

Motor Carriers—Freight.*—Statistics of the for-hire segment of the motor carrier industry have been collected since 1941. However, as little capital is required to enter the trucking business, many marginal operators are associated with the industry and the large turnover and numerous changes each year create many problems in the collection of statistics, though gradual improvement is being shown. The 2,062 firms from which usable returns were secured in 1957 reported gross revenue of \$259,056,237 compared with 2,531 firms reporting \$233,510,896 in 1956.

The motor carrier freight industry is divided into four classes based on gross annual revenue. Operators of vehicle fleets owned and operated by private companies, where the vehicles are not available for public service, such as dairies, bakeries, departmental and grocery stores, oil and gasoline distributors and breweries, are excluded; also excluded are operators of co-operatively owned vehicles and those used under almost exclusive contract such as for the collection of milk.

* Statistics are given in more detail in DBS annual report *Motor Carriers—Freight*.

9.—Summary Statistics of Motor Carriers—Freight, 1954-57

Item		1954	1955	1956	1957
Carriers Reporting	No.	2,411	2,681	2,531	2,062
Investments—Land, Buildings, Equipment, etc.	\$	116,437,560	144,276,267	162,424,006	180,278,104
Revenue	\$	181,534,059	220,025,522	233,510,896	259,056,237
Freight—					
Intercity and rural.....	\$	174,258,539	209,097,187	225,714,357	250,667,972
City.....	\$	3,243,616	3,555,488	2,595,265	4,153,112
Other Motor Carriers—					
Intercity and rural.....	\$	3,427,360	6,798,673	4,678,402	3,880,296
City.....	\$	604,544	574,174	522,872	354,857
Operating Expenditure	\$	169,083,544	203,489,772	215,202,580	244,836,400
Maintenance.....	\$	29,213,728	35,406,681	39,205,670	42,138,666
Wages and bonuses of drivers and helpers....	\$	42,998,139	52,608,437	55,867,679	59,975,209
Other transportation expenditure.....	\$	48,809,319	58,771,339	58,701,995	66,210,999
Operating taxes and licences.....	\$	11,786,669	14,527,230	15,903,382	17,783,858
Other operating expenditure.....	\$	36,275,689	42,176,085	45,523,854	58,727,668
Net Operating Revenue	\$	12,450,515	16,535,750	18,308,316	14,219,837
Traffic and Employees—					
Freight carried ¹	ton	26,749,141	23,995,693 ¹	22,559,282 ¹	21,198,431 ¹
Fuel Consumed—					
Gasoline.....	gal.	56,953,520	61,945,737 ¹	61,005,601 ¹	63,353,134 ¹
Diesel oil.....		7,801,432	8,740,265 ¹	11,612,037 ¹	11,693,667 ¹
Liquefied petroleum gases.....	"	368,328	484,070 ¹	465,821 ¹	121,813 ¹
Working proprietors.....	No.	2,177	2,477	2,342	1,786
Allowances of working proprietors.....	\$	5,411,657	6,261,329	5,638,504	5,009,966
Employees—					
Average employed during year.....	No.	20,283	23,518	24,733	26,338
Total salaries and wages.....	\$	64,983,863	84,415,585	84,425,689	97,457,289
Equipment—					
Trucks.....	No.	8,455	8,841	8,870	8,904
Road tractors.....	"	6,343	7,343	6,416	8,205
Semi-trailers.....	"	8,034	9,638	10,710	11,614
Trailers.....	"	895	690	395	309
Trucks with diesel engines.....	"	51	74 ¹	94 ¹	60 ¹
Road tractors with diesel engines.....	"	448	873 ¹	1,355 ¹	1,538 ¹

¹ Excludes carriers with annual gross revenues of less than \$20,000.