

Section 3.—Urban Transit Systems

The collection of statistical information on urban transportation systems has been extensively reorganized in the past few years. Because of major changes made recently in the types of vehicles used for mass passenger movement in urban centres, the statistical series that began with the financial and operating statistics of electric railways and later included their motor bus and trolley coach lines, became quite inadequate. The current series, which was started in 1956, includes operations of motor buses, trolley coaches, streetcars and subway cars carrying passengers in urban and suburban service.

20.—Summary Statistics of Urban Transit Systems, 1956-59

Item		1956	1957	1958	1959
Passengers Carried	No.	1,151,928,811	1,125,608,597	1,079,712,025	1,056,812,775
Streetcar.....	"	307,415,194	256,189,707	218,413,895	173,224,633
Trolley coach.....	"	242,795,718	235,768,206	214,246,021	201,388,376
Subway car.....	"	36,224,003	36,579,014	35,932,278	35,869,394
Motor bus.....	"	557,154,740	589,062,762	603,090,330	637,996,304
Chartered.....	"	8,339,156	8,008,908	8,029,501	8,334,018
Vehicle-Miles Run	No.	203,888,474	204,031,236	199,480,833	200,085,927
Streetcar.....	"	42,347,516	36,371,275	31,029,013	24,676,511
Trolley coach.....	"	37,811,429	37,453,599	36,878,121	35,874,081
Subway car.....	"	6,162,164	6,984,792	6,921,792	6,969,728
Motor bus.....	"	115,055,001	120,789,481	122,489,063	130,122,179
Chartered.....	"	2,522,364	2,432,139	2,162,844	2,443,428
Fuel Consumed—					
Gasoline.....	gal.	15,420,219	14,024,296	12,004,077	11,083,205
Propane gas.....	"	337,383	298,114	284,219	290,166
Diesel oil.....	"	8,670,913	10,980,414	12,719,288	15,071,113
Gross Passenger Revenue	\$	129,213,139	133,039,879	133,732,764	140,195,856
Passenger Vehicles in Service	No.	6,923	7,156	7,070	7,268
Streetcar.....	"	1,493	1,287	1,083	877
Trolley coach.....	"	1,199	1,221	1,221	1,221
Subway car.....	"	134	134	136	140
Motor bus.....	"	4,102	4,514	4,630	5,030

21.—Financial Statistics of Urban Transit Systems, 1956-59

Item		1956	1957	1958	1959
Total assets.....	\$	412,670,989	438,141,862	445,930,475	463,001,240
Long-term debt.....	\$	126,586,525	128,977,536	221,357,256	287,927,330
Capital stock and surplus.....	\$	131,952,853	141,195,724	159,391,975	102,552,156
Operating revenues.....	\$	129,213,139	133,039,879	133,722,764	140,195,856
Operating expenses.....	\$	124,532,196	127,561,604	129,625,050	134,917,105
Ratio of expenses to revenue.....	p.c.	96.38	95.88	96.93	96.25
Employees.....	No.	19,758	19,591	19,119	18,899
Salaries and wages.....	\$	74,511,149	76,505,968	78,763,286	82,236,547