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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 SIXTEENTH annual edition of the Transit Fact Book compiled by the Statistical department of the American Transit Association. It is identified as the 1958 edition and covers the operations of the industry through the year 1957 with the latest plant and equipment data as of December 31, 1957. 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.

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THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY—1957

1. Number of Operating Companies (Dec. 31, 1957) : Total	1,324
(a) Electric Railway Companies (Total)	40
Urban Railway	17
(Subway and Elevated Railway 6)	
Interurban Railway	23
Railway Exclusively	20
*Railway and Motor Bus Combined	9
*Railway, Motor Bus & Trolley Coach Combined..	11
(b) Trolley Coach Companies (Total) (All Urban)...	31
*Trolley Coach and Motor Bus Combined	20
(c) Motor Bus Companies (Total)	1,304
Urban Motor Bus	779
Suburban Motor Bus	525
Motor Bus Exclusively	1,264

* 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.....	15	2	13	30
250,000— 500,000.....	1	9	30	40
100,000— 250,000.....	0	6	73	79
50,000— 100,000.....	1	3	109	113
Less than 50,000.....	0	0	517	517
Suburban and Other.....	**23	0	522	545
TOTAL.....	40	20	1,264	1,324

** Includes 16 companies which are 100% freight and/or switching operations.

2. Miles of Line and Miles of Route Operated (Dec. 31, 1957)	
(a) Electric Railway Line Mileage	2,380
Surface Railway Line Mileage	1,996
Subway and Elevated Line Mileage	384
(b) Trolley Coach Line Mileage	1,570
(c) Motor Bus Line Mileage	47,200
Total Line Mileage	51,150
(d) Electric Railway—Miles of Single Track	5,019
Surface Railway—Miles of Single Track	3,774
Subway and Elevated—Miles of Single Track	1,245
(e) Trolley Coach—Miles of Negative Overhead Wire	3,007
(f) Motor Bus—Miles of Route Round Trip	102,400
3. Passenger Vehicles Owned (Dec. 31, 1957): Total ...	68,971
(a) Electric Railway Cars	12,759
Surface Railway Cars	3,601
Subway and Elevated Cars	9,158
(b) Trolley Coaches	5,412
(c) Motor Buses	50,800
4. Gross Investment (Dec. 31, 1957): Total	\$3,793,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	2,870,000,000
Surface Railway	485,000,000
Subway and Elevated	2,385,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	143,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	780,000,000
5. Operating Revenue—1957—Total	\$1,385,600,000
(a) Electric Railway	382,900,000
Surface Railway	115,300,000
Subway and Elevated	267,600,000
(b) Trolley Coach	116,400,000
(c) Motor Bus	886,300,000
6. Passenger Revenue—1957—Total	\$1,312,200,000
(a) Electric Railway	349,900,000
Surface Railway	89,400,000
Subway and Elevated	260,500,000
(b) Trolley Coach	112,700,000
(c) Motor Bus	849,600,000

7. Vehicle Miles Operated—1957—Total	2,289,500,000
(a) Electric Railway Car Miles	494,600,000
Surface Railway Car Miles	106,600,000
Subway and Elevated Car Miles	388,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach Miles	146,500,000
(c) Motor Bus Miles	1,648,400,000
8. Total Passengers Carried—1957—Total	10,389,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	2,522,000,000
Surface Railway	679,000,000
Subway and Elevated	1,843,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	993,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	6,874,000,000
9. Revenue Passengers Carried—1957—Total ..	8,338,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	2,197,000,000
Surface Railway	491,000,000
Subway and Elevated	1,706,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	703,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	5,438,000,000
10. Number of Employees (Average 1957)—Total	177,000
(a) Electric Railway	54,500
Surface Railway	16,000
Subway and Elevated	38,500
(b) Trolley Coach	13,500
(c) Motor Bus	109,000
11. Pay Roll—1957—Total	\$ 840,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	257,000,000
Surface Railway	77,000,000
Subway and Elevated	180,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	66,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	517,000,000
12. Expenditures for Materials—1957—Total ...	\$ 189,400,000
(a) Maintenance Materials	101,200,000
(b) Operating Materials	88,200,000
I. Coal	14,500,000
II. Gasoline	32,500,000
III. Diesel Oil	17,700,000
IV. Propane	2,400,000
V. Lubricants	2,800,000
VI. Electric Power (Purchased)	18,300,000
13. Electrical Energy Consumed (Kw-Hr.)—1957	3,040,000,000

Trend of Transit Operations

TABLE NO. 1

Results of Transit Operations in the United States
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1957

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
1957.....	1,385,600	1,263,690	121,910	83,770

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
1957.....	38,140	91.20	6.05	2.75

Transit Taxes in 1957

TABLE NO. 2
Transit Taxes in 1957

	AMOUNT	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Federal Taxes (Total).....	\$34,480,000	41.16
Income Taxes.....	13,480,000	16.09
Other Federal Taxes.....	21,000,000	25.07
State, County and Local Taxes.....	49,290,000	58.84
TOTAL TAXES.....	\$83,770,000	100.00

Transit Traffic

TABLE NO. 3
Total Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States in 1957
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	1,843	.....	.....	1,843
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	570	573	3,318	4,461
250,000— 500,000.....	10	270	1,136	1,416
100,000— 250,000.....	20	79	880	979
50,000— 100,000.....	27	40	712	779
Less Than 50,000.....	8	31	291	330
Suburban and Other.....	44	0	537	581
TOTAL.....	2,522	993	6,874	10,389

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 1950-1957

YEAR	RAPID TRANSIT (Millions)	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	2,236	5,626	1,547	1,080	587	907	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	1,065	416	644	11,599
1956	1,880	4,606	1,554	1,065	850	375	611	10,941
1957	1,843	4,461	1,416	979	779	330	581	10,389

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Total Passengers (By Types of Service)

TABLE NO. 5
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1957

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
1957..	679	1,843	2,522	993	6,874	10,389

Trend of Rides Per Capita

TABLE NO. 6
Urban Population, Total Rides and Rides Per Capita
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1957

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
1957..	93.4	10,389	111	155.4	63.7	41.0

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Revenue Passengers 1957

TABLE NO. 7
Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of United States in 1957
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	1,706	.....	.....	1,706
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	395	382	2,497	3,274
250,000— 500,000.....	8	208	862	1,078
100,000— 250,000.....	15	61	735	811
50,000— 100,000.....	23	31	601	655
Less Than 50,000.....	7	21	257	285
Suburban and Other.....	43	0	486	529
TOTAL.....	2,197	703	5,438	8,338

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 1950-1957

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
1957..	491.0	1,706.0	2,197.0	703.0	5,438.0	8,338.0

Monthly Operating Revenues

TABLE NO. 9
Transit Operating Revenues by Months—1957, 1956 and 1955

	1957 (Thousands)	1956 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1957- 1956)	1955 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1956- 1955)
January.....	\$120,400	\$119,200	+ 1.01	\$119,500	- 0.25
February.....	111,600	115,000	- 2.96	112,900	+ 1.86
March.....	118,700	124,100	- 4.35	126,100	- 1.59
April.....	121,400	119,200	+ 1.85	124,000	- 3.87
May.....	121,500	123,500	- 1.62	121,700	+ 1.48
June.....	109,900	114,700	- 4.19	116,100	- 1.21
July.....	113,500	111,000	+ 2.25	107,800	+ 2.97
August.....	112,800	115,000	- 1.91	113,300	+ 1.50
September.....	106,000	106,400	- 0.38	111,200	- 4.32
October.....	116,000	123,200	- 5.85	120,000	+ 2.67
November.....	114,100	120,500	- 5.31	122,300	- 1.47
December.....	119,700	124,300	- 3.70	131,500	- 5.48
TOTAL.....	\$1,385,600	\$1,416,100	- 2.15	\$1,426,400	- 0.72

Transit Operating Revenues 1957

TABLE NO. 10
Transit Operating Revenue for Year 1957 Distributed by Types of Service and
Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	\$267.6	.....	.....	\$267.6
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	70.4	\$61.1	\$415.4	546.9
250,000— 500,000.....	1.2	34.9	148.2	184.3
100,000— 250,000.....	2.4	10.0	122.4	134.8
50,000— 100,000.....	3.3	5.9	87.0	96.2
Less Than 50,000.....	1.1	4.5	35.3	40.9
Suburban and Other.....	36.9	0	78.0	114.9
TOTAL.....	\$382.9	\$116.4	\$886.3	\$1,385.6

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 1950-1957

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
1957..	115.3	267.6	382.9	116.4	886.3	1,385.6

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 1950-1957

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
1957..	89.4	260.5	349.9	112.7	849.6	1,312.2

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 1950-1957

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
1957..	106.6	388.0	494.6	146.5	1,648.4	2,289.5

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 1950-1957

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)	(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
1957..	1,880	560	600	3,040	1,440	1,600	18,294,000

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 1950-1957

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
1957.....	177,000	840,000,000	4,746

New Equipment 1957

TABLE NO. 16

New Transit Equipment Delivered in 1957 Classified According to Population Group and Seating Capacity

POPULATION GROUP	SUB-WAY & 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..	469	0	0	0	784	784	1,253
250,000—500,000.	...	0	0	0	407	407	407
100,000—250,000.	...	0	0	34	366	400	400
50,000—100,000.	...	0	0	12	57	69	69
Less Than 50,000.	...	0	0	53	98	151	151
Suburban & Other..	...	0	0	30	105	135	135
TOTAL.....	469	0	0	129	1,817	1,946	2,415

Size of New Buses

TABLE NO. 17
Number of Buses in Each Size Class Delivered in the Years 1943-1957

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
1957.....	0	129	1,817	1,946

*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 1957

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
1957..	0	469	469	0	1,946	2,415

*Data for prior years not available.

Transit Equipment Owned in 1957

TABLE NO. 19

Transit Passenger Equipment in 1957 Showing Types of Vehicles and Their Distribution by Population Groups

	RAILWAY CARS	TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
Subway and Elevated.....	9,158	.....	.....	9,158
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	2,699	2,316	19,700	24,715
250,000— 500,000.....	490	2,080	7,000	29,486
100,000— 250,000.....		484	7,800	
50,000— 100,000.....		304	5,400	
Less Than 50,000.....		228	5,700	
Suburban and Other.....	412	0	5,200	5,612
TOTAL.....	12,759	5,412	50,800	68,971

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 1950-1957

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
1957..	3,601	9,158	12,759	5,412	50,800	68,971

Track and Route Mileage 1957

TABLE NO. 21

Total Miles of Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route of the Transit Industry in the United States, 1957 Distributed by Population Groups

	RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS
Subway and Elevated.....	1,245	.....	.....
Surface Lines: (Population Group)			
500,000 and over.....	1,163	1,077	13,600
250,000— 500,000.....	167	1,276	13,300
100,000— 250,000.....		320	11,800
50,000— 100,000.....		203	8,400
Less Than 50,000.....		131	5,600
Suburban and Other.....	2,444	0	49,700
TOTAL.....	5,019	3,007	102,400

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 1950-1957

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
1957...	3,774	1,245	5,019	3,007	102,400

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