

TABLE II.—*Distribution of airports, seaplane bases, and heliports by population size of associated city, December 1965—Continued*

State	50,000 and over	100,000 to 499,999	50,000 to 99,999	10,000 to 49,999	1 000 to 9,999 ¹	Under 1,000 ¹	Un- known ²
Pennsylvania.....	18	35	14	62	208	100	25
Rhode Island.....	1	0	0	5	3	2	0
South Carolina.....	0	11	2	16	56	7	3
South Dakota.....	0	1	1	9	43	40	8
South Pacific.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Tennessee.....	4	14	1	21	51	16	0
Texas.....	55	40	13	129	417	163	21
Utah.....	0	5	1	5	38	12	8
Vermont.....	0	0	0	6	17	12	2
Virginia.....	2	6	9	32	31	22	10
Virgin Islands.....	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Washington.....	6	10	1	29	78	72	7
West Virginia.....	0	2	4	11	20	9	8
Wisconsin.....	2	7	1	20	96	35	43
Wyoming.....	0	0	0	6	36	27	17
Total.....	381	466	174	1,433	3,833	2,225	1,035

¹ Requested breakdown of population group 2,500 to 9,999 and under 2,500 is not available.

² Privately owned facilities which serve only the owner or small group; therefore, the actual population is unknown.

TABLE III.—*Recorded airport facilities, 1927-65*

Year (Dec. 31):	Number reported airports, seaplane bases, and heliports	Year (Dec. 31)—Con.	Number reported airports, seaplane bases, and heliports
1927.....	1,036	1953.....	6,760
1930.....	1,782	1954.....	6,977
1933.....	2,188	1955.....	6,839
1936.....	2,342	1956.....	7,028
1939.....	2,280	1957.....	6,412
1942.....	2,809	1958.....	6,018
1945.....	4,026	1959.....	6,426
1946.....	4,490	1960.....	6,881
1947.....	5,759	1961.....	7,715
1948.....	6,414	1962.....	8,804
1949.....	6,484	1963.....	8,818
1950.....	6,403	1964.....	9,490
1951.....	6,237	1965.....	9,547
1952.....	6,042		

(b) *Ownership Pattern*

The individual State totals of publicly and privately owned airports, seaplane bases, and heliports reported in mid-1965 and in December 1965, are included within table I. A publicly owned facility is one owned by State governments, State agencies, cities, counties, towns, special districts, public authorities, or other local public bodies, and the Federal Government. A privately owned facility is one owned by private, nonprofit organizations and cooperatives, proprietary or profitmaking organizations and individuals.

Private airports (5,988 in number) constitute 63 percent of the Nation's total airport facilities. Of the 3,556 public airports in operation, only a small percentage is owned and operated by State governments or State agencies. Counties, cities, towns, public authorities, or other metropolitan or local public bodies own, operate, or lease for operation by far the larger percentage of publicly owned airports.