TABLE 1.—*Acquisitions and holdings of State and local government bonds and holdings as percent of total assets, U.S. life insurance companies*

[Dollar amounts in millions]

Year	State and local government bonds		Total assets	Holdings as percent of assets
	Acquired in year	Held at yearend		
1946	(1)	$614	$48,191	1.3
1947	$61	609	51,743	1.2
1948	322	872	55,512	1.6
1949	224	1,052	59,630	1.8
1950	217	1,152	64,020	1.8
1951	182	1,170	68,278	1.7
1952	175	1,153	73,375	1.6
1953	241	1,298	78,533	1.7
1954	749	1,846	84,486	2.2
1955	349	2,038	90,432	2.3
1956	377	2,273	96,011	2.4
1957	237	2,376	101,309	2.3
1958	409	2,681	107,580	2.5
1959	670	3,200	113,650	2.8
1960	466	3,588	119,576	3.0
1961	506	3,888	126,816	3.1
1962	486	4,026	133,291	3.0
1963	371	3,852	141,121	2.7
1964	365	3,774	149,470	2.5
1965	296	3,530	158,884	2.2

[1] Not available.

Source: Institute of Life Insurance and Life Insurance Association of America.

A. Supply of Capital Funds

The combined totals for 18 life insurance companies are provided in table A–1, which shows the acquisitions in each year 1946–65 of State and local government bonds and of obligations of private, nonprofit organizations. State and local government bonds are further classified as to general obligation bonds, and other bonds (special assessment or limited tax bonds).

1. MUNICIPAL SECURITY ACQUISITIONS

a. Types of bonds

The relative proportions of the three categories of municipal securities are provided in table A–2. These proportions, derived from the dollar figures in table A–1, are averages for the 18 sample life insurance companies. Proportions for individual companies varied considerably from these averages. For example, three of the companies made no acquisitions of general obligation bonds in any of the 20 years; nine others did so in fewer than 10 of the 20 years. Although there were a few companies that acquired general obligation bonds in all but 2 or 3 years, none of these 18 companies acquired general obligation bonds in each year. On the other hand, four companies acquired revenue bonds in each of the 20 years, and only three companies acquired revenue bonds in fewer than 10 of the 20 years.