

TABLE II.—*General-purpose public buildings, distribution of structures by size and type for the United States—Continued*

COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES (COUNTY SEAT)	
Number of counties.....	3,000
Average number per county.....	1.7
Total floor area.....	125,000,000
Total structures.....	5,100
STATE-OWNED FACILITIES (CAPITAL CITIES)	
Number of States.....	50
Average number of structures per State.....	12
Total structures.....	600
Total floor area.....	50,000,000

NOTE.—U.S. total: 25,000 structures; 330,000,000 square feet.

Sources: APWA Civic Building Survey. U.S. Census of Population, 1960.

TABLE III.—*Age of general-purpose State and local public office and court buildings in the United States*

	Since 1961	1941-60	1921-40	1901-20	Before 1900
Number constructed.....	3,400	5,400	6,600	5,000	4,600
(Percent).....	14	86	114	32	38
Floor space in millions of square feet.....	60	26	35	10	11
(Percent).....	18	26	35	10	11
Average square feet per structure.....	17,600	16,000	17,300	6,400	8,300

Source: American Public Works Association Civic Building Survey, 1966.

Over 80 percent of our civic buildings are less than 50 years old. However, put another way, this means that one in five public buildings presently in use is more than 50 years old. The median age is about 35 years. However, since World War II there has been a sharp increase in the size of structures, thus half the available space is located in structures less than 25 years old.

(b) *Ownership and Current Value*

Public office and court buildings broadly include general purpose buildings owned by municipalities, counties, and States. It is estimated that about 75 percent of these buildings are owned by municipalities. State governments account for about 1 to 2 percent of all facilities, the balance being owned by county governments.

The estimated value of existing general purpose public buildings is about \$7 billion. County buildings account for a little over one-third of this amount or \$2.5 billion. City buildings account for \$2.4 billion. There are more city owned general purpose public buildings however, which because of their small size account for a smaller part of the dollar value. A breakdown of estimated values of general-purpose public buildings is illustrated below:

TABLE IV.—*Estimated current (1966) value of general-purpose public buildings in United States*

Ownership	Square feet (millions)	Dollar cost per square foot	Cost (millions)
City:			
Less than 2,500.....	70	10	\$700
2,500 population and over.....	85	20	1,700
County.....	125	25	3,125
State.....	50	30	1,500
Total.....	330		7,025

Source APWA Civic Building Survey.