

Urban Transit Systems.—The collection of statistical information on urban transit systems has been extensively reorganized in recent years because of major changes made in the types of vehicles used for mass passenger movement in urban centres. 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.

13.—Summary Statistics of Urban Transit Systems, 1959-63

Item		1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Passenger Fares¹	No.	1,056,812,775	1,029,305,402	987,319,165	995,169,878	988,147,638
Motor bus.....	"	637,996,304	645,353,267	631,202,683	643,307,389	665,481,904
Trolley coach.....	"	201,388,376	191,202,462	175,491,968	172,487,505	149,996,752
Streetcar.....	"	173,224,683	148,863,223	138,585,305	136,550,346	125,937,437
Subway car.....	"	35,869,394	34,663,146	32,993,117	32,874,696	36,491,918
Chartered.....	"	8,334,018	9,223,304	9,046,092	9,049,942	9,168,657
Intercity and rural services (all types of vehicles).....	"	2	2	2	2	1,070,970
Vehicle-Miles Run	No.	200,085,927	200,099,078	198,537,833	202,445,806	203,121,107
Motor bus.....	"	130,122,179	133,179,494	134,363,690	138,252,679	142,779,355
Trolley coach.....	"	35,874,081	35,136,724	32,899,859	32,862,744	32,390,625
Streetcar.....	"	24,676,511	22,093,057	21,441,041	21,240,370	20,302,402
Subway car.....	"	6,969,728	7,053,302	7,018,476	6,951,856	8,967,566
Chartered.....	"	2,443,428	2,636,501	2,814,767	3,138,157	2,935,243
Intercity and rural services (all types of vehicles).....	"	2	2	2	2	745,916
Fuel Consumed—						
Diesel oil.....	gal.	15,071,113	16,847,010	17,266,159	18,385,972	19,820,960
Gasoline.....	"	11,083,205	9,939,892	9,108,194	9,096,746	9,388,808
Liquid petroleum gases.....	"	290,166	272,157	334,170	188,000	313,302
Passenger Vehicles in Service..	No.	7,268	7,180	7,228	7,386	7,509
Motor bus.....	"	5,030	4,998	5,081	5,267	5,432
Trolley coach.....	"	1,221	1,175	1,174	1,170	1,167
Streetcar.....	"	877	867	833	791	740
Subway car.....	"	140	140	140	158	170
Finances—						
Total assets.....	\$	463,601,240	475,888,063	285,697,114 ²	292,158,071 ³	298,479,381 ³
Long-term debt.....	\$	287,927,330	286,602,882	176,600,938 ³	179,674,576 ³	188,892,505 ³
Capital stock and surplus.....	\$	102,552,156	116,934,953	74,209,868 ³	74,991,464 ³	75,679,476 ³
Operating revenues.....	\$	140,195,856	140,848,593	138,440,041	141,608,500	142,451,128
Operating expenses.....	\$	134,917,105	135,980,728	137,257,702	141,620,749	146,280,067
Ratio of expenses to revenues... p.c.		96.23	96.54	99.14	100.01	102.7
Employees.....	No.	18,892	18,549	18,100	18,157	18,182
Salaries and wages.....	\$	82,209,754	84,697,981	85,008,940	88,145,609	90,839,804

¹ Initial revenue passenger fares, excluding transfers.

² Breakdown not available; included in other items.

³ Excludes British Columbia Electric Railway Company (British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority in 1962).

Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents.—There were 336,255 motor vehicle traffic accidents reported in 1963 compared with 310,745 in the previous year. Deaths from such accidents continue their upward trend, numbering 3,883 in 1962 and 4,210 in 1963 as against 2,715 in 1954. Statistics for 1963 are given by province in Table 14, but it should be noted that, although motorists are required by law to report accidents, complete statistics of these accidents are not available for all provinces. Vital Statistics 1963 data show 4,444 deaths from Motor Vehicle Accidents; of these, 84 occurred in non-traffic motor vehicle accidents on private property.