

Total Annual Temporary Staffing Employment (millions)



Source: American Staffing Association, Employment and Sales Survey

In 2006, consumers used credit cards at 25 million U.S. businesses.

www.chase.com

The number of vegetarian restaurants in the United States has doubled in the last seven years, now totaling more than 1,000.

www.veg dining.com

Most popular methods, in a recent survey, of connecting to work while away from the office: mobile phone, 80%; laptops, 67%; and phones that make calls and access the Internet, 20%.

www.hotjobs.com

Of 198 occupations studied, clergy were the "most satisfied" at 87% (compared to 47% for all workers). Roofers, waiters and laborers ranked at the bottom in job satisfaction.

www.norc.org

April 24, 2007 marked the single biggest day of U.S. tax collections in history at \$48.7 billion.

www.ustreas.gov

In a study of 578 U.S. organizations, only 37% had adopted strategies to encourage workers to stay past the traditional retirement age; only 33% had made projections about the retirement rates of their employees.

www.agingandwork.bc.edu

Costliest cities worldwide have a strong European flavor: Oslo, Norway; Paris; Copenhagen, Denmark; London; Tokyo; Osaka Kobe, Japan; Reykjavik, Iceland; Zurich, Switzerland; Frankfurt, Germany; and Helsinki, Finland.

www.economistgroup.com

Average number of hours Americans expect to spend using various forms of media in 2007 – 3,518. Television (1,555 hours) and radio (974 hours) lead the way.

www.census.gov

Women volunteer at significantly higher rates than men in every state. The age group most likely to volunteer includes those between the ages of 35 and 54.

www.nationalservice.org

Of every 10 employees, seven name money as the top factor affecting stress and four will suffer adverse health effects due to stress.

www.apahelpcenter.org

In 2006, \$2.1 billion was spent on electronic graduation gifts for the nation's approximately six million high school graduates.

www.ce.org

Two examples of government acronyms and abbreviations gone bad: GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs); and TRI-ME (Toxic Release Inventory Made Easy).

www.mercatus.org

Meeting planners are mixed on the use of webcasts in 2007. Nearly one-third expect to incorporate them more frequently, 29% expect fewer webcasts and 39% anticipate no change.

www.mpiweb.org

The top 10 state pension funds invest more than \$1 trillion. California alone comes in at \$388 billion.

www.kiplingerbiz.com

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper for lacking ideas. He also went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland.

Good Stuff

Where major companies are expected to expand sales and distribution operations over the next five years: Eastern Europe, 81%; Latin America, 80%; and India, 73%.

www.deloitte.com

In any year, approximately 5% to 7% of adults have a serious mental illness. For children, between 5% and 9% have a serious emotional disturbance.

National Conference of State Legislatures