



**D**espite 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](http://www.kiplinger.com)

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**I**n 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](http://www.ivytech.edu)

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**E**very 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](http://www.census.gov)

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**T**he 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](http://www.industryweek.com)

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**B**oard of directors changes in April 2006 were 87% higher than in October 2005.

<http://liberum.twst.com>

**M**ore 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](http://www.businessweek.com)

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**H**ow 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](http://www.ibbotson.com)

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**O**ver 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](http://www.newamerica.net)

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**F**orty-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](http://www.alliancebernstein.com)

**A**merica'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](http://www.artsusa.org)

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**F**or 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](http://www.oecd.org)

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**O**f 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](http://www.verdegroupp.com)

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**S**lightly 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](http://www.ogletreedeakins.com)

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**E**nglish 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](http://www.copyeditor.com)

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**I**n 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](http://www.m-w.com)

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**F**irms 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](http://www.astd.org)