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

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THIS IS THE TWELFTH annual edition of the Transit Fact Book compiled by the Statistical department of the American Transit Association. It is identified as the 1954 edition and covers the operations of the industry through the year 1953 with the latest plant and equipment data as of December 31, 1953. 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.

Two changes have been made in the presentation of data in the current Fact Book as compared with previous issues. First, in each of the tables where it has been possible to do so, the past record has been carried back to the year 1935 and data are shown for 5-year intervals covering the period from that date through 1950 and annually since 1950. Secondly, the two population groups covering cities over 1,000,000 population and cities 500,000 to 1,000,000 have been consolidated because of changes resulting from the 1950 U. S. Census of population. The combination of these groups was necessary to retain comparisons with the past records over the years.

Any differences between figures reported for 1952 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 1953 edition.



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THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY - 1953

1. Number of Operating Companies (Dec. 31, 1953) : Total 1,605

(a) Electric Railway Companies (Total)	70
Urban Railway	32
(Subway and Elevated Railway	5)
Interurban Railway	38
Railway Exclusively	37
*Railway and Motor Bus Combined	18
Railway and Trolley Coach Combined	1
*Railway, Motor Bus & Trolley Coach Combined ..	14
(b) Trolley Coach Companies (Total) (All Urban) ...	40
Trolley Coach Exclusively	2
*Trolley Coach and Motor Bus Combined	23
(c) Motor Bus Companies (Total)	1,565
Urban Motor Bus	874
Suburban Motor Bus	691
Motor Bus Exclusively	1,510

* 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
500,000 and over	18	1	0	14	33
250,000- 500,000	7	8	0	27	42
100,000- 250,000	2	11	2	66	81
50,000- 100,000	4	3	0	103	110
Less than 50,000	1	0	0	614	615
Suburban and Other	**38	0	0	686	724
TOTAL....	70	23	2	1,510	1,605

** Includes 26 companies which are 100 % freight and/or switching operations.

2. Miles of Line and Miles of Route Operated (Dec. 31, 1953)	
(a) Electric Railway Line Mileage	3,859
Surface Railway Line Mileage	3,485
Subway and Elevated Line Mileage	374
(b) Trolley Coach Line Mileage	1,898
(c) Motor Bus Line Mileage	47,000
Total Line Mileage	52,757
(d) Electric Railway—Miles of Single Track	7,352
Surface Railway—Miles of Single Track	6,126
Subway and Elevated—Miles of Single Track ..	1,226
(e) Trolley Coach—Miles of Negative Overhead Wire	3,649
(f) Motor Bus—Miles of Route Round Trip	100,000
3. Passenger Vehicles Owned (Dec. 31, 1953) : Total	78,875
(a) Electric Railway Cars	17,234
Surface Railway Cars	7,990
Subway and Elevated Cars	9,244
(b) Trolley Coaches	6,941
(c) Motor Buses	54,700
4. Gross Investment (Dec. 31, 1953) : Total	\$3,900,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	2,980,000,000
Surface Railway	780,000,000
Subway and Elevated	2,200,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	170,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	750,000,000
5. Operating Revenue—1953—Total	\$1,512,800,000
(a) Electric Railway	489,800,000
Surface Railway	250,600,000
Subway and Elevated	239,200,000
(b) Trolley Coach	151,300,000
(c) Motor Bus	871,700,000
6. Passenger Revenue—1953—Total	\$1,448,400,000
(a) Electric Railway	450,000,000
Surface Railway	218,000,000
Subway and Elevated	232,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	148,900,000
(c) Motor Bus	849,500,000

7. Vehicle Miles Operated—1953—Total	2,695,500,000
(a) Electric Railway Car Miles	664,800,000
Surface Railway Car Miles	273,700,000
Subway and Elevated Car Miles	391,100,000
(b) Trolley Coach Miles	211,700,000
(c) Motor Bus Miles	1,819,000,000
8. Total Passengers Carried—1953—Total	13,902,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	4,076,000,000
Surface Railway	2,036,000,000
Subway and Elevated	2,040,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	1,566,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	8,260,000,000
9. Revenue Passengers Carried—1953—Total ...	11,036,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	3,306,000,000
Surface Railway	1,403,000,000
Subway and Elevated	1,903,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	1,137,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	6,593,000,000
10. Number of Employees (Average 1953)—Total	220,000
(a) Electric Railway	75,000
Surface Railway	32,000
Subway and Elevated	43,000
(b) Trolley Coach	19,000
(c) Motor Bus	126,000
11. Pay Roll—1953—Total	\$ 913,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	314,000,000
Surface Railway	140,000,000
Subway and Elevated	174,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	76,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	523,000,000
12. Expenditures for Materials—1953—Total ...	\$ 203,200,000
(a) Maintenance Materials	96,200,000
(b) Operating Materials	107,000,000
I. Coal	13,200,000
II. Gasoline	47,000,000
III. Diesel Oil	14,000,000
IV. Propane	1,300,000
V. Lubricants	3,500,000
VI. Electric Power (Purchased)	28,000,000
13. Electrical Energy Consumed (Kw-Hr.)—1953	4,060,000,000

Trend of Transit Operations

TABLE NO. 1

Results of Transit Operations in the United States
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

YEAR	OPERATING REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	NET REVENUE	ALL TAXES
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)
1935.....	\$ 681,400	\$ 534,930	\$146,470	\$50,458
1940.....	737,000	598,030	138,970	62,688
1945.....	1,380,400	1,067,140	313,260	164,530
1950.....	1,452,100	1,296,687	155,413	89,044
1951.....	1,472,700	1,331,272	141,428	95,340
1952.....	1,501,300	1,369,565	131,735	101,986
1953.....	1,512,800	1,370,707	142,093	97,348

Table 1—(Continued)

YEAR	OPERATING INCOME	PERCENT OF OPERATING REVENUE:		
		OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	ALL TAXES	OPERATING INCOME
	(Thousands)			
1935.....	\$ 96,012	78.50	7.41	14.09
1940.....	76,282	81.14	8.51	10.35
1945.....	148,730	77.31	11.92	10.77
1950.....	66,369	89.30	6.13	4.57
1951.....	46,088	90.40	6.47	3.13
1952.....	29,749	91.23	6.79	1.98
1953.....	44,745	90.61	6.43	2.96

Transit Taxes in 1953

TABLE NO. 2
Transit Taxes in 1953

	AMOUNT	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Federal Taxes (Total).....	\$37,445,000	38.47
Income Taxes.....	18,862,000	19.38
Other Federal Taxes.....	18,583,000	19.09
State, County and Local Taxes.....	59,903,000	61.53
TOTAL TAXES.....	97,348,000	100.00

Transit Traffic

TABLE NO. 3
Total Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States in 1953
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	2,040	.....	.....	2,040
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	1,632	684	3,347	5,663
250,000— 500,000.....	165	540	1,409	2,114
100,000— 250,000.....	56	179	1,265	1,500
50,000— 100,000.....	77	92	1,060	1,229
Less Than 50,000.....	28	71	489	588
Suburban and Other.....	78	.....	690	768
TOTAL.....	4,076	1,566	8,260	13,902

Total Passengers (By Population Groups)

TABLE NO. 4
Total Transit Passengers in the United States By Population Groups
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

YEAR	SURFACE LINES						TOTAL (Millions)
	500,000 AND OVER (Millions)	250,000- 500,000 (Millions)	100,000- 250,000 (Millions)	50,000- 100,000 (Millions)	LESS THAN 50,000 (Millions)	SUBURBAN AND OTHER (Millions)	
1935.....	5,626	1,547	1,080	587	907	943	12,226
1940.....	5,901	1,808	1,271	794	326	616	13,098
1945.....	9,258	3,867	2,823	2,158	1,002	1,448	23,254
1950.....	7,058	2,645	1,945	1,551	817	966	17,246
1951.....	6,495	2,515	1,813	1,450	753	910	16,125
1952.....	2,189	2,330	1,637	1,373	691	839	15,119
1953.....	2,040	2,114	1,500	1,229	588	768	13,902

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Total Passengers (By Types of Service)

TABLE NO. 5
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

CALEN- DAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY & ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1935..	7,276	2,236	9,512	96	2,618	12,226
1940..	5,943	2,382	8,325	534	4,239	13,098
1945..	9,426	2,698	12,124	1,244	9,886	23,254
1950..	3,904	2,264	6,168	1,658	9,420	17,246
1951..	3,101	2,189	5,290	1,633	9,202	16,125
1952..	2,477	2,124	4,601	1,640	8,878	15,119
1953..	2,036	2,040	4,076	1,566	8,260	13,902

Trend of Rides Per Capita

TABLE NO. 6
Urban Population, Total Rides and Rides Per Capita
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

YEAR	URBAN POPULA- TION (Millions)	TOTAL RIDES (Millions)	RIDES PER CAPITA OF POPULA- TION	INDEXES (1924=100)		
				POPULA- TION	RIDES	RIDES PER CAPITA
1935..	71.7	12,226	171	119.3	75.0	63.1
1940..	74.4	13,098	176	123.8	80.4	64.9
1945..	74.5	23,254	312	124.0	142.7	115.1
1950..	88.4	17,246	195	147.1	105.8	72.0
1951..	89.5	16,125	180	148.9	98.9	66.4
1952..	90.6	15,119	167	150.7	92.7	61.6
1953..	91.1	13,902	153	151.6	85.3	56.5

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Revenue Passengers 1953

TABLE NO. 7
Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of United States in 1953
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	1,903	.....	.....	1,903
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	1,096	456	2,550	4,102
250,000—500,000.....	109	419	1,052	1,580
100,000—250,000.....	40	141	1,029	1,210
50,000—100,000.....	64	72	902	1,038
Less Than 50,000.....	23	49	437	509
Suburban and Other.....	71	0	623	694
TOTAL.....	3,306	1,137	6,593	11,036

Trend of Revenue Passengers

TABLE NO. 8
Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States Distributed by
Types of Service
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

CAL- NDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1935..	5,156.2	2,252.3	7,408.5	76.5	2,297.3	9,782.3
1940..	4,182.5	2,281.9	6,464.4	419.2	3,620.1	10,503.7
1945..	7,080.9	2,555.1	9,636.0	1,001.2	8,344.7	18,981.9
1950..	2,790.0	2,113.0	4,903.0	1,261.0	7,681.0	13,845.0
1951..	2,171.0	2,041.0	4,212.0	1,231.0	7,438.0	12,881.0
1952..	1,714.0	1,982.0	3,696.0	1,201.0	7,125.0	12,022.0
1953..	1,403.0	1,903.0	3,306.0	1,137.0	6,593.0	11,036.0

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Monthly Operating Revenues

TABLE NO. 9
Transit Operating Revenues by Months—1953, 1952 and 1951

	1953 (Thousands)	1952 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1953- 1952)	1951 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1952- 1951)
January.....	\$125,700	\$127,000	- 1.02	\$124,300	+ 2.17
February.....	118,700	122,300	- 2.94	115,000	+ 6.35
March.....	129,200	125,000	+ 3.36	127,100	- 1.65
April.....	129,100	127,900	+ 0.94	123,300	+ 3.73
May.....	126,500	126,700	- 0.16	124,900	+ 1.44
June.....	121,000	116,700	+ 3.68	118,200	- 1.27
July.....	120,500	115,900	+ 3.97	115,100	+ 0.70
August.....	121,400	120,400	+ 0.83	122,400	- 1.63
September.....	118,200	117,600	+ 0.51	112,700	+ 4.35
October.....	132,800	132,000	+ 0.61	127,700	+ 3.37
November.....	127,600	126,100	+ 1.19	125,300	+ 0.64
December.....	142,100	143,700	- 1.11	136,700	+ 5.12
TOTAL.....	\$1,512,800	\$1,501,300	+ 0.77	\$1,472,700	+ 1.94

Transit Operating Revenues 1953

TABLE NO. 10
Transit Operating Revenue for Year 1953 Distributed by Types of Service and
Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	\$239.2	.....	.....	\$239.2
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	171.5	\$63.0	\$348.2	582.7
250,000—500,000.....	16.9	52.6	144.9	214.4
100,000—250,000.....	5.2	18.0	141.7	164.9
50,000—100,000.....	8.0	9.7	103.4	121.1
Less Than 50,000.....	3.0	8.0	48.2	59.2
Suburban and Other.....	46.0	0	85.3	131.3
TOTAL.....	\$489.8	\$151.3	\$871.7	\$1,512.8

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Trend of Operating Revenue

TABLE NO. 11

Trend and Distribution of Transit Operating Revenue in the United States by Types of Service At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1935..	\$388.0	\$131.8	\$519.8	\$5.5	\$156.1	\$681.4
1940..	327.8	128.3	456.1	25.0	255.9	737.0
1945..	560.1	149.4	709.5	68.4	602.5	1,380.4
1950..	361.7	216.4	578.1	122.0	752.0	1,452.1
1951..	318.9	214.7	533.6	132.0	807.1	1,472.7
1952..	279.7	213.9	493.6	147.4	860.3	1,501.3
1953..	250.6	239.2	489.8	151.3	871.7	1,512.8

Trend of Passenger Revenue

TABLE NO. 12

Trend and Distribution of Transit Passenger Revenue in the United States by Types of Service At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1935..	\$357.8	\$127.8	\$485.6	\$5.5	\$151.2	\$642.3
1940..	304.0	123.8	427.8	24.9	248.8	701.5
1945..	513.4	142.3	655.7	68.0	590.0	1,313.7
1950..	322.4	209.6	532.0	120.6	734.2	1,386.8
1951..	284.4	207.3	491.7	130.6	789.3	1,411.6
1952..	247.0	206.2	453.2	145.8	839.1	1,438.1
1953..	218.0	232.0	450.0	148.9	849.5	1,448.4

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Vehicle Miles

TABLE NO. 13

Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated in the United States by Each Type of Transit Vehicle At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1935..	1,147.7	438.6	1,586.3	14.6	711.1	2,312.0
1940..	844.7	470.8	1,315.5	86.0	1,194.5	2,596.0
1945..	939.8	458.4	1,398.2	133.3	1,722.3	3,253.8
1950..	463.1	443.4	906.5	205.7	1,895.4	3,007.6
1951..	387.6	424.0	811.6	208.8	1,893.0	2,913.4
1952..	321.2	400.4	721.6	215.2	1,877.7	2,814.5
1953..	273.7	391.1	664.8	211.7	1,819.0	2,695.5

Electric Power

TABLE NO. 14

Source and Distribution of Electrical Energy Consumed by the Transit Industry of the United States and Cost of Purchased Power At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	KILOWATT HOURS (IN MILLIONS)						COST OF PURCHASED POWER
	TOTAL CONSUMPTION				GENER- ATED	PUR- CHASED	
	RAPID TRANSIT	SURFACE RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	TOTAL			
1935..	1,852	5,096	61	7,009	2,309	4,700	\$46,060,000
1940..	1,977	4,050	307	6,334	2,255	4,079	37,119,000
1945..	1,966	4,547	520	7,033	2,130	4,903	43,293,000
1950..	2,000	2,410	841	5,251	2,070	3,181	34,291,000
1951..	1,970	2,010	846	4,826	1,870	2,956	32,486,000
1952..	1,860	1,640	859	4,359	1,770	2,589	28,608,000
1953..	1,820	1,390	850	4,060	1,590	2,470	28,000,000

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Employment and Payroll

TABLE NO. 15

Number of Employees, Annual Payroll and Average Annual Earnings per Employee in the Transit Industry of the United States At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

YEAR	AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	PAYROLL	AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE
1935.....	209,000	\$321,000,000	\$1,536
1940.....	203,000	360,000,000	1,773
1945.....	242,000	632,000,000	2,612
1950.....	240,000	835,000,000	3,479
1951.....	232,000	872,000,000	3,760
1952.....	227,000	903,000,000	3,978
1953.....	220,000	913,000,000	4,150

New Equipment 1953

TABLE NO. 16

New Transit Equipment Delivered in 1953 Classified According to Population Group and Seating Capacity of Buses

POPULATION GROUP	MOTOR BUS (INTEGRAL ONLY)			
	29 SEATS OR LESS	30-39 SEATS	40 SEATS OR MORE	TOTAL
500,000 and over.....	0	62	814	876
250,000— 500,000....	0	29	313	342
100,000— 250,000....	0	80	208	288
50,000— 100,000....	0	59	111	170
Less Than 50,000....	18	148	32	198
Suburban & Other.....	12	121	239	372
TOTAL.....	30	499	1,717	2,246

Size of New Buses

TABLE NO. 17

Number of Buses in Each Size Class Delivered in the Years 1943-1953

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
1951.....	148	1,711	2,693	4,552
1952.....	36	548	1,165	1,749
1953.....	30	499	1,717	2,246

*Data for prior years not available.

Trend of New Equipment

TABLE NO. 18

New Passenger Equipment Delivered to Transit Companies in the United States—Annually 1940 to 1953

CAL- ENDAR 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
1951..	56	140	196	600	4,552	5,348
1952..	19	0	19	224	1,749	1,992
1953..	0	0	0	0	2,246	2,246

*Data for prior years not available.

Transit Equipment Owned in 1953

TABLE NO. 19

Transit Passenger Equipment in 1953 Showing Types of Vehicles and Their Distribution by Population Groups

	RAILWAY CARS	TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
Subway and Elevated.....	9,244	.....	.....	9,244
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	6,050	2,655	18,400	27,105
250,000— 500,000.....	820	2,792	7,800	11,412
100,000— 250,000.....	170	827	8,900	9,897
50,000— 100,000.....	240	418	6,700	7,358
Less Than 50,000.....	170	249	7,100	7,519
Suburban and Other.....	540	0	5,800	6,340
TOTAL.....	17,234	6,941	54,700	78,875

Trend of Transit Equipment Owned

TABLE NO. 20

Trends of Transit Passenger Equipment in the United States by Types of Equipment At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY CARS			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
1935..	40,050	10,416	50,466	578	23,800	74,844
1940..	26,630	11,032	37,662	2,802	35,000	75,464
1945..	26,160	10,217	36,377	3,711	49,670	89,758
1950..	13,228	9,758	22,986	6,504	56,820	86,310
1951..	10,960	9,644	20,604	7,071	57,660	85,335
1952..	9,700	9,476	19,176	7,180	55,980	82,336
1953..	7,990	9,244	17,234	6,941	54,700	78,875

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Track and Route Mileage 1953

TABLE NO. 21

Total Miles of Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route of the Transit Industry in the United States, 1953 Distributed by Population Groups

	RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS
Subway and Elevated.....	1,226	.....	.....
Surface Lines: (Population Group)			
500,000 and over.....	2,414	1,063	12,100
250,000— 500,000.....	205	1,629	12,200
100,000— 250,000.....	54	527	12,000
50,000— 100,000.....	153	294	8,700
Less Than 50,000.....	72	136	6,000
Suburban and Other.....	3,228	0	49,000
TOTAL.....	7,352	3,649	100,000

Trend of Track and Route Mileage

TABLE NO. 22

Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route of the Transit Industry in the United States At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1953

AS OF DECEM- BER 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		
1935...	25,470	1,230	26,700	548	58,100
1940...	18,360	1,242	19,602	1,925	78,000
1945...	16,480	1,222	17,702	2,313	90,400
1950...	9,590	1,223	10,813	3,499	98,000
1951...	8,240	1,217	9,457	3,664	99,700
1952...	7,309	1,223	8,532	3,722	99,600
1953...	6,126	1,226	7,352	3,649	100,000

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