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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 FOURTEENTH annual edition of the Transit Fact Book compiled by the Statistical department of the American Transit Association. It is identified as the 1956 edition and covers the operations of the industry through the year 1955 with the latest plant and equipment data as of December 31, 1955. 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 differences between figures reported for 1954 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 1955 edition.



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THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY—1955

1. Number of Operating Companies (Dec. 31, 1955) : Total	1,483
(a) Electric Railway Companies (Total)	61
Urban Railway	26
(Subway and Elevated Railway	6)
Interurban Railway	35
Railway Exclusively	32
*Railway and Motor Bus Combined	14
*Railway, Motor Bus & Trolley Coach Combined..	15
(b) Trolley Coach Companies (Total) (All Urban)...	38
Trolley Coach Exclusively	1
*Trolley Coach and Motor Bus Combined	22
(c) Motor Bus Companies (Total)	1,450
Urban Motor Bus	816
Suburban Motor Bus	684
Motor Bus Exclusively	1,399

* 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	17	1	0	14	32
250,000— 500,000	6	7	0	28	41
100,000— 250,000	1	10	1	67	79
50,000— 100,000	2	4	0	107	113
Less than 50,000	0	0	0	555	555
Suburban and Other	**35	0	0	628	663
TOTAL....	61	22	1	1,399	1,483

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

2. Miles of Line and Miles of Route Operated (Dec. 31, 1955)	
(a) Electric Railway Line Mileage	3,404
Surface Railway Line Mileage	3,028
Subway and Elevated Line Mileage	376
(b) Trolley Coach Line Mileage	1,800
(c) Motor Bus Line Mileage	46,200
Total Line Mileage	51,404
(d) Electric Railway—Miles of Single Track	6,197
Surface Railway—Miles of Single Track.....	4,976
Subway and Elevated—Miles of Single Track..	1,221
(e) Trolley Coach—Miles of Negative Overhead Wire	3,428
(f) Motor Bus—Miles of Route Round Trip	99,800
3. Passenger Vehicles Owned (Dec. 31, 1955) : Total	73,089
(a) Electric Railway Cars	14,532
Surface Railway Cars	5,300
Subway and Elevated Cars	9,232
(b) Trolley Coaches	6,157
(c) Motor Buses	52,400
4. Gross Investment (Dec. 31, 1955) : Total	\$3,821,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	2,902,000,000
Surface Railway	616,000,000
Subway and Elevated	2,286,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	160,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	759,000,000
5. Operating Revenue—1955—Total	\$1,426,400,000
(a) Electric Railway	439,800,000
Surface Railway	175,500,000
Subway and Elevated	264,300,000
(b) Trolley Coach	130,800,000
(c) Motor Bus	855,800,000
6. Passenger Revenue—1955—Total	\$1,358,900,000
(a) Electric Railway	404,100,000
Surface Railway	146,600,000
Subway and Elevated	257,500,000
(b) Trolley Coach	128,500,000
(c) Motor Bus	826,300,000
7. Vehicle Miles Operated—1955—Total	2,447,500,000
(a) Electric Railway Car Miles	561,100,000
Surface Railway Car Miles	178,300,000
Subway and Elevated Car Miles	382,800,000
(b) Trolley Coach Miles	176,500,000
(c) Motor Bus Miles	1,709,900,000
8. Total Passengers Carried—1955—Total	11,529,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	3,077,000,000
Surface Railway	1,207,000,000
Subway and Elevated	1,870,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	1,202,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	7,250,000,000
9. Revenue Passengers Carried—1955—Total	9,189,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	2,586,000,000
Surface Railway	845,000,000
Subway and Elevated	1,741,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	869,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	5,734,000,000
10. Number of Employees (Average 1955)—Total	198,000
(a) Electric Railway	66,000
Surface Railway	25,000
Subway and Elevated	41,000
(b) Trolley Coach	16,000
(c) Motor Bus	116,000
11. Pay Roll—1955—Total	\$ 864,000,000
(a) Electric Railway	285,000,000
Surface Railway	108,000,000
Subway and Elevated	177,000,000
(b) Trolley Coach	70,000,000
(c) Motor Bus	509,000,000
12. Expenditures for Materials—1955—Total	\$ 180,400,000
(a) Maintenance Materials	89,000,000
(b) Operating Materials	91,400,000
I. Coal	13,100,000
II. Gasoline	36,300,000
III. Diesel Oil	15,000,000
IV. Propane	1,900,000
V. Lubricants	2,900,000
VI. Electric Power (Purchased)	22,200,000
13. Electrical Energy Consumed (Kw-Hr.)—1955	3,460,000,000

Transit Taxes in 1955

Trend of Transit Operations

TABLE NO. 1
Results of Transit Operations in the United States
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1955

YEAR	OPERATING REVENUE (Thousands)	OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.) (Thousands)	NET REVENUE (Thousands)	ALL TAXES (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

Table 1—(Continued)

YEAR	OPERATING INCOME (Thousands)	PERCENT OF OPERATING REVENUE:		
		OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	ALL TAXES	OPERATING INCOME
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

TABLE NO. 2
Transit Taxes in 1955

	AMOUNT	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Federal Taxes (Total).....	\$36,590,000	39.91
Income Taxes.....	15,869,000	17.00
Other Federal Taxes.....	20,721,000	22.21
State, County and Local Taxes.....	56,734,000	60.79
TOTAL TAXES.....	\$93,324,000	100.00

Transit Traffic

TABLE NO. 3

Total Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States in 1955
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	1,870	1,870
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	988	610	3,190	4,788
250,000— 500,000.....	66	380	1,257	1,703
100,000— 250,000.....	35	120	1,018	1,173
50,000— 100,000.....	45	52	838	935
Less Than 50,000.....	17	40	359	416
Suburban and Other.....	56	588	644
TOTAL.....	3,077	1,202	7,250	11,529

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 1950-1955

YEAR	RAPID TRANSIT (Millions)	SURFACE LINES			TOTAL (Millions)
		500,000 AND OVER (Millions)	250,000-500,000 (Millions)	100,000-250,000 (Millions)	
1935.....	2,236	5,926	1,547	1,080	9,296
1940.....	2,382	5,901	1,808	1,271	9,098
1945.....	2,698	9,258	3,867	2,823	23,254
1950.....	2,264	7,058	2,645	1,945	17,246
1951.....	2,189	6,495	2,515	1,813	16,125
1952.....	2,124	6,125	2,330	1,637	15,119
1953.....	2,040	5,663	2,114	1,500	13,902
1954.....	1,912	5,088	1,859	1,305	12,392
1955.....	1,870	4,788	1,703	1,173	11,529

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Total Passengers (By Types of Service)

TABLE NO. 5

At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1955

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

Trend of Rides Per Capita

TABLE NO. 6

Urban Population, Total Rides and Rides Per Capita
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1955

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

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Revenue Passengers 1955

TABLE NO. 7

Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of United States in 1955
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	1,741	1,741
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	672	413	2,393	3,478
250,000—500,000.....	43	294	949	1,286
100,000—250,000.....	26	94	833	953
50,000—100,000.....	37	40	709	786
Less Than 50,000.....	14	28	318	360
Suburban and Other.....	53	532	585
TOTAL.....	2,586	869	5,734	9,189

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 1950-1955

CAL- EN- DAR 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	1,961.0	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

Monthly Operating Revenues

TABLE NO. 9

Transit Operating Revenues by Months—1955, 1954 and 1953

	1955 (Thousands)	1954 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1955- 1954)	1953 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1954- 1953)
January.....	\$119,500	\$124,200	- 3.78	\$125,700	- 1.19
February.....	112,900	118,900	- 5.05	118,700	+ 0.17
March.....	126,100	129,500	- 2.63	129,300	+ 0.15
April.....	124,000	128,300	- 3.35	129,100	- 0.62
May.....	121,700	121,500	+ 0.16	126,500	- 3.95
June.....	116,100	119,000	- 2.44	121,000	- 1.65
July.....	107,800	116,600	- 7.55	120,500	- 3.24
August.....	113,300	115,500	- 1.90	121,400	- 4.86
September.....	111,200	113,600	- 2.11	118,400	- 4.06
October.....	120,000	122,500	- 2.04	139,800	- 7.76
November.....	122,300	126,100	- 3.01	127,600	- 1.18
December.....	131,500	136,100	- 3.38	142,100	- 4.22
TOTAL.....	\$1,426,400	\$1,471,800	- 3.08	\$1,513,100	- 2.73

Transit Operating Revenues 1955

TABLE NO. 10

Transit Operating Revenue for Year 1955 Distributed by Types of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated.....	\$264.3	\$264.3
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over.....	116.7	\$63.0	\$371.6	551.3
250,000—500,000.....	7.0	42.4	145.2	194.6
100,000—250,000.....	3.8	13.4	128.4	145.6
50,000—100,000.....	5.3	6.6	93.0	104.9
Less Than 50,000.....	2.2	5.4	38.7	46.3
Suburban and Other.....	40.5	0	78.9	119.4
TOTAL.....	\$439.8	\$130.8	\$855.8	\$1,426.4

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 1950-1955

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..	397.8	128.3	526.1	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	1,479.7
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

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 1950-1955

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

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 1950-1955

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	193.8	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

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 1950-1955

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	KILOWATT HOURS (IN MILLIONS)					COST OF PURCHASED POWER	
	TOTAL CONSUMPTION				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	2,955	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 34,991,000	
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 22,941,000	

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 1950-1955

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	4,249
1955.....	198,000	864,000,000	4,364

Size of New Buses

TABLE NO. 17

Number of Buses in Each Size Class Delivered in the Years 1943-1955

YEAR	29 SEATS OR LESS	30-39 SEATS	40 SEATS OR MORE	TOTAL
1943.....	847	179	925	1,951
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	19,099
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	4,559
1952.....	36	548	1,165	1,749
1953.....	30	499	1,717	2,246
1954.....	22	359	1,844	2,225
1955.....	8	929	1,861	2,098

*Data for prior years not available.

New Equipment 1955

TABLE NO. 16

New Transit Equipment Delivered in 1955 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..	288	43	0	46	1,127	1,173	1,504
250,000-500,000.	0	1	332	333	333
100,000-250,000.	0	20	131	151	151
50,000-100,000.	1	51	33	85	85
Less Than 50,000.	0	52	40	92	92
Suburban & Other..	7	59	198	264	264
TOTAL.....	288	43	8	999	1,861	2,098	2,429

Trend of New Equipment

TABLE NO. 18

New Passenger Equipment Delivered to Transit Companies in the United States—Annually 1940 to 1955

CALENDAR 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

*Data for prior years not available.

Transit Equipment Owned in 1955

TABLE NO. 19

Transit Passenger Equipment in 1955 Showing Types of Vehicles and Their Distribution by Population Groups

	RAILWAY CARS	TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
Subway and Elevated	9,932	9,932
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over	4,100	2,513	19,100	25,713
250,000— 500,000	390	2,381	7,400	10,171
100,000— 250,000	115	680	8,100	8,895
50,000— 100,000	155	345	6,100	6,600
Less Than 50,000	110	238	6,200	6,548
Suburban and Other	430	0	5,500	5,930
TOTAL	14,532	6,157	52,400	73,089

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 1950-1955

AS OF DECEM- BER 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	10,917	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	85,395
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

Track and Route Mileage 1955

TABLE NO. 21

Total Miles of Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route
of the Transit Industry in the United States, 1955
Distributed by Population Groups

	RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS
Subway and Elevated	1,921
Surface Lines: (Population Group)			
500,000 and over	1,742	1,087	13,000
250,000— 500,000	130	1,435	12,700
100,000— 250,000	45	501	11,800
50,000— 100,000	84	272	8,500
Less Than 50,000	68	133	5,400
Suburban and Other	2,907	0	48,400
TOTAL	6,197	3,428	99,800

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 1950-1955

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	1,930	26,700	548	58,100
1940..	18,360	1,242	19,602	1,925	78,000
1945..	16,480	1,922	17,702	2,313	90,400
1950..	9,590	1,293	10,813	3,513	98,000
1951..	8,940	1,917	9,457	3,678	99,700
1952..	7,309	1,923	8,532	3,736	99,600
1953..	6,126	1,926	7,352	3,663	100,000
1954..	5,547	1,218	6,765	3,630	99,000
1955..	4,976	1,921	6,197	3,428	99,800

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