

TABLE III.—*Estimated construction of recreation facilities (1960-65)*

Facility	1964 activity	Estimated, 1961-65
Buildings and indoor centers	165	825
Including baseball, soccer, football)	230	1,150
Pools	169	845
Restrooms	5	25
Shower rooms	25	125
Lockers	23	115
Other	67	335
	188	940

Source: Special NRA Survey for 1964.

Even if the estimate for 1961-65 activity were correct, there is no doubt that the 1960 figures are complete. In fact, there is some indication that the NRA figures are somewhat underreported. In 1964 a special survey was undertaken of all swimming pools in the con-United States, excluding the small above-ground pools com- seen in backyards. Over 490,000 of these pools were defined as, most of them enjoyed by single families on private home- The remaining 110,000 pools were listed as "public facilities," fewer than 20,000 of these are publicly owned, tax-supported. The balance of the pools were privately owned, but open to the public for a fee. Those listed as private were individually or open only to dues-paying members.²

The 20,000 publicly owned pools listed in this survey is contrasted with the 2,846 listed in the 1960 NRA survey.

While there are no independent figures of the number of publicly owned golf courses, the total number of courses is available. There are 7,477 golf courses in play in the United States in January 1964. The total acreage of these courses is 703,700.³

Distribution by States

Table IV contains a breakdown of (a) selected recreation facilities in 1960, and (b) total estimated local recreation area acreage for 1960.

The sources of these estimates are as follows:

(1) Where acreage figures were obtained from the State outdoor recreation plans undertaken in 1964 and 1965, they are designated by the letter "S."

(2) Where no State plan data existed, information was obtained from the 1961 Park and Recreation Yearbook. These figures are designated by the letters "NRA" and are for the years up to 1960.

(3) If no State figures were obtained from the State plan, but the State has received assistance under the open space land program, the figures are designated with "OS." This reflects the 1960 NRA figure, plus the acreage acquired in county and city parks with title VII assistance.

(4) In a few cases, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation survey revealed additional acreage not reflected in other sources. These figures are designated by "BOR."

(5) If data was uncovered on local parks which appeared to fall outside of the scope of the survey, the figure is marked with a footnote, with the total acreage appearing in the footnote.

(6) The data on the special recreation facilities was obtained from the 1961 NRA Yearbook.

² Abbard, "Feasibility Studies Relative to Public Swimming Pools," Illinois Parks (January-February 1964), p. 13.

³ R. E. Burkhead, "Guidelines for Planning a Golf Course."