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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 FIFTEENTH annual edition of the Transit Fact Book compiled by the Statistical department of the American Transit Association. It is identified as the 1957 edition and covers the operations of the industry through the year 1956 with the latest plant and equipment data as of December 31, 1956. 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) inter-urban 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 differences between figures reported for 1955 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 earlier editions of the fact book.



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# THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY—1956

1. *Number of Operating Companies* (Dec. 31, 1956) : Total 1,326

(a) Electric Railway Companies (Total) .....	44
Urban Railway .....	20
(Subway and Elevated Railway .....	6)
Interurban Railway .....	24
Railway Exclusively .....	21
*Railway and Motor Bus Combined .....	11
*Railway, Motor Bus & Trolley Coach Combined..	12
(b) Trolley Coach Companies (Total) (All Urban)...	33
*Trolley Coach and Motor Bus Combined .....	21
(c) Motor Bus Companies (Total) .....	1,305
Urban Motor Bus .....	752
Suburban Motor Bus .....	553
Motor Bus Exclusively .....	1,261

\* 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	MOTOR BUS (Exclusively)	GRAND TOTAL
500,000 and over.....	16	2	14	32
250,000— 500,000.....	3	9	28	40
100,000— 250,000.....	0	7	70	77
50,000— 100,000.....	1	3	106	110
Less than 50,000.....	0	0	495	495
Suburban and Other.....	**24	0	548	572
TOTAL.....	44	21	1,261	1,326

\*\* Includes 17 companies which are 100% freight and/or switching operations.

2. Miles of Line and Miles of Route Operated (Dec. 31, 1956)	
(a) Electric Railway Line Mileage .....	2,780
Surface Railway Line Mileage .....	2,392
Subway and Elevated Line Mileage .....	388
(b) Trolley Coach Line Mileage .....	1,701
(c) Motor Bus Line Mileage .....	46,200
Total Line Mileage .....	50,680
(d) Electric Railway—Miles of Single Track .....	5,746
Surface Railway—Miles of Single Track .....	4,495
Subway and Elevated—Miles of Single Track .....	1,251
(e) Trolley Coach—Miles of Negative Overhead Wire .....	3,293
(f) Motor Bus—Miles of Route Round Trip .....	100,700
3. Passenger Vehicles Owned (Dec. 31, 1956): Total .. 70,373	
(a) Electric Railway Cars .....	13,225
Surface Railway Cars .....	3,970
Subway and Elevated Cars .....	9,255
(b) Trolley Coaches .....	5,748
(c) Motor Buses .....	51,400
4. Gross Investment (Dec. 31, 1956): Total .... \$3,797,000,000	
(a) Electric Railway .....	2,880,000,000
Surface Railway .....	577,000,000
Subway and Elevated .....	2,303,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	148,000,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	769,000,000
5. Operating Revenue—1956—Total ..... \$1,416,100,000	
(a) Electric Railway .....	410,800,000
Surface Railway .....	139,400,000
Subway and Elevated .....	271,400,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	127,600,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	877,700,000
6. Passenger Revenue—1956—Total ..... \$1,346,400,000	
(a) Electric Railway .....	376,600,000
Surface Railway .....	112,400,000
Subway and Elevated .....	264,200,000
(b) Trolley Coach .....	124,500,000
(c) Motor Bus .....	845,300,000

7. Vehicle Miles Operated—1956—Total .....		2,366,600,000
(a) Electric Railway Car Miles .....	520,000,000	
Surface Railway Car Miles .....	132,900,000	
Subway and Elevated Car Miles .....	387,100,000	
(b) Trolley Coach Miles .....	165,700,000	
(c) Motor Bus Miles .....	1,680,900,000	
8. Total Passengers Carried—1956—Total ....		10,941,000,000
(a) Electric Railway .....	2,756,000,000	
Surface Railway .....	876,000,000	
Subway and Elevated .....	1,880,000,000	
(b) Trolley Coach .....	1,142,000,000	
(c) Motor Bus .....	7,043,000,000	
9. Revenue Passengers Carried—1956—Total ..		8,756,000,000
(a) Electric Railway .....	2,374,000,000	
Surface Railway .....	625,000,000	
Subway and Elevated .....	1,748,000,000	
(b) Trolley Coach .....	814,000,000	
(c) Motor Bus .....	5,568,000,000	
10. Number of Employees (Average 1956)—Total		186,000
(a) Electric Railway .....	58,000	
Surface Railway .....	18,000	
Subway and Elevated .....	40,000	
(b) Trolley Coach .....	15,000	
(c) Motor Bus .....	113,000	
11. Pay Roll—1956—Total .....		\$ 852,000,000
(a) Electric Railway .....	265,000,000	
Surface Railway .....	84,000,000	
Subway and Elevated .....	181,000,000	
(b) Trolley Coach .....	70,000,000	
(c) Motor Bus .....	517,000,000	
12. Expenditures for Materials—1956—Total ... \$		185,700,000
(a) Maintenance Materials .....	96,200,000	
(b) Operating Materials .....	89,500,000	
I. Coal .....	14,100,000	
II. Gasoline .....	33,700,000	
III. Diesel Oil .....	16,500,000	
IV. Propane .....	2,000,000	
V. Lubricants .....	2,800,000	
VI. Electric Power (Purchased) .....	20,400,000	
13. Electrical Energy Consumed (Kw-Hr.)—1956		3,240,000,000

## Trend of Transit Operations

TABLE NO. 1

Results of Transit Operations in the United States  
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1956

YEAR	OPERATING REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	NET REVENUE	ALL TAXES
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)
1935.....	\$ 681,400	\$ 534,930	\$146,470	\$50,460
1940.....	737,000	598,030	138,970	62,690
1945.....	1,380,400	1,067,140	313,260	164,530
1950.....	1,452,100	1,296,690	155,410	89,040
1951.....	1,472,700	1,331,270	141,430	95,340
1952.....	1,501,300	1,369,560	131,740	101,990
1953.....	1,513,100	1,370,700	142,400	97,350
1954.....	1,471,800	1,337,260	134,540	89,700
1955.....	1,426,400	1,277,370	149,030	93,320
1956.....	1,416,100	1,271,480	144,620	88,930

Table 1—(Continued)

YEAR	OPERATING INCOME	PERCENT OF OPERATING REVENUE:		
		OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	ALL TAXES	OPERATING INCOME
	(Thousands)			
1935.....	\$ 96,010	78.50	7.41	14.09
1940.....	76,280	81.14	8.51	10.35
1945.....	148,730	77.31	11.92	10.77
1950.....	66,370	89.30	6.13	4.57
1951.....	46,090	90.40	6.47	3.13
1952.....	29,750	91.23	6.79	1.98
1953.....	45,050	90.59	6.43	2.98
1954.....	44,840	90.86	6.09	3.05
1955.....	55,710	89.55	6.54	3.91
1956.....	55,690	89.79	6.28	3.93

## Transit Taxes in 1956

TABLE NO. 2  
Transit Taxes in 1956

	AMOUNT	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Federal Taxes (Total).....	\$36,420,000	40.95
Income Taxes.....	16,480,000	18.53
Other Federal Taxes.....	19,940,000	22.42
State, County and Local Taxes.....	52,510,000	59.05
TOTAL TAXES.....	\$88,930,000	100.00

## Transit Traffic

TABLE NO. 3

Total Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States in 1956  
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	1,880	.....	.....	1,880
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	725	608	3,273	4,606
250,000— 500,000.....	33	349	1,172	1,554
100,000— 250,000.....	26	105	934	1,065
50,000— 100,000.....	32	45	773	850
Less Than 50,000.....	12	35	328	375
Suburban and Other.....	48	0	563	611
TOTAL.....	2,756	1,142	7,043	10,941

# 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 1950-1956

YEAR	RAPID TRANSIT (Millions)	SURFACE LINES						SUBURBAN AND OTHER (Millions)	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)	50,000-100,000 (Millions)		
1935	2,236	5,626	1,547	1,080	587	207	943	12,226	
1940	2,382	5,901	1,808	1,271	794	326	616	13,098	
1945	2,698	9,258	3,867	2,823	2,158	1,002	1,448	23,254	
1950	2,264	7,058	2,645	1,945	1,551	817	966	17,246	
1951	2,189	6,495	2,515	1,813	1,450	753	910	16,125	
1952	2,124	6,125	2,330	1,637	1,373	691	839	15,119	
1953	2,040	5,663	2,114	1,500	1,229	588	768	13,902	
1954	1,912	5,088	1,859	1,305	1,066	475	687	12,392	
1955	1,870	4,788	1,703	1,173	935	416	644	11,529	
1956	1,880	4,606	1,554	1,065	850	375	611	10,941	

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# Total Passengers (By Types of Service)

TABLE NO. 5  
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1956

CALENDAR 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
1954..	1,489	1,912	3,401	1,367	7,624	12,392
1955..	1,207	1,870	3,077	1,202	7,250	11,529
1956..	876	1,880	2,756	1,142	7,043	10,941

# Trend of Rides Per Capita

TABLE NO. 6  
Urban Population, Total Rides and Rides Per Capita  
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1956

YEAR	URBAN POPULATION (Millions)	TOTAL RIDES (Millions)	RIDES PER CAPITA OF POPULATION	INDEXES (1924=100)		
				POPULATION	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
1954..	92.0	12,392	135	153.1	76.0	49.8
1955..	93.2	11,529	124	155.1	70.7	45.8
1956..	93.3	10,941	117	155.2	67.1	43.2

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## Revenue Passengers 1956

**TABLE NO. 7**  
Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of United States in 1956  
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	1,749	.....	.....	1,749
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	500	403	2,465	3,368
250,000— 500,000.....	23	270	886	1,179
100,000— 250,000.....	19	82	765	866
50,000— 100,000.....	27	35	653	715
Less Than 50,000.....	10	24	290	324
Suburban and Other.....	46	0	509	555
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>2,374</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>5,568</b>	<b>8,756</b>

## 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 1950-1956

CAL- ENDAR 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
1954..	1,039.0	1,781.0	2,820.0	993.0	6,045.0	9,858.0
1955..	845.0	1,741.0	2,586.0	869.0	5,734.0	9,189.0
1956..	625.0	1,749.0	2,374.0	814.0	5,568.0	8,756.0

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## Monthly Operating Revenues

**TABLE NO. 9**  
Transit Operating Revenues by Months—1956, 1955 and 1954

	1956 (Thousands)	1955 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1956- 1955)	1954 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1955- 1954)
January.....	\$119,200	\$119,500	- 0.25	\$124,200	- 3.78
February.....	115,000	112,900	+ 1.86	118,900	- 5.05
March.....	124,100	126,100	- 1.59	129,500	- 2.63
April.....	119,200	124,000	- 3.87	128,300	- 3.35
May.....	123,500	121,700	+ 1.48	121,500	+ 0.16
June.....	114,700	116,100	- 1.21	119,000	- 2.44
July.....	111,000	107,800	+ 2.97	116,600	- 7.55
August.....	115,000	113,300	+ 1.50	115,500	- 1.90
September.....	106,400	111,200	- 4.32	113,600	- 2.11
October.....	123,200	120,000	+ 2.67	122,500	- 2.04
November.....	120,500	122,300	- 1.47	126,100	- 3.01
December.....	124,300	131,500	- 5.48	136,100	- 3.38
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,416,100</b>	<b>\$1,426,400</b>	<b>- 0.72</b>	<b>\$1,471,800</b>	<b>- 3.08</b>

## Transit Operating Revenues 1956

**TABLE NO. 10**  
Transit Operating Revenue for Year 1956 Distributed by Types of Service and  
Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	\$271.4	.....	.....	\$271.4
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	88.7	\$62.8	\$399.6	551.1
250,000— 500,000.....	3.9	41.1	146.5	191.5
100,000— 250,000.....	3.1	12.7	123.8	139.6
50,000— 100,000.....	3.9	6.1	90.2	100.2
Less Than 50,000.....	1.6	4.9	38.4	44.9
Suburban and Other.....	38.2	0	79.2	117.4
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$410.8</b>	<b>\$127.6</b>	<b>\$877.7</b>	<b>\$1,416.1</b>

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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 1950-1956

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	239.5	490.1	151.3	871.7	1,513.1
1954..	204.2	269.2	473.4	141.5	856.9	1,471.8
1955..	175.5	264.3	439.8	130.8	855.8	1,426.4
1956..	139.4	271.4	410.8	127.6	877.7	1,416.1

## 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 1950-1956

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	849.7	1,448.6
1954..	174.5	261.4	435.9	138.8	835.3	1,410.0
1955..	146.6	257.5	404.1	128.5	826.3	1,358.9
1956..	112.4	264.2	376.6	124.5	845.3	1,346.4

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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 1950-1956

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
1954..	215.1	376.3	591.4	196.7	1,760.7	2,548.8
1955..	178.3	382.8	561.1	176.5	1,709.9	2,447.5
1956..	132.9	387.1	520.0	165.7	1,680.9	2,366.6

## 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 1950-1956

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	KILOWATT HOURS (IN MILLIONS)					GENER- ATED	PUR- CHASED	COST OF PURCHASED POWER
	TOTAL CONSUMPTION				TOTAL			
	RAPID TRANSIT	SURFACE RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	TOTAL				
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)					
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	
1954..	1,780	1,080	790	3,650	1,510	2,140	24,646,000	
1955..	1,830	910	720	3,460	1,480	1,980	22,241,000	
1956..	1,860	700	680	3,240	1,450	1,790	20,393,000	

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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 1950-1956

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
1954.....	211,000	895,000,000	4,242
1955.....	198,000	864,000,000	4,364
1956.....	186,000	852,000,000	4,581

## New Equipment 1956

TABLE NO. 16

New Transit Equipment Delivered in 1956 Classified According to Population Group and Seating Capacity

POPULATION GROUP	SUBWAY & ELEVATED 50-55 SEATS	TROLLEY COACH 49 SEATS	MOTOR BUS (INTEGRAL ONLY)				GRAND TOTAL ALL VEHICLES
			29 SEATS OR LESS	30-39 SEATS	40 SEATS OR MORE	TOTAL	
500,000 and over..	376	0	0	0	1,679	1,679	2,055
250,000—500,000.	...	0	0	4	401	405	405
100,000—250,000.	...	0	0	24	242	266	266
50,000—100,000.	...	0	2	31	111	144	144
Less Than 50,000.	...	0	0	57	90	147	147
Suburban & Other..	...	0	6	46	66	118	118
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>2,589</b>	<b>2,759</b>	<b>3,135</b>

## Size of New Buses

TABLE NO. 17

Number of Buses in Each Size Class Delivered in the Years 1943-1956

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
1954.....	22	359	1,844	2,225
1955.....	8	229	1,861	2,098
1956.....	8	162	2,589	2,759

\*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 1956

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
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
1954..	0	260	260	0	2,225	2,485
1955..	0	288	288	43	2,098	2,429
1956..	0	376	376	0	2,759	3,135

\*Data for prior years not available.

## Transit Equipment Owned in 1956

TABLE NO. 19

Transit Passenger Equipment in 1956 Showing Types of Vehicles and Their Distribution by Population Groups

	RAILWAY CARS	TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
Subway and Elevated.....	9,255	.....	.....	9,255
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	2,995	2,379	19,600	24,974
250,000— 500,000.....	215	2,256	7,300	9,771
100,000— 250,000.....	105	582	7,800	8,487
50,000— 100,000.....	130	305	5,700	6,135
Less Than 50,000.....	100	226	5,800	6,126
Suburban and Other.....	425	0	5,200	5,625
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>13,225</b>	<b>5,748</b>	<b>51,400</b>	<b>70,373</b>

## 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 1950-1956

AS OF DECEMBER 31ST	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
1954..	6,400	9,200	15,600	6,598	54,000	76,198
1955..	5,300	9,232	14,532	6,157	52,400	73,089
1956..	3,970	9,255	13,225	5,748	51,400	70,373

## Track and Route Mileage 1956

TABLE NO. 21

Total Miles of Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route of the Transit Industry in the United States, 1956 Distributed by Population Groups

	RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS
Subway and Elevated.....	1,251	.....	.....
Surface Lines: (Population Group)			
500,000 and over.....	1,388	1,085	13,400
250,000— 500,000.....	41	1,439	12,800
100,000— 250,000.....	29	434	11,800
50,000— 100,000.....	64	203	8,400
Less Than 50,000.....	66	132	5,400
Suburban and Other.....	2,907	0	48,900
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>5,746</b>	<b>3,293</b>	<b>100,700</b>

## 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 1950-1956

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		
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	3,513	98,000
1951...	8,240	1,217	9,457	3,678	99,700
1952...	7,309	1,223	8,532	3,736	99,600
1953...	6,126	1,226	7,352	3,663	100,000
1954...	5,547	1,218	6,765	3,630	99,000
1955...	4,976	1,221	6,197	3,428	99,800
1956...	4,495	1,251	5,746	3,293	100,700

