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TRANSIT FACT BOOK

1955 EDITION



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

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THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY – 1954

1.	Number of Operating Companies (Dec. 31, 1954):	Total 1,587
(a)	Electric Railway Companies (Total)	65
	Urban Railway	27
	(Subway and Elevated Railway 5)	
	Interurban Railway	38
	Railway Exclusively	35
	* Railway and Motor Bus Combined	16
	* 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	24
(c)	Motor Bus Companies (Total)	1,550
	Urban Motor Bus	867
	Suburban Motor Bus	683
	Motor Bus Exclusively	1,496

* 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	16	2	0	13	31
250,000— 500,000	7	8	0	27	42
100,000— 250,000	1	11	2	67	81
50,000— 100,000	3	3	0	105	111
Less than 50,000	0	0	0	607	607
Suburban and Other	**38	0	0	677	715
TOTAL	65	24	2	1,496	1,587

** Includes 28 companies which are 100 % freight and/or switching operations.

2.	<i>Miles of Line and Miles of Route Operated (Dec. 31, 1954)</i>	
(a)	Electric Railway Line Mileage	3,712
	Surface Railway Line Mileage	3,342
	Subway and Elevated Line Mileage	370
(b)	Trolley Coach Line Mileage	1,878
(c)	Motor Bus Line Mileage	45,800
	Total Line Mileage	51,390
(d)	Electric Railway—Miles of Single Track	6,765
	Surface Railway—Miles of Single Track	5,547
	Subway and Elevated—Miles of Single Track	1,218
(e)	Trolley Coach—Miles of Negative Overhead Wire	3,630
(f)	Motor Bus—Miles of Route Round Trip	99,000
3.	<i>Passenger Vehicles Owned (Dec. 31, 1954) : Total</i>	76,198
(a)	Electric Railway Cars	15,600
	Surface Railway Cars	6,400
	Subway and Elevated Cars	9,200
(b)	Trolley Coaches	6,598
(c)	Motor Buses	54,000
4.	<i>Gross Investment (Dec. 31, 1954) : Total</i>	\$3,863,000,000
(a)	Electric Railway	2,942,000,000
	Surface Railway	692,000,000
	Subway and Elevated	2,250,000,000
(b)	Trolley Coach	165,000,000
(c)	Motor Bus	756,000,000
5.	<i>Operating Revenue—1954—Total</i>	\$1,471,800,000
(a)	Electric Railway	473,400,000
	Surface Railway	204,200,000
	Subway and Elevated	269,200,000
(b)	Trolley Coach	141,500,000
(c)	Motor Bus	856,900,000
6.	<i>Passenger Revenue—1954—Total</i>	\$1,410,000,000
(a)	Electric Railway	435,900,000
	Surface Railway	174,500,000
	Subway and Elevated	261,400,000
(b)	Trolley Coach	138,800,000
(c)	Motor Bus	835,300,000

7.	<i>Vehicle Miles Operated—1954—Total</i>	2,548,800,000
	(a) Electric Railway Car Miles	591,400,000
	Surface Railway Car Miles	215,800,000
	Subway and Elevated Car Miles	375,600,000
	(b) Trolley Coach Miles	196,700,000
	(c) Motor Bus Miles	1,760,700,000
8.	<i>Total Passengers Carried—1954—Total</i>	12,392,000,000
	(a) Electric Railway	3,401,000,000
	Surface Railway	1,489,000,000
	Subway and Elevated	1,912,000,000
	(b) Trolley Coach	1,367,000,000
	(c) Motor Bus	7,624,000,000
9.	<i>Revenue Passengers Carried—1954—Total</i>	9,858,000,000
	(a) Electric Railway	2,820,000,000
	Surface Railway	1,053,000,000
	Subway and Elevated	1,767,000,000
	(b) Trolley Coach	993,000,000
	(c) Motor Bus	6,045,000,000
10.	<i>Number of Employees (Average 1954)—Total</i>	211,000
	(a) Electric Railway	71,000
	Surface Railway	29,000
	Subway and Elevated	42,000
	(b) Trolley Coach	18,000
	(c) Motor Bus	122,000
11.	<i>Pay Roll—1954—Total</i>	\$ 895,000,000
	(a) Electric Railway	302,000,000
	Surface Railway	123,000,000
	Subway and Elevated	179,000,000
	(b) Trolley Coach	75,000,000
	(c) Motor Bus	518,000,000
12.	<i>Expenditures for Materials—1954—Total</i>	\$ 194,800,000
	(a) Maintenance Materials	96,000,000
	(b) Operating Materials	98,800,000
	I. Coal	12,900,000
	II. Gasoline	42,000,000
	III. Diesel Oil	14,500,000
	IV. Propane	1,600,000
	V. Lubricants	3,200,000
	VI. Electric Power (Purchased)	24,600,000
13.	<i>Electrical Energy Consumed (Kw-Hr.)—1954</i>	3,650,000,000

Trend of Transit Operations

Table No. 1
Results of Transit Operations in the United States
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1954

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

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

Transit Taxes in 1954

TABLE NO. 2
Transit Taxes in 1954

	AMOUNT	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Federal Taxes (Total)	\$31,850,000	35.51
Income Taxes	11,320,000	12.62
Other Federal Taxes	20,530,000	22.89
State, County and Local Taxes	57,850,000	64.49
TOTAL TAXES	\$89,700,000	100.00

Transit Traffic

TABLE NO. 3
Total Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States in 1954
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated	1,912	.....	.....	1,912
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over	1,204	643	3,241	5,088
250,000— 500,000	97	463	1,299	1,859
100,000— 250,000	44	142	1,119	1,305
50,000— 100,000	60	69	937	1,066
Less Than 50,000	20	50	405	475
Suburban and Other	64	.....	623	687
TOTAL	3,401	1,367	7,624	12,392

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 1950-1954

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	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

Total Passengers (By Types of Service)

TABLE NO. 5

At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1954

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

Trend of Rides Per Capita

TABLE NO. 6

**Urban Population, Total Rides and Rides Per Capita
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1954**

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

Revenue Passengers 1954

TABLE NO. 7

**Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of United States in 1954
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups**

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated	1,767	. . . .	. . . .	1,767
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over	832	434	2,442	3,708
250,000— 500,000	64	359	977	1,400
100,000— 250,000	32	111	910	1,053
50,000— 100,000	50	54	795	899
Less Than 50,000	16	35	360	411
Suburban and Other	59	. . . .	561	620
TOTAL	2,820	993	6,045	9,858

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 1950-1954**

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	1,053.0	1,767.0	2,820.0	993.0	6,045.0	9,858.0

Monthly Operating Revenues

TABLE NO. 9
Transit Operating Revenues by Months—1954, 1953 and 1952

	1954 (Thousands)	1953 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1954- 1953)	1952 (Thousands)	% CHANGE (1953- 1952)
January	\$124,200	\$125,700	- 1.19	\$127,000	- 1.02
February	118,900	118,700	+ 0.17	122,300	- 2.94
March	129,500	129,300	+ 0.15	125,000	+ 3.44
April	128,300	129,100	- 0.62	127,900	+ 0.94
May	121,500	126,500	- 3.95	126,700	- 0.16
June	119,000	121,000	- 1.65	116,700	+ 3.68
July	116,600	120,500	- 3.24	115,900	+ 3.97
August	115,500	121,400	- 4.86	120,400	+ 0.83
September	113,600	118,400	- 4.06	117,600	+ 0.68
October	122,500	132,800	- 7.76	132,000	+ 0.61
November	126,100	127,600	- 1.18	126,100	+ 1.19
December	136,100	142,100	- 4.22	143,700	- 1.11
TOTAL	\$1,471,800	\$1,513,100	- 2.73	\$1,501,300	+ 0.77

Transit Operating Revenues 1954

TABLE NO. 10
Transit Operating Revenue for Year 1954 Distributed by Types of Service and Population Groups

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated	\$269.2	.....	.....	\$269.2
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over	138.1	\$63.3	\$367.9	569.3
250,000— 500,000	10.0	48.8	141.2	200.0
100,000— 250,000	4.5	14.9	131.4	150.8
50,000— 100,000	6.7	8.3	95.9	110.9
Less than 50,000	2.4	6.2	41.3	49.9
Suburban and Other	42.5	0	79.2	121.7
TOTAL	\$473.4	\$141.5	\$856.9	\$1,471.8

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 1950-1954

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

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 1950-1954

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

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 1950-1954

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 ..	215.8	375.6	591.4	196.7	1,760.7	2,548.8

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 1950-1954

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	2,225	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

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 1950-1954

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

New Equipment 1954

TABLE NO. 16
New Transit Equipment Delivered in 1954 Classified According to Population
Group and Seating Capacity

POPULATION GROUP	SUBWAY & ELEVATED 50-55 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 .	260	....	....	1,032	1,032	1,292
250,000—500,000	....	....	6	181	187	187
100,000—250,000	....	....	57	277	334	334
50,000—100,000	....	5	105	67	177	177
Less Than 50,000	....	6	115	85	206	206
Suburban & Other	....	11	76	202	289	289
TOTAL	260	22	359	1,844	2,225	2,485

Size of New Buses

TABLE NO. 17
Number of Buses in Each Size Class
Delivered in the Years 1943-1954

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

*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 1954

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
1954 . . .	0	260	260	0	2,225	2,485

*Data for prior years not available.

Transit Equipment Owned in 1954

TABLE NO. 19

**Transit Passenger Equipment in 1954 Showing Types of Vehicles and Their
Distribution by Population Groups**

	RAILWAY CARS	TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
Subway and Elevated	9,200	.....	.....	9,200
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over	4,880	2,587	18,900	26,367
250,000— 500,000	580	2,671	7,500	10,751
100,000— 250,000	130	735	8,600	9,465
50,000— 100,000	190	366	6,400	6,956
Less Than 50,000	120	239	6,900	7,259
Suburban and Other	500	0	5,700	6,200
TOTAL	15,600	6,598	54,000	76,198

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 1950-1954**

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
1954	6,400	9,200	15,600	6,598	54,000	76,198

Track and Route Mileage 1954

TABLE NO. 21
Total Miles of Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route
of the Transit Industry in the United States, 1954
Distributed by Population Groups

	RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS
Subway and Elevated	1,218	.....	.....
Surface Lines: (Population Group)			
500,000 and over	2,101	1,077	12,600
250,000— 500,000	172	1,616	12,300
100,000— 250,000	51	515	11,900
50,000— 100,000	106	286	8,500
Less Than 50,000	70	136	5,400
Suburban and Other	3,047	0	48,300
TOTAL	6,765	3,630	99,000

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 1950-1954

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	3,513	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

Notes

