



Despite steady increases in recent years, just 38% of U.S. customers bank online, compared to 75% of Danish, Dutch and German banking customers.

www.kiplinger.com

In Indiana, 21% of full-time undergraduates are enrolled in a community college, while nationally 45% of all students are enrolled in a community college.

www.ivytech.edu

Every day this year, 7,918 people will celebrate their 60th birthday — equaling 2.89 million people preparing to retire or rethink their work schedules.

www.census.gov

The states with the highest unemployment rates — Mississippi, Kentucky and South Carolina — are among the states that are least friendly to recent immigrants.

www.industryweek.com

Board of directors changes in April 2006 were 87% higher than in October 2005.

<http://liberum.twst.com>

More than 10,000 U.S. companies now own private planes; McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas handles 600 private planes a day.

www.businessweek.com

How much \$1 invested in various places in 1970 would have been worth in 2005: commodities, \$71.62; U.S. stocks, \$42.21; international stocks, \$42.16; international bonds, \$21.55; U.S. bonds, \$18.96 and T-bills, \$8.59.

www.ibbotson.com

Over the past 35 years, the U.S. economy has created 57 million new jobs. In the same period, Europe has created just 4 million jobs.

www.newamerica.net

Forty-three percent of college graduates with debt used a credit card to pay tuition. More than a third of survey respondents had sold personal possessions to make ends meet. More than a quarter said they had delayed a medical or dental procedure.

www.alliancebernstein.com

America's nonprofit arts industry generates \$134 billion in economic activity, including \$24.4 billion in federal, state and local tax revenues. The impact includes 4.9 million full-time equivalent jobs and \$89.4 billion in household income.

www.artsusa.org

For single people with average incomes, Denmark and Germany lead the world in personal tax burdens at 42%. Other countries: Belgium, 41%; Netherlands, 34%; Finland, Sweden and Poland, 31% each; Turkey, 30%; and the United States, Austria, Britain and the Czech Republic, 24% each.

www.oecd.org

Of shoppers who experienced problems with a retailer, only 6% contacted the company, but 31% went on to tell friends and family. Each complainer told an average of 4.1 people about their negative experience.

www.verdegroupp.com

Slightly more than half of the 15.7 million union members live in six states: California (2.4 million), New York (2.1 million) and Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and New Jersey (between 927,000 and 791,000 each).

www.ogletreedeakins.com

English is currently the second most common language in the world after Mandarin Chinese, but is expected to fall into a four-way tie with Spanish, Arabic and Hindu/Urdu by 2050.

www.copyeditor.com

In 2005, refugee became the “most heavily looked-up, event-related word in the history of Merriam-Webster online,” primarily due to its use in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

www.m-w.com

Firms that spend more than the average amount on training have a total stockholder return that is 45% higher than firms that spend the market average and 86% higher than firms that spend less than the market average.

www.astd.org