

THE BUS AND RAIL SECTOR

On a per capita basis, Mexico has four times as much urban transit ridership as Canada and more than one hundred times the intercity bus ridership.

Except for the railway system, and to a lesser degree the intercity bus network, statistics pertaining to public transit system operations outside of the four largest cities are sketchy and incomplete. Ridership, revenue, bus fleet and employment figures are either not kept or are inaccurate. This reflects the private, contract nature of transit operations.

Unless stated otherwise, the estimates provided in this document have been compiled from interviews with industry observers and reviews of business periodicals and unpublished research reports. Sources are specified for data taken from published sources.

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	Mexico	Canada
Buses (units)		
30 to 60 foot	43,000	12,000
Mini- and midi-buses	40,000	2,000
Intercity	43,000	3,000
School	7,000	50,000
Rail cars (units)		
Urban metro	2,500	1,400
Urban LRT	120	550
Intercity passenger	1,000	1,100
Freight	32,000	112,000
Locomotives	1,400	3,500
Rail miles	16,000	44,000
Annual ridership (millions)		
Urban transit	18,000	1,400
Intercity rail	11	3
Intercity bus	2,072	5.5

Source: Interviews with industry experts.