TABLE III.—*Investments in State and local government securities by selected large manufacturing corporations* [1] *(1961–65)*

[Amounts in thousands of dollars]

Year	Total		Short term [2]		Long term	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
1961	746,795	100	525,892	70.4	220,903	29.6
1962	580,969	100	365,414	62.9	215,555	37.1
1963	1,100,548	100	757,213	68.8	343,335	31.2
1964	1,365,816	100	801,628	58.7	564,188	41.3
1965	1,780,215	100	1,141,793	64.1	638,422	35.9

[1] Data are compiled from reports submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission by 203 manufacturing companies having total assets of $250 million or more at the end of 1965.
[2] Original maturities less than 1 year.

The survey revealed a rapid growth in corporate holdings of State and local government securities during the 5-year period. Except for the drop in holdings in 1962, investments in municipals by these large manufacturers rose sharply during the period, more than doubling in the 5 years from December 1961 to the end of 1965.

The survey requested data on holdings of State and local government securities at the close of the calendar years from 1961 through 1965. Approximately one-half of the corporations surveyed reported no holdings of municipals on any of these dates. Of course, it is possible that a respondent reporting no holdings of municipals in the survey could have purchased and sold such securities during the same calendar year.

The 102 companies which reported holdings of municipal securities on one or more of the dates specified in the survey were classified into groups based on the proportion of their liquid assets invested in municipals. This distribution is shown in table IV. Among the companies surveyed, the number holding State and local government obligations increased from 70 at the end of 1961 to 85 in December 1965. It is also apparent from these data that a number of companies increased the proportion of their liquid assets which were invested in municipals. In 1961, 17 of the corporations held municipal securities amounting to 10 percent or more of their total liquid assets, whereas in 1965 this number had increased to 32 corporations.

TABLE IV.—*Distribution of 102 manufacturing corporations reporting investments in State and local government securities, by percentage of these investments to total liquid assets (1961–65)*

Year	Total number of corporations [1]	Holdings of State and local government securities as percent of total liquid assets [2]					
		None	0.1–1.9	2.0–4.9	5.0–9.9	10.0–24.9	25.0 and over
1961	102	32	14	20	19	10	7
1962	102	35	28	10	12	13	4
1963	102	20	22	15	22	17	6
1964	102	18	27	14	12	21	10
1965	102	17	19	17	17	19	13

[1] Covers the 102 corporations—from the survey group of 203 large manufacturing corporations—which reported holdings of State and local government securities at yearend for 1 or more of the years in the period from 1961 to 1965.
[2] "Total liquid assets" represents cash, U.S. Government securities, and miscellaneous current assets (including State and local government securities) at end of year.