

TABLE VI.—*Expenditure for park and recreation by size of city for selected years*
IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Year	Total	Over 1,000,000	500,000 to 1,000,000	300,000 to 500,000	200,000 to 300,000	100,000 to 200,000	50,000 to 100,000	Under 50,000
1963-64.....	732	161	125	72	43	67	79	185

Year	Total	Over 1,000,000	500,000 to 1,000,000	250,000 to 500,000	100,000 to 250,000	50,000 to 100,000	25,000 to 50,000
1955.....	322.5	89.0	55.6	53.6	52.1	40.6	31.4
1953.....	259.0	68.2	52.1	42.9	38.1	29.0	34.1

PER CAPITA, IN DOLLARS							
1955.....	5.20	5.11	6.06	6.51	5.50	4.55	3.61
1953.....	4.19	3.92	5.68	5.21	4.02	3.28	3.29

Source: City government finances, 1955 and 1953-54, U.S. Document, Bureau of Census.

(d) *Age Distribution of Facilities*

Table VII covers general age distribution of parks for cities over 100,000 and selected recreation facilities for all counties and cities included in the various NRA surveys. The table is incomplete in that it shows many facilities as having been constructed from 1921-40, when they were actually constructed during previous periods. This is due to the fact that the NRA surveys had not been undertaken for previous periods for certain of the facilities. The table is also deceptive in that no information is provided on which facilities have been renovated or completely rebuilt during the timespan under consideration.

It should be noted that the total park acreage does not include the more complete 1965 figures listed in a previous section.

TABLE VII.—*Age distribution of selected local public recreation facilities, 1880-1965*

Facility ¹	Before 1900	1901-20	1921-40	1941-60	1961 ²
Parks, number.....	1,054	1,762	5,283	13,997	-----
Parks, acres.....	32,880	60,360	174,513	317,001	100,000+
Tennis courts.....	(3)	(3)	12,075	3,601	825+
Softball diamond.....	(3)	(3)	1,042	4,790	(3)
Baseball diamond.....	(3)	(3)	3,904	9,690	(3)
Swimming pools.....	(3)	359	841+	1,646+	335+
Ice skating rinks and areas.....	(3)	(3)	2,912	1,077	115+
Golf courses.....	(3)	(3)	387	1,198	125+
Beaches.....	(3)	260	312	379	25+
Playgrounds under leadership.....	(3)	4,293	5,628	10,186	825+
Recreation buildings and indoor centers.....	(3)	1,197	4,539	18,199	1,150+

¹ Parks for cities over 100,000. Other facilities for all county and municipal areas covered in National Recreation Association Surveys.

² Estimated.

³ Not available.

Source: Marion Clawson, "Statistics on Outdoor Recreation," Resources for the Future, 1958. Table 28 Municipal and County Parks: Number, Acreage Facilities, Workers, and Expenditures, 1910-55; table 31 Municipal Parks: Number and Acreage of Parks—Cities of 100,000 and over (in 1950) by regions, and for selected years, 1880 to 1955. 1960 Data from the Yearbook of Parks and Recreation, 1961. The yearbooks of previous years are the source of the tables in Clawson's book.