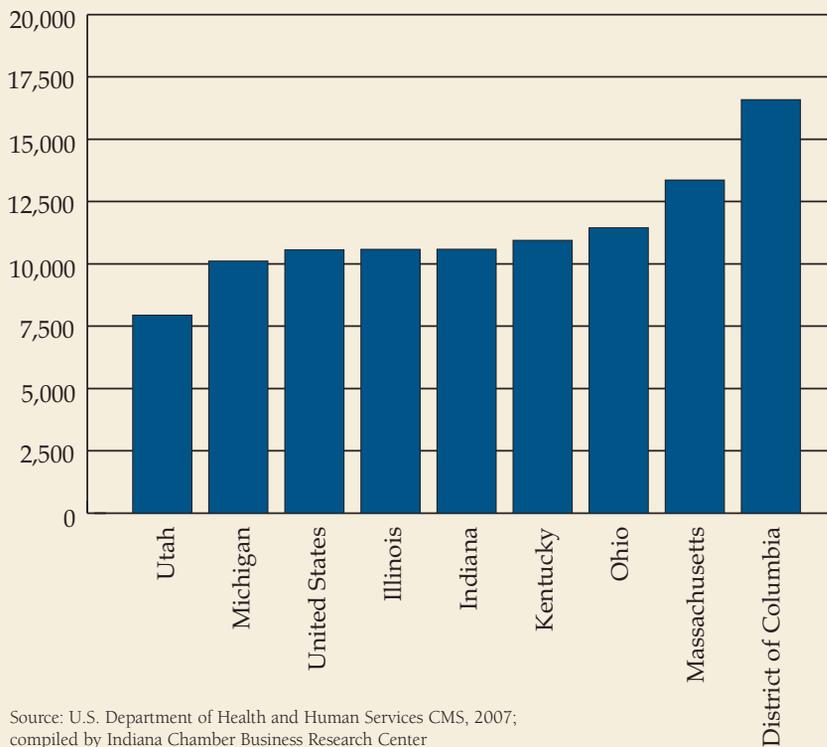


## Per Capita Health Care Spending

Selected States (2004)



Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services CMS, 2007; compiled by Indiana Chamber Business Research Center

**I**n a survey of more than 20 million small business owners, nearly three million were military veterans. Sixty-eight percent of the veterans were age 55 or over, with 32% age 65 or older. Among all survey participants, only 31% were age 55 or over.

[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

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**W**hile 60% of U.S. oil still comes from imports, new areas are emerging as sources. They include Africa, 20%; Canada, 18%; and Mexico, 15%.

[www.kiplingerbiz.com](http://www.kiplingerbiz.com)

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**A**sksed the preferable length of a resume for staff-level employees, 73% answered one page in 1997; in 2007, 52% said one page and 44% said two pages.

[www.accountemps.com](http://www.accountemps.com)

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**O**f the 12 million cruise passengers worldwide in 2006, 78% were Americans. But only about 17% of U.S. residents have ever taken a cruise.

[www.cruising.org](http://www.cruising.org)

**C**uts in local government spending as part of a Florida property tax cut – \$15 billion; additional cuts if voters approve a “super” homestead exemption – \$16 billion.

[www.governing.com](http://www.governing.com)

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**O**n average, companies are meeting their product launch dates just 45% of the time. Fewer than a third of respondents meet their launch target more than 60% of the time.

[www.arcweb.com](http://www.arcweb.com)

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**P**opulation projections for 2030: 3.3% decline in Europe; 7.5% decline in Japan; 14% decline in Russia – dropping its population to about one-third of the United States’ total.

[www.industryweek.com](http://www.industryweek.com)

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**E**stimated growth in the nanotechnology market: from \$135 billion in 2007 to \$693 billion in 2012 and \$2.95 trillion in 2015.

[www.cientifica.com](http://www.cientifica.com)

**O**f the 5,703 fatal work injuries in the United States in 2006, 447 took place in manufacturing industries.

[www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

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**I**mprovement methodologies used by manufacturing companies (multiple responses allowed in survey): lean manufacturing, 69.6%; Total Quality Management, 34.2%; Six Sigma, 29.0%; Toyota production system, 17.0%; and theory of constraints, 14.4%.

[www.mpi-group.net](http://www.mpi-group.net)

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**T**hree utility patents were granted in 1790; for 2006, that number was 173,771. Patent applications increased from 735 in 1840 to 390,733 in 2005.

[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

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**N**early 70% of online video users are more than 35 years old, and they prefer news clips over entertainment content.

[www.advertising.com](http://www.advertising.com)

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**O**f the approximately 450,000 advertising billboards in the United States, less than 1,000 are electronic with rotating advertisements.

[www.internetretailer.com](http://www.internetretailer.com)

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**B**aby Boomers hold 70% of the nation’s net worth and control half of all U.S. household discretionary income. More than 46% in this group support an adult child and/or aging parent.

[www.nielsen.com](http://www.nielsen.com)

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**U**.S. manufacturers have paid \$3.79 million in software piracy settlements over the past three years. Software providers have lost an estimated \$7.2 billion to piracy.

[www.bsa.org](http://www.bsa.org)

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**T**otal income listed on U.S. tax returns grew every year after World War II, with a single one-year exception, until 2001. Four years of total lower incomes followed, with 2005 numbers of \$7.43 trillion a 5.8% increase from a year earlier.

[www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)