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TRANSIT FACT BOOK

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AMERICAN TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

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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 EIGHTH annual edition of the Transit Fact Book compiled by the Statistical department of the American Transit Association. It is identified as the 1950 edition and covers the operations of the industry through the year 1949 with the latest plant and equipment data as of December 31, 1949. 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 for the year ending December 31, 1948 as shown in this issue of the Fact Book and as published in the 1949 edition are the result of adjustments necessary to take into account additional information received subsequent to the issuance of the 1949 edition.



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THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY— 1949

1. <i>Number of Operating Companies</i> (Dec. 31, 1949) :	Total	1,493
(a) Electric Railway Companies (Total)		
	102	
Urban Railway	48	
(Subway and Elevated Railway 5)		
Interurban Railway	54	
Railway Exclusively	57	
* Railway and Motor Bus Combined	24	
Railway and Trolley Coach Combined	1	
* Railway, Motor Bus & Trolley Coach Combine	20	
(b) Trolley Coach Companies (Total) (All Urban)		
	42	
Trolley Coach Exclusively	2	
* Trolley Coach and Motor Bus Combined	19	
(c) Motor Bus Companies (Total)		
	1,433	
Urban Motor Bus	797	
Suburban Motor Bus	636	
Motor Bus Exclusively	1,370	

**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	10	..	..	14	24
500,000—1,000,000	10	..	..	2	12
250,000—500,000	12	7	..	31	50
100,000—250,000	5	8	2	64	79
50,000—100,000	8	3	..	104	115
Less than 50,000	3	1	..	524	528
Suburban and Other	54	..	..	631	685
TOTAL	102	19	2	1370	1493

2.	<i>Miles of Line and Miles of Route Operated (Dec. 31, 1949)</i>	
(a)	Electric Railway Line Mileage	6,091
	Surface Railway Line Mileage	5,707
	Subway and Elevated Line Mileage	384
(b)	Trolley Coach Line Mileage	1,744
(c)	Motor Bus Line Mileage	42,141
	Total Line Mileage	49,976
(d)	Electric Railway—Miles of Single Track	11,962
	Surface Railway—Miles of Single Track	10,704
	Subway and Elevated—Miles of Single Track	1,258
(e)	Trolley Coach—Miles of Negative Overhead Wire	3,388
(f)	Motor Bus—Miles of Route Round Trip	96,432
3.	<i>Passenger Vehicles Owned (Dec. 31, 1949) : Total</i>	88,747
(a)	Electric Railway Cars	25,374
	Surface Railway Cars	15,505
	Subway and Elevated Cars	9,869
(b)	Trolley Coaches	6,338
(c)	Motor Buses	57,035
4.	<i>Investment (Dec. 31, 1949) : Total</i>	\$3,940,000,000
(a)	Electric Railway	3,110,000,000
	Surface Railway	998,000,000
	Subway and Elevated	2,112,000,000
(b)	Trolley Coach	137,000,000
(c)	Motor Bus	693,000,000
5.	<i>Operating Revenue—1949—Total</i>	\$1,490,900,000
(a)	Electric Railway	620,500,000
	Surface Railway	397,500,000
	Subway and Elevated	223,000,000
(b)	Trolley Coach	112,000,000
(c)	Motor Bus	758,400,000
6.	<i>Passenger Revenue—1949—Total</i>	\$1,419,700,000
(a)	Electric Railway	569,700,000
	Surface Railway	352,200,000
	Subway and Elevated	217,500,000
(b)	Trolley Coach	110,800,000
(c)	Motor Bus	739,200,000

7.	<i>Vehicle Miles Operated—1949—Total</i>	3,183,600,000
	(a) Electric Railway Car Miles	1,015,400,000
	Surface Railway Car Miles	555,400,000
	Subway and Elevated Car Miles	460,000,000
	(b) Trolley Coach Miles	200,000,000
	(c) Motor Bus Miles	1,968,200,000
8.	<i>Total Passengers Carried—1949—Total</i>	19,008,000,000
	(a) Electric Railway	7,185,000,000
	Surface Railway	4,839,000,000
	Subway and Elevated	2,346,000,000
	(b) Trolley Coach	1,661,000,000
	(c) Motor Bus	10,162,000,000
9.	<i>Revenue Passengers Carried—1949—Total</i>	15,251,000,000
	(a) Electric Railway	5,683,000,000
	Surface Railway	3,480,000,000
	Subway and Elevated	2,203,000,000
	(b) Trolley Coach	1,268,000,000
	(c) Motor Bus	8,300,000,000
10.	<i>Number of Employees (Average 1949)—Total</i>	253,000
	(a) Electric Railway	98,000
	Surface Railway	58,000
	Subway and Elevated	40,000
	(b) Trolley Coach	15,000
	(c) Motor Bus	140,000
11.	<i>Pay Roll—1949—Total</i>	\$ 841,000,000
	(a) Electric Railway	345,000,000
	Surface Railway	207,000,000
	Subway and Elevated	138,000,000
	(b) Trolley Coach	50,000,000
	(c) Motor Bus	446,000,000
12.	<i>Expenditures for Materials—1949—Total</i>	\$ 218,322,000
	(a) Maintenance Materials	89,800,000
	(b) Operating Materials	128,522,000
	I. Coal	18,500,000
	II. Gasoline	59,300,000
	III. Diesel Oil	10,600,000
	IV. Lubricants	3,557,000
	V. Electric Power (Purchased)	36,565,000
13.	<i>Electrical Energy Consumed (Kw-Hr.) —1949.</i>	5,519,000,000

Trend of Transit Operations

1939-1949

TABLE NO. 1

**Results of Transit Operations in the United States
1939 to 1949 Inclusive**

YEAR	OPERATING REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	NET REVENUE	ALL TAXES
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)
1939	720,700	586,600	134,100	67,499
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

Table 1- (Continued)

YEAR	OPERATING INCOME	PERCENT OF OPERATING REVENUE:		
		OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	ALL TAXES	OPERATING INCOME
	(Thousands)			
1939	66,601	81.39	9.37	9.24
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

Transit Taxes in 1949

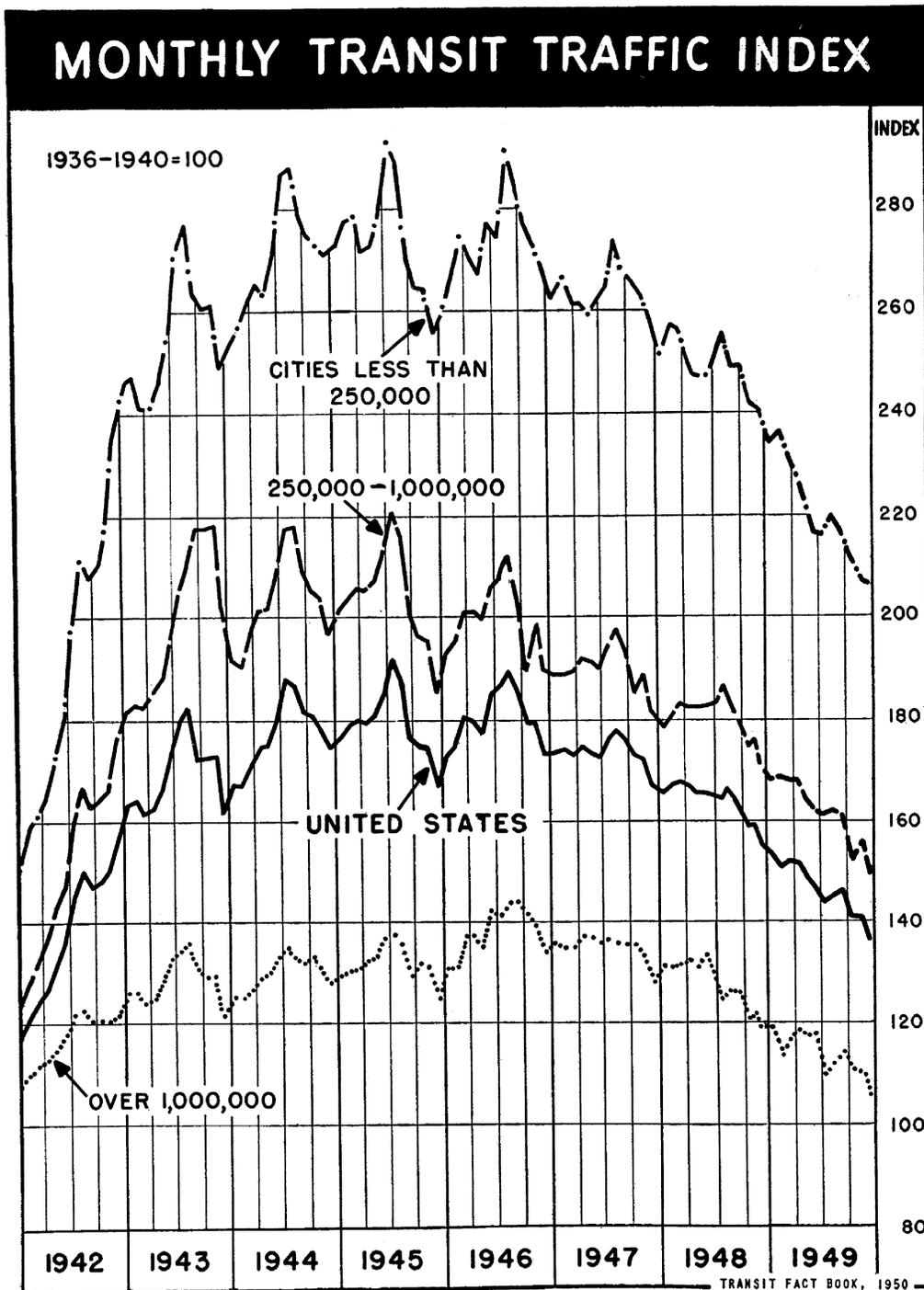
TABLE NO. 2
Transit Taxes in 1949

	AMOUNT	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Federal Taxes (Total)	\$23,267,000	26.17%
Income Taxes	9,389,000	10.56
Other Federal Taxes	13,878,000	15.61
State, County and Local Taxes	65,641,000	73.83
TOTAL TAXES	\$88,908,000	100.00%

Transit Traffic

TABLE NO. 3
Total Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States in 1949
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated	2,346	. . . . .	. . . . .	2,346
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
Over 1,000,000	2,185	231	2,488	4,904
500,000—1,000,000	1,473	308	1,143	2,924
250,000—500,000	545	682	1,718	2,945
100,000—250,000	170	228	1,774	2,172
50,000—100,000	214	137	1,394	1,745
Less Than 50,000	62	75	768	905
Suburban and Other	190	. . . . .	877	1,067
TOTAL	7,185	1,661	10,162	19,008



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 1939-1949

TABLE NO. 4

Total Transit Passengers in the United States by Types of Service—1939 to 1949

CALENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY & ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1939 ..	6,171	2,368	8,539	445	3,853	12,837
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

Rides Per Capita 1939-1949

TABLE NO. 5

**Urban Population, Total Rides and Rides Per Capita
1939 to 1949 Inclusive**

YEAR	URBAN POPULATION (Millions)	TOTAL RIDES (Millions)	RIDES PER CAPITA OF POPULATION	INDEXES (1924=100)		
				POPULATION	RIDES	RIDES PER CAPITA
1939 ..	73.9	12,837	174	123.0	78.7	64.2
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

Revenue Passengers 1949

TABLE NO. 6

**Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of United States in 1949
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups**

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated	2,203	. . . . .	. . . . .	2,203
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
Over 1,000,000	1,523	144	2,092	3,759
500,000—1,000,000	1,025	230	747	2,002
250,000—500,000	383	538	1,310	2,231
100,000—250,000	128	191	1,455	1,774
50,000—100,000	192	111	1,193	1,496
Less Than 50,000	56	54	701	811
Suburban and Other	173	. . . . .	802	975
TOTAL	5,683	1,268	8,300	15,251

Revenue Passengers 1939-1949

TABLE NO. 7

**Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States Distributed by
Types of Service—1939-1949**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1939 ..	4,310.4	2,289.8	6,600.2	357.8	3,294.3	10,252.3
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

Monthly Operating Revenues

TABLE NO. 8
Transit Operating Revenues by Months—1949, 1948 and 1947

	1949 (Thousands)	1948 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1949- 1948)	1947 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1948- 1947)
January	\$128,300	\$119,500	+ 7.36%	118,900	+ 0.50%
February	117,000	111,100	+ 5.31	108,200	+ 2.68
March	129,600	121,800	+ 6.40	115,600	+ 5.36
April	130,000	119,900	+ 9.09	117,800	+ 1.78
May	127,300	120,600	+ 5.55	119,800	+ 0.67
June	121,600	118,600	+ 2.53	112,200	+ 5.70
July	116,100	124,300	- 6.60	112,200	+10.78
August	121,300	125,100	- 3.04	113,100	+10.61
September	116,500	122,100	- 4.59	110,700	+10.30
October	124,700	131,300	- 5.03	119,300	+10.06
November	123,800	130,600	- 5.21	115,400	+13.17
December	134,700	143,700	- 6.26	127,600	+12.62
TOTAL	\$1,490,900	\$1,488,600	+ 0.15%	\$1,390,800	+7.03%

Transit Operating Revenues 1949

TABLE NO. 9
Transit Operating Revenue for Year 1949 Distributed by Types of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated	\$223.0	.....	.....	\$223.0
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
Over 1,000,000	165.2	\$14.3	\$182.1	361.6
500,000—1,000,000	98.0	19.3	78.7	196.0
250,000—500,000	40.9	46.6	123.4	210.9
100,000—250,000	12.9	16.3	141.2	170.4
50,000—100,000	17.2	9.5	94.8	121.5
Less Than 50,000	4.6	6.0	56.5	67.1
Suburban and Other	58.7	.....	81.7	140.4
TOTAL	\$620.5	\$112.0	\$758.4	\$1,490.9

Trend of Operating Revenue 1939-1949

TABLE NO. 10

**Trend and Distribution of Transit Operating Revenue in the United States by
Types of Service—1939-1949**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1939 ..	\$332.8	\$132.9	\$465.7	\$21.7	\$223.3	\$720.7
1940 ..	327.1	129.0	456.1	25.0	255.9	737.0
1941 ..	332.9	133.6	466.5	34.5	299.3	800.3
1942 ..	412.7	144.3	557.0	48.6	434.4	1,040.0
1943 ..	537.0	149.0	686.0	63.7	544.3	1,294.0
1944 ..	562.1	147.5	709.6	67.5	585.2	1,362.3
1945 ..	558.2	151.3	709.5	68.4	602.5	1,380.4
1946 ..	540.5	160.6	701.1	72.1	623.9	1,397.1
1947 ..	508.3	158.7	667.0	76.8	647.0	1,390.8
1948 ..	471.9	194.4	666.3	90.5	731.8	1,488.6
1949 ..	397.5	223.0	620.5	112.0	758.4	1,490.9

Trend of Passenger Revenue 1939-1949

TABLE NO. 11

**Trend and Distribution of Transit Passenger Revenue in the United States by
Types of Service—1939-1949**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1939 ..	\$303.7	\$130.0	\$433.7	\$21.6	\$226.2	\$681.5
1940 ..	299.0	128.8	427.8	24.9	248.8	701.5
1941 ..	301.8	131.7	433.5	34.3	291.0	758.8
1942 ..	365.0	139.7	504.7	48.4	426.0	.979.1
1943 ..	490.6	147.5	638.1	63.3	534.2	1,235.6
1944 ..	509.0	146.5	655.5	67.1	574.3	1,296.9
1945 ..	504.9	150.8	655.7	68.0	590.0	1,313.7
1946 ..	488.8	160.1	648.9	71.7	610.9	1,331.5
1947 ..	457.4	158.3	615.7	76.5	618.5	1,310.7
1948 ..	421.8	191.8	613.6	89.7	713.5	1,416.8
1949 ..	352.2	217.5	569.7	110.8	739.2	1,419.7

Vehicle Miles

TABLE NO. 12
Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated in the United States by Each Type of Transit Vehicle—1939-1949

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1939 ..	878.3	469.4	1,347.7	74.9	1,047.4	2,470.0
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

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—1939-1949

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	KILOWATT HOURS (IN MILLIONS)						COST OF PURCHASED POWER
	TOTAL CONSUMPTION				GENER- ATED	PUR- CHASED	
	RAPID TRANSIT	SURFACE RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	TOTAL			
1939 ..	1,971	4,203	225	6,399	2,164	4,235	\$38,962,000
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

Employment and Payroll

TABLE NO. 14

Number of Employees Annual Payroll and Average Annual Earnings per Employee in the Transit Business of the United States, 1939-1949

YEAR	AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	PAYROLL	AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE
1939	204,000	\$356,000,000	\$1,745
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

New Equipment 1949

TABLE NO. 15

New Transit Equipment Delivered in 1949 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 ...	411	102	122	....	300	759	1,059	1,694
500,000— 1,000,000 .....	...	99	263	37	124	207	368	730
250,000—500,000	...	50	241	23	130	249	402	693
100,000—250,000	...	....	50	4	80	287	371	421
50,000—100,000	...	....	1	30	248	78	356	357
Less than 50,000	...	....	....	138	243	82	463	463
Suburban & Other	...	22	....	57	219	63	339	361
TOTAL	411	273	677	289	1,344	1,725	3,358	4,719

Size of New Buses 1943-1949

TABLE NO. 16
Number of Buses in Each Size Class
Delivered in the Years 1943-1949

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

New Equipment 1939-1949

TABLE NO. 17
New Passenger Equipment Delivered to Transit Companies in the United States-
1939 to 1949

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY CARS			TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY & ELEVATED	TOTAL			
1939 ..	371	150	521	587	3,918	5,026
1940 ..	463	15	478	310	3,984	4,772
1941 ..	462	0	462	411	5,600	6,473
1942 ..	284	0	284	336	7,200	7,820
1943 ..	32	0	32	117	1,251	1,400
1944 ..	284	0	284	55	3,807	4,146
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	206	684	1,430	7,009	9,123
1949 ..	276	411	684	677	3,358	4,719

Equipment Owned in 1949

TABLE NO. 18
**Transit Passenger Equipment in 1949 Showing Types of Vehicles and Their
 Distribution by Population Groups**

	RAILWAY CARS	TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
Subway and Elevated	9,869	. . . . .	. . . . .	9,869
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
Over 1,000,000	6,698	870	10,968	18,536
500,000—1,000,000	4,756	1,267	6,890	12,913
250,000— 500,000	2,038	2,806	8,257	13,101
100,000— 250,000	338	836	10,097	11,271
50,000— 100,000	489	362	7,658	8,509
Less Than 50,000	300	197	7,722	8,219
Suburban and Other	886	. . . . .	5,443	6,329
TOTAL	25,374	6,338	57,035	88,747

Transit Equipment 1939-1949

TABLE NO. 19
Trends of Transit Passenger Equipment in the United States—1939 to 1949

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY CARS			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
1939 ..	29,320	11,052	40,372	2,184	32,600	75,156
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

TABLE NO. 20

Transit Passenger Equipment Showing Types of Vehicles and Their Distribution by Population Groups—1944 to 1949 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	LESS THAN 50,000	SUBURBAN AND OTHER	
RAILWAY CARS									
1944 ..	10,219	9,700	6,380	4,570	2,220	1,630	900	1,780	37,399
1945 ..	10,217	9,620	6,420	4,420	1,960	1,610	890	1,760	36,897
1946 ..	9,429	9,080	6,270	4,180	1,560	1,430	710	1,500	34,159
1947 ..	9,370	8,778	5,868	3,751	677	834	524	1,175	30,977
1948 ..	9,456	7,544	5,177	2,583	490	568	330	886	27,034
1949 ..	9,869	6,698	4,756	2,038	338	489	300	886	25,374
TROLLEY COACHES									
1944 ..	.....	234	479	1,533	702	370	243	.....	3,561
1945 ..	.....	234	490	1,647	724	373	243	.....	3,711
1946 ..	.....	234	529	1,783	751	383	236	.....	3,916
1947 ..	.....	338	654	2,279	831	397	208	.....	4,707
1948 ..	.....	752	1,007	2,590	780	363	195	.....	5,687
1949 ..	.....	870	1,267	2,806	836	362	197	.....	6,338
MOTOR BUSES									
1944 ..	.....	9,080	5,680	7,050	8,370	7,620	6,510	4,090	48,400
1945 ..	.....	9,270	5,650	6,520	8,730	7,680	7,060	4,760	49,670
1946 ..	.....	10,140	5,930	6,920	9,450	7,520	7,380	5,110	52,450
1947 ..	.....	10,572	6,847	8,150	10,266	7,917	7,723	5,442	56,917
1948 ..	.....	11,672	7,175	8,357	10,510	7,749	7,653	5,424	58,540
1949 ..	.....	10,968	6,890	8,257	10,097	7,658	7,722	5,443	57,035
TOTAL ALL VEHICLES									
1944 ..	10,219	19,014	12,539	13,153	11,292	9,620	7,653	5,870	89,360
1945 ..	10,217	19,124	12,560	12,587	11,414	9,663	8,193	6,520	90,278
1946 ..	9,429	19,454	12,729	12,883	11,761	9,333	8,326	6,610	90,525
1947 ..	9,370	19,688	13,369	14,180	11,774	9,148	8,455	6,617	92,601
1948 ..	9,456	19,968	13,359	13,530	11,780	8,680	8,178	6,310	91,261
1949 ..	9,869	18,536	12,913	13,101	11,271	8,509	8,219	6,329	88,747

Track and Route Mileage 1949

TABLE NO. 21

**Total Miles of Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route
of the Transit Industry in the United States, 1949
Distributed by Population Groups**

	RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS
Subway and Elevated	1,258	. . . . .	. . . . .
Surface Lines: (Population Group)			
Over 1,000,000	2,273	305	6,512
500,000—1,000,000	1,590	446	4,177
250,000—500,000	1,180	1,620	10,684
100,000—250,000	334	599	12,325
50,000—100,000	475	312	8,857
Less Than 50,000	156	106	5,968
Suburban and Other	4,696	. . . . .	47,909
TOTAL	11,962	3,388	96,432

Track and Route Mileage 1939-1949

TABLE NO. 22

**Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route of the Transit
Industry in the United States, 1939-1949**

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		
1939 ..	19,300	1,300	20,600	1,543	74,300
1940 ..	18,360	1,240	19,600	1,925	78,000
1941 ..	17,100	1,250	18,350	2,098	82,100
1942 ..	16,950	1,250	18,200	2,330	85,500
1943 ..	16,950	1,260	18,210	2,305	87,000
1944 ..	16,860	1,252	18,112	2,302	87,700
1945 ..	16,480	1,252	17,732	2,370	90,400
1946 ..	15,490	1,252	16,742	2,411	91,150
1947 ..	13,750	1,252	15,002	2,809	95,350
1948 ..	11,742	1,251	12,993	3,017	96,473
1949 ..	10,704	1,258	11,962	3,388	96,432

