Surface Railway Line Mileage .....	5,110
Subway and Elevated Line Mileage .....	380
(b) Trolley Coach Line Mileage .....	1,790
(c) Motor Bus Line Mileage .....	42,820
Total Line Mileage .....	50,100
(d) Electric Railway—Miles of Single Track .....	10,813
Surface Railway—Miles of Single Track .....	9,590
Subway and Elevated—Miles of Single Track ..	1,223
(e) Trolley Coach—Miles of Negative Overhead Wire.	3,482
(f) Motor Bus—Miles of Route Round Trip .....	98,000
3. <i>Passenger Vehicles Owned</i> (Dec. 31, 1950): Total ... 86,867	
(a) Electric Railway Cars .....	23,543
Surface Railway Cars .....	13,800
Subway and Elevated Cars .....	9,743
(b) Trolley Coaches .....	6,504
(c) Motor Buses .....	56,820
4. <i>Investment</i> (Dec. 31, 1950): Total ..... \$3,918,000,000	
(a) Electric Railway .....	3,060,000,000
Surface Railway .....	913,000,000
Subway and Elevated .....	2,147,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	144,000,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	714,000,000
5. <i>Operating Revenue—1950—Total</i> ..... \$1,452,100,000	
(a) Electric Railway .....	578,100,000
Surface Railway .....	361,700,000
Subway and Elevated .....	216,400,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	122,000,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	752,000,000
6. <i>Passenger Revenue—1950—Total</i> ..... \$1,386,800,000	
(a) Electric Railway .....	532,000,000
Surface Railway .....	322,400,000
Subway and Elevated .....	209,600,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	120,600,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	734,200,000

7. <i>Vehicle Miles Operated—1950—Total</i> ..... 3,007,600,000	
(a) Electric Railway Car Miles .....	906,500,000
Surface Railway Car Miles .....	463,100,000
Subway and Elevated Car Miles .....	443,400,000
(b) Trolley Coach Miles .....	205,700,000
(c) Motor Bus Miles .....	1,895,400,000
8. <i>Total Passengers Carried—1950—Total</i> ..... 17,246,000,000	
(a) Electric Railway .....	6,168,000,000
Surface Railway .....	3,904,000,000
Subway and Elevated .....	2,264,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	1,658,000,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	9,420,000,000
9. <i>Revenue Passengers Carried—1950—Total</i> ... 13,845,000,000	
(a) Electric Railway .....	4,903,000,000
Surface Railway .....	2,790,000,000
Subway and Elevated .....	2,113,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	1,261,000,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	7,681,000,000
10. <i>Number of Employees</i> (Average 1950)—Total. 240,000	
(a) Electric Railway .....	90,900
Surface Railway .....	51,500
Subway and Elevated .....	39,400
(b) Trolley Coach .....	15,400
(c) Motor Bus .....	133,700
11. <i>Pay Roll—1950—Total</i> ..... \$ 835,000,000	
(a) Electric Railway .....	335,000,000
Surface Railway .....	193,000,000
Subway and Elevated .....	142,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	54,000,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	446,000,000
12. <i>Expenditures for Materials—1950—Total</i> .... \$ 211,333,000	
(a) Maintenance Materials .....	92,000,000
(b) Operating Materials .....	119,300,000
I. Coal .....	18,300,000
II. Gasoline .....	*54,200,000
III. Diesel Oil .....	11,700,000
IV. Lubricants .....	3,008,000
V. Electric Power (Purchased) .....	32,125,000
13. <i>Electrical Energy Consumed (Kw-Hr.)—1950</i> . 5,050,000,000	

\* Includes expenditures for Liquefied Petroleum Gas.

## Trend of Transit Operations

1940-1950



**TABLE NO. 1**  
Results of Transit Operations in the United States  
1940 to 1950 Inclusive

YEAR	OPERATING REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	NET REVENUE	ALL TAXES
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)
1940.....	737,000	598,030	138,970	62,688
1941.....	800,300	644,260	156,040	66,803
1942.....	1,040,000	769,390	270,610	128,650
1943.....	1,294,000	932,970	361,030	186,340
1944.....	1,362,300	1,012,070	350,230	189,250
1945.....	1,380,400	1,067,140	313,260	164,530
1946.....	1,397,100	1,129,430	267,670	129,020
1947.....	1,390,800	1,238,740	152,060	104,940
1948.....	1,488,600	1,343,651	144,949	101,210
1949.....	1,490,900	1,338,327	152,573	88,908
1950.....	1,452,100	1,296,687	155,413	89,044

Table 1—(Continued)

YEAR	OPERATING INCOME	PERCENT OF OPERATING REVENUE:		
		OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	ALL TAXES	OPERATING INCOME
	(Thousands)			
1940.....	76,282	81.14	8.51	10.35
1941.....	89,237	80.50	8.35	11.15
1942.....	141,960	73.98	12.37	13.65
1943.....	174,690	72.10	14.40	13.50
1944.....	160,980	74.29	13.89	11.82
1945.....	148,730	77.31	11.92	10.77
1946.....	138,650	80.85	9.23	9.92
1947.....	47,120	89.07	7.55	3.39
1948.....	43,739	90.26	6.80	2.94
1949.....	63,665	89.76	5.96	4.27
1950.....	66,369	89.29	6.13	4.57

## Transit Taxes in 1950

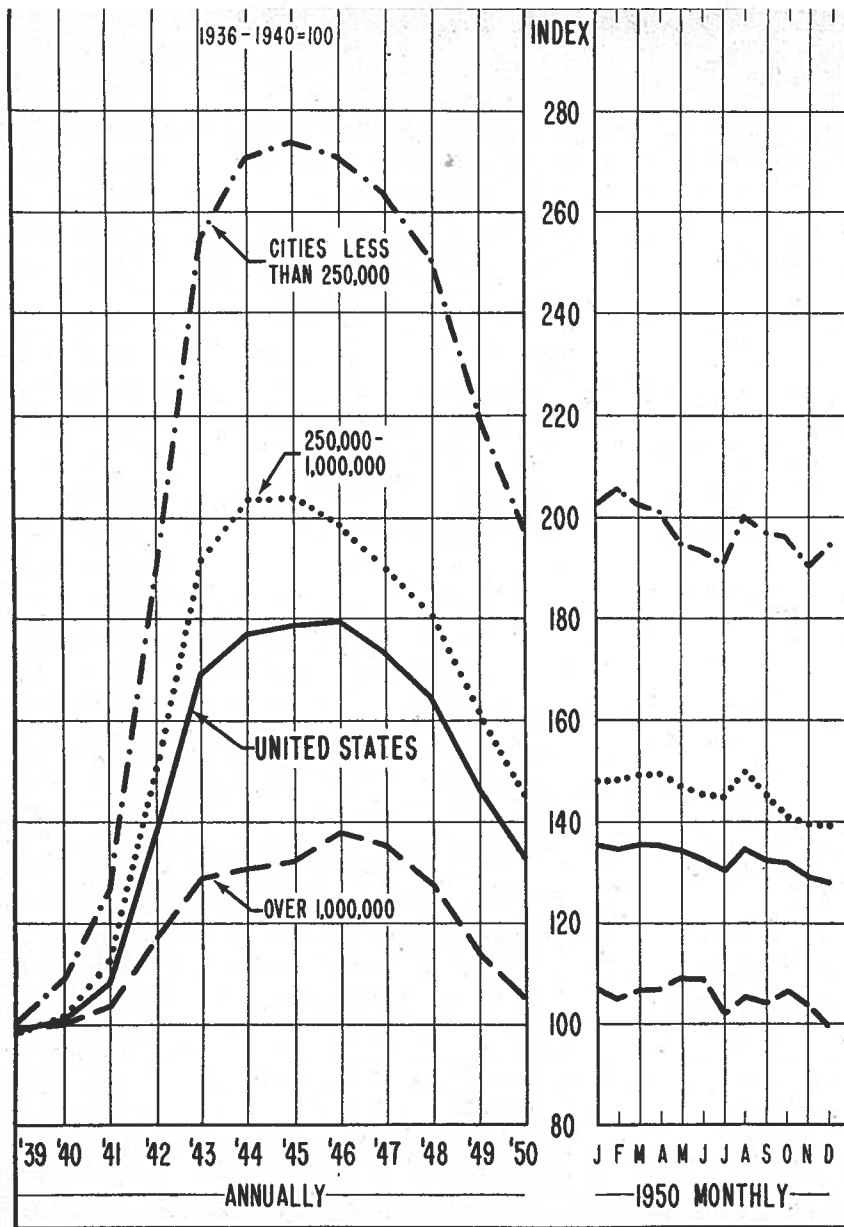
**TABLE NO. 2**  
Transit Taxes in 1950

	AMOUNT	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Federal Taxes (Total).....	\$25,698,000	28.86 %
Income Taxes.....	10,721,000	12.04
Other Federal Taxes.....	14,977,000	16.82
State, County and Local Taxes.....	63,346,000	71.14
<b>TOTAL TAXES.....</b>	<b>\$89,044,000</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

## Transit Traffic

**TABLE NO. 3**  
Total Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States in 1950  
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	2,264	.....	.....	2,264
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
Over 1,000,000.....	1,822	267	2,343	4,432
500,000—1,000,000.....	1,195	323	1,108	2,626
250,000—500,000.....	411	652	1,582	2,645
100,000—250,000.....	117	213	1,615	1,945
50,000—100,000.....	171	128	1,252	1,551
Less Than 50,000.....	46	75	696	817
Suburban and Other.....	142	.....	824	966
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>6,168</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>9,420</b>	<b>17,246</b>



This chart reflects the changes in the Transit Traffic Index and not the actual month-to-month percentage changes in passenger traffic. The index corrects for seasonal variations, the number of working days in the month and the occurrence of Easter. The average level of traffic in the years 1936-1940 is taken as 100 and the index figures reflect the change from that base period.

## Total Passengers 1940-1950

TABLE NO. 4

Total Transit Passengers in the United States by Types of Service—1940 to 1950

CALENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY & ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1940..	5,943	2,382	8,325	534	4,239	13,098
1941..	6,081	2,421	8,502	652	4,931	14,085
1942..	7,290	2,566	9,856	899	7,245	18,000
1943..	9,150	2,656	11,806	1,175	9,019	22,000
1944..	9,516	2,621	12,137	1,234	9,646	23,017
1945..	9,426	2,698	12,124	1,244	9,886	23,254
1946..	9,027	2,835	11,862	1,311	10,199	23,372
1947..	8,096	2,756	10,852	1,356	10,332	22,540
1948..	6,506	2,606	9,112	1,528	10,728	21,368
1949..	4,839	2,346	7,185	1,661	10,162	19,008
1950..	3,904	2,264	6,168	1,658	9,420	17,246

## Rides Per Capita 1940-1950

TABLE NO. 5

Urban Population, Total Rides and Rides Per Capita  
1940 to 1950 Inclusive

YEAR	URBAN POPULATION (Millions)	TOTAL RIDES (Millions)	RIDES PER CAPITA OF POPULATION	INDEXES (1924=100)		
				POPULATION	RIDES	RIDES PER CAPITA
1940..	74.4	13,098	176	123.8	80.4	64.9
1941..	75.1	14,085	188	125.0	86.4	69.4
1942..	75.3	18,000	239	125.3	110.4	88.2
1943..	75.7	22,000	291	126.0	135.0	107.4
1944..	74.6	23,017	309	124.1	141.2	114.0
1945..	74.5	23,254	312	124.0	142.7	115.1
1946..	82.8	23,372	282	137.8	143.4	104.1
1947..	83.9	22,540	269	139.6	138.3	99.3
1948..	84.7	21,368	252	140.9	131.1	93.0
1949..	86.6	19,008	219	144.1	116.6	80.8
1950..	88.4	17,246	195	147.1	105.8	72.0

## Revenue Passengers 1950

TABLE NO. 6

Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of United States in 1950  
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	2,113	.....	.....	2,113
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
Over 1,000,000.....	1,275	169	1,973	3,417
500,000—1,000,000.....	824	243	723	1,790
250,000—500,000.....	285	512	1,210	2,007
100,000—250,000.....	86	179	1,320	1,585
50,000—100,000.....	151	104	1,068	1,323
Less Than 50,000.....	40	54	634	728
Suburban and Other.....	129	.....	753	882
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>4,903</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>7,681</b>	<b>13,845</b>

## Revenue Passengers 1940-1950

TABLE NO. 7

Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States Distributed by  
Types of Service—1940-1950

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1940..	4,182.5	2,281.9	6,464.4	419.2	3,620.1	10,503.7
1941..	4,276.3	2,298.1	6,574.4	521.0	4,206.1	11,301.5
1942..	5,141.5	2,447.2	7,588.7	718.0	6,194.5	14,501.2
1943..	6,893.7	2,516.3	9,410.0	938.0	7,570.0	17,918.0
1944..	7,169.4	2,483.1	9,652.5	986.8	8,096.1	18,735.4
1945..	7,080.9	2,555.1	9,636.0	1,001.2	8,344.7	18,981.9
1946..	6,769.0	2,685.0	9,454.0	1,050.0	8,615.0	19,119.0
1947..	5,980.0	2,609.0	8,589.0	1,073.0	8,625.0	18,287.0
1948..	4,740.0	2,473.0	7,213.0	1,206.0	8,893.0	17,312.0
1949..	3,480.0	2,203.0	5,683.0	1,268.0	8,300.0	15,251.0
1950..	2,790.0	2,113.0	4,903.0	1,261.0	7,681.0	13,845.0

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## Monthly Operating Revenues

TABLE NO. 8

Transit Operating Revenues by Months—1950, 1949 and 1948

	1950 (Thousands)	1949 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1950- 1949)	1948 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1949- 1948)
January.....	\$120,700	\$128,300	- 5.92 %	\$119,500	+7.36 %
February.....	113,600	117,000	- 2.91	111,100	+5.31
March.....	123,300	129,600	- 4.86	121,800	+6.40
April.....	120,900	130,000	- 7.00	119,900	+9.09
May.....	124,000	127,300	- 2.59	120,600	+5.55
June.....	117,000	121,600	- 3.78	118,600	+2.53
July.....	112,600	116,100	- 3.02	124,300	-6.60
August.....	121,200	121,300	- 0.08	125,100	-3.04
September.....	113,900	116,500	- 2.23	122,100	-4.59
October.....	125,400	124,700	+ 0.56	131,300	-5.03
November.....	122,700	123,800	- 0.89	130,600	-5.21
December.....	136,800	134,700	+ 1.56	143,700	-6.26
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,452,100</b>	<b>\$1,490,900</b>	<b>- 2.60 %</b>	<b>\$1,488,600</b>	<b>+0.15 %</b>

## Transit Operating Revenues 1950

TABLE NO. 9

Transit Operating Revenue for Year 1950 Distributed by Types of Service and  
Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	\$216.4	.....	.....	\$216.4
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
Over 1,000,000.....	156.6	\$19.7	\$189.5	365.8
500,000—1,000,000.....	90.0	20.9	82.9	193.8
250,000—500,000.....	33.4	48.3	119.6	201.3
100,000—250,000.....	9.9	16.7	137.1	163.7
50,000—100,000.....	15.7	9.7	92.1	117.5
Less Than 50,000.....	4.0	6.7	52.6	63.3
Suburban and Other.....	52.1	.....	78.2	130.3
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$578.1</b>	<b>\$122.0</b>	<b>\$752.0</b>	<b>\$1,452.1</b>

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## Trend of Operating Revenue 1940-1950

TABLE NO. 10

Trend and Distribution of Transit Operating Revenue in the United States by Types of Service—1940-1950

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1940..	\$327.8	\$128.3	\$456.1	\$25.0	\$255.9	\$737.0
1941..	336.5	130.0	466.5	34.5	299.3	800.3
1942..	418.2	138.8	557.0	48.6	434.4	1,040.0
1943..	539.0	147.0	686.0	63.7	544.3	1,294.0
1944..	563.9	145.7	709.6	67.5	585.2	1,362.3
1945..	560.1	149.4	709.5	68.4	602.5	1,380.4
1946..	543.6	157.5	701.1	72.1	623.9	1,397.1
1947..	510.4	156.6	667.0	76.8	647.0	1,390.8
1948..	474.6	191.7	666.3	90.5	731.8	1,488.6
1949..	402.5	218.0	620.5	112.0	758.4	1,490.9
1950..	361.7	216.4	578.1	122.0	752.0	1,452.1

## Trend of Passenger Revenue 1940-1950

TABLE NO. 11

Trend and Distribution of Transit Passenger Revenue in the United States by Types of Service—1940-1950

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1940..	\$304.0	\$123.8	\$427.8	\$24.9	\$248.8	\$701.5
1941..	308.6	124.9	433.5	34.3	291.0	758.8
1942..	371.2	133.5	504.7	48.4	426.0	979.1
1943..	497.0	141.1	638.1	63.3	534.2	1,235.6
1944..	516.4	139.1	655.5	67.1	574.3	1,296.9
1945..	513.4	142.3	655.7	68.0	590.0	1,313.7
1946..	498.9	150.0	648.9	71.7	610.9	1,331.5
1947..	466.9	148.8	615.7	76.5	632.0	1,324.2
1948..	429.4	184.2	613.6	89.7	713.5	1,416.8
1949..	358.9	210.8	569.7	110.8	739.2	1,419.7
1950..	322.4	209.6	532.0	120.6	734.2	1,386.8

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## Vehicle Miles

TABLE NO. 12

Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated in the United States by Each Type of Transit Vehicle—1940-1950

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1940..	844.7	470.8	1,315.5	86.0	1,194.5	2,596.0
1941..	792.2	472.8	1,265.0	98.4	1,313.0	2,676.4
1942..	850.4	469.6	1,320.0	115.7	1,612.0	3,047.7
1943..	978.0	461.7	1,439.7	129.7	1,693.0	3,262.4
1944..	977.9	461.0	1,438.9	132.3	1,713.3	3,284.5
1945..	939.8	458.4	1,398.2	133.3	1,722.3	3,253.8
1946..	894.5	458.9	1,353.4	143.7	1,807.2	3,304.3
1947..	839.3	462.3	1,301.6	155.1	1,885.7	3,342.4
1948..	699.3	458.1	1,157.4	178.0	1,975.7	3,311.1
1949..	555.4	460.0	1,015.4	200.0	1,968.2	3,183.6
1950..	463.1	443.4	906.5	205.7	1,895.4	3,007.6

## Electric Power

TABLE NO. 13

Source and Distribution of Electrical Energy Consumed by the Transit Industry of the United States and Cost of Purchased Power—1940-1950

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	KILOWATT HOURS (IN MILLIONS)						COST OF PURCHASED POWER
	TOTAL CONSUMPTION				GENER- ATED	PUR- CHASED	
	RAPID TRANSIT	SURFACE RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1940..	1,977	4,050	259	6,286	2,255	4,031	\$36,682,000
1941..	1,986	3,808	296	6,090	2,167	3,923	34,915,000
1942..	1,964	4,082	354	6,400	2,227	4,173	36,722,000
1943..	1,939	4,658	403	7,000	2,237	4,763	41,000,000
1944..	1,940	4,667	412	7,019	2,238	4,781	41,160,000
1945..	1,966	4,547	415	6,928	2,130	4,798	42,350,000
1946..	1,964	4,380	447	6,791	2,077	4,714	41,200,000
1947..	2,003	4,255	489	6,747	2,093	4,654	43,200,000
1948..	2,019	3,621	556	6,196	2,113	4,083	40,691,000
1949..	2,024	2,882	613	5,519	2,123	3,396	36,565,000
1950..	2,000	2,410	640	5,050	2,070	2,980	32,125,000

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## Employment and Payroll

TABLE NO. 14

Number of Employees, Annual Payroll and Average Annual Earnings per Employee in the Transit Industry of the United States, 1940-1950

YEAR	AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	PAYROLL	AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE
1940.....	203,000	\$360,000,000	\$1,773
1941.....	205,000	386,000,000	1,883
1942.....	219,000	462,000,000	2,110
1943.....	239,000	554,000,000	2,318
1944.....	242,000	599,000,000	2,475
1945.....	242,000	632,000,000	2,612
1946.....	261,000	713,000,000	2,732
1947.....	266,000	790,000,000	2,970
1948.....	261,000	829,000,000	3,176
1949.....	253,000	841,000,000	3,324
1950.....	240,000	835,000,000	3,480

## New Equipment 1950

TABLE NO. 15

New Transit Equipment Delivered in 1950 Classified According to Population Group and Seating Capacity of Buses

POPULATION GROUP	SUBWAY & ELEVATED	STREET CAR	TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS (INTEGRAL ONLY)				GRAND TOTAL ALL VEHICLES
	44-56 SEATS	49-59 SEATS	44-48 SEATS	29 SEATS OR LESS	30-39 SEATS	40 SEATS OR MORE	TOTAL	
Over 1,000,000	199	4	0	0	5	566	571	774
500,000—1,000,000	...	0	135	0	0	256	256	391
250,000—500,000	...	0	39	0	78	243	321	360
100,000—250,000	...	0	0	11	63	278	352	352
50,000—100,000	...	0	5	1	215	42	258	263
Less Than 50,000	...	0	0	111	253	85	449	449
Suburban & Other	...	0	....	82	238	141	461	461
TOTAL.....	199	4	179	205	852	1,611	2,668	3,050

## Size of New Buses 1943-1950

TABLE NO. 16

Number of Buses in Each Size Class Delivered in the Years 1943-1950

YEAR	29 SEATS OR LESS	30-39 SEATS	40 SEATS OR MORE	TOTAL
1943.....	847	179	225	1,251
1944.....	2,423	369	1,015	3,807
1945.....	1,757	1,183	1,501	4,441
1946.....	1,849	2,429	2,185	6,463
1947.....	1,951	3,717	6,361	12,029
1948.....	523	2,144	4,342	7,009
1949.....	289	1,344	1,725	3,358
1950.....	205	852	1,611	2,668

## New Equipment 1940-1950

TABLE NO. 17

New Passenger Equipment Delivered to Transit Companies in the United States—1940 to 1950

CAL-NDAR YEAR	RAILWAY CARS			TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY & ELEVATED	TOTAL			
1940..	463	189	652	618	3,984	5,254
1941..	462	0	462	227	5,600	6,289
1942..	284	0	284	356	7,200	7,840
1943..	32	0	32	116	1,251	1,399
1944..	284	0	284	60	3,807	4,151
1945..	332	0	332	161	4,441	4,934
1946..	421	0	421	266	6,463	7,150
1947..	626	2	628	955	12,029	13,612
1948..	478	248	726	1,430	7,009	9,165
1949..	273	415	688	680	3,358	4,726
1950..	4	199	203	179	2,668	3,050

# Equipment Owned in 1950

TABLE NO. 18

Transit Passenger Equipment in 1950 Showing Types of Vehicles and Their Distribution by Population Groups

	RAILWAY CARS	TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
Subway and Elevated.....	9,743	.....	.....	9,743
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
Over 1,000,000.....	6,030	898	11,100	18,028
500,000—1,000,000.....	4,250	1,402	7,040	12,692
250,000—500,000.....	1,740	2,820	8,130	12,690
100,000—250,000.....	300	836	9,760	10,896
50,000—100,000.....	440	361	7,430	8,231
Less Than 50,000.....	280	187	7,730	8,197
Suburban and Other.....	760	.....	5,630	6,390
TOTAL.....	23,543	6,504	56,820	86,867

# Transit Equipment 1940-1950

TABLE NO. 19

Trends of Transit Passenger Equipment in the United States—1940 to 1950

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY CARS			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
1940..	26,630	11,032	37,662	2,802	35,000	75,464
1941..	27,092	10,578	37,670	3,029	39,300	79,999
1942..	27,230	10,278	37,508	3,385	46,000	86,893
1943..	27,250	10,255	37,505	3,501	47,100	88,106
1944..	27,180	10,219	37,399	3,561	48,400	89,360
1945..	26,680	10,217	36,897	3,711	49,670	90,278
1946..	24,730	9,429	34,159	3,916	52,450	90,525
1947..	21,607	9,370	30,977	4,707	56,917	92,601
1948..	17,578	9,456	27,034	5,687	58,540	91,261
1949..	15,505	9,869	25,374	6,338	57,035	88,747
1950..	13,800	9,743	23,543	6,504	56,820	86,867

TABLE NO. 20

Transit Passenger Equipment Showing Types of Vehicles and Their Distribution by Population Groups—1945-1950 Inclusive

YEAR	RAPID TRANSIT	SURFACE LINES					TOTAL
		OVER 1,000,000 POPULATION	500,000- 1,000,000	250,000- 500,000	100,000- 250,000	50,000- 100,000	
1945....	10,917	9,620	6,420	4,420	1,960	1,610	36,897
1946....	9,429	9,080	4,270	3,180	1,560	1,430	34,159
1947....	9,370	8,778	3,751	2,583	677	834	30,977
1948....	9,456	7,544	5,177	2,583	490	568	27,034
1949....	9,869	6,698	4,756	2,038	338	489	25,374
1950....	9,743	6,030	1,740	300	440	280	23,543
1945....	.....	234	490	1,647	724	373	3,711
1946....	.....	234	529	1,783	751	383	3,916
1947....	.....	338	654	2,279	831	397	4,707
1948....	.....	752	1,007	2,590	780	363	5,687
1949....	.....	898	1,267	2,806	836	362	6,366
1950....	.....	898	1,402	2,820	836	361	6,504
1945....	.....	9,270	5,650	6,520	8,730	7,680	49,670
1946....	.....	10,140	5,930	6,920	9,450	7,520	52,450
1947....	.....	10,572	6,847	8,150	10,266	7,917	52,450
1948....	.....	11,672	7,175	8,357	10,510	7,749	56,917
1949....	.....	10,968	6,890	8,257	10,097	7,658	58,540
1950....	.....	11,100	7,040	8,130	9,760	7,430	57,035
1945....	.....	10,217	12,560	12,587	11,414	9,663	60,278
1946....	.....	9,429	12,729	12,863	11,761	9,333	60,525
1947....	.....	9,370	13,369	14,180	11,774	9,148	60,601
1948....	.....	9,456	13,359	13,530	11,780	8,680	60,601
1949....	.....	9,869	12,913	13,101	11,271	8,509	60,601
1950....	.....	9,743	12,692	12,690	10,896	8,231	60,601

# Track and Route Mileage 1950

TABLE NO. 21

Total Miles of Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route of the Transit Industry in the United States, 1950  
Distributed by Population Groups

	RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS
Subway and Elevated .....	1,223	.....	.....
Surface Lines: (Population Group)			
Over 1,000,000 .....	2,184	321	6,570
500,000—1,000,000 .....	1,377	471	4,430
250,000—500,000 .....	915	1,658	11,020
100,000—250,000 .....	297	602	12,380
50,000—100,000 .....	417	317	8,750
Less Than 50,000 .....	140	113	5,960
Suburban and Other .....	4,260	.....	48,890
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>10,813</b>	<b>3,482</b>	<b>98,000</b>

# Track and Route Mileage 1940-1950

TABLE NO. 22

Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route of the Transit Industry in the United States, 1940-1950

AS OF DECEMBER 31ST	TOTAL MILES OF RAILWAY TRACK			TROLLEY COACH—MILES OF NEGATIVE OVERHEAD WIRE	MOTOR BUS—MILES OF ROUTE ROUND-TRIP
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL		
1940...	18,360	1,242	19,602	1,925	78,000
1941...	17,100	1,242	18,342	2,041	82,100
1942...	16,950	1,221	18,171	2,273	85,500
1943...	16,950	1,231	18,181	2,248	87,000
1944...	16,860	1,222	18,082	2,245	87,700
1945...	16,480	1,222	17,702	2,313	90,400
1946...	15,490	1,226	16,716	2,354	91,100
1947...	13,750	1,226	14,976	2,699	95,300
1948...	11,740	1,224	12,964	2,905	96,500
1949...	10,700	1,231	11,931	3,318	96,400
1950...	9,590	1,223	10,813	3,482	98,000