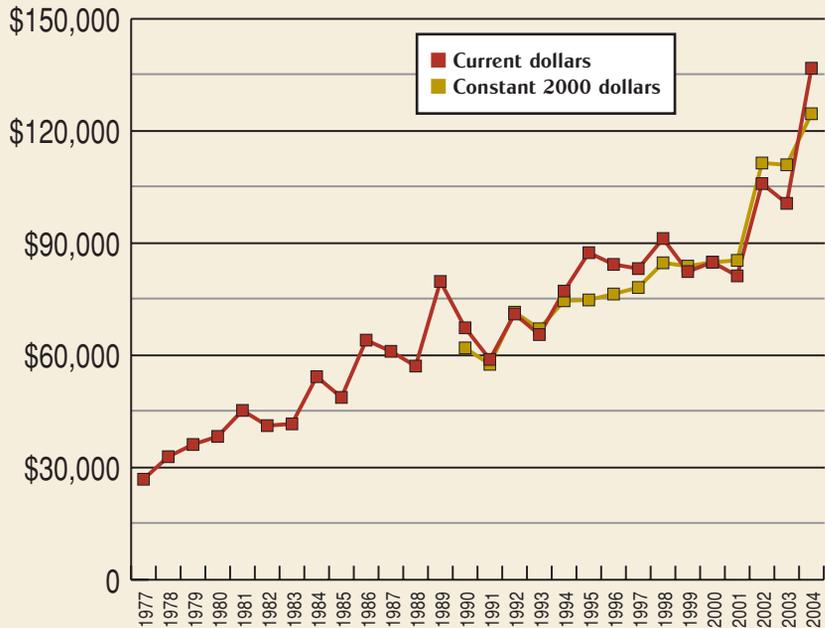


Indiana Productivity

Primary Metals Industry 1977-2004

Millions of Current Dollars
Output per Employee



If the Midwest states' economies were combined together, the region would be the world's 16th largest nation.

www.jpmorganchase.com

Taxpayers who appealed their Internal Revenue Service audits in 2004 received relief in approximately 41% of the cases.

www.gao.gov

Nonstop flights from the United States to Europe have increased 21% from 2003 to 2006. Frankfurt, Amsterdam and Rome gained the most flights during that period.

www.usatoday.com

According to a reputable business psychologist, people remember: 10% of what they read, 20% of what they hear, 30% of what they see, 50% of what they see and hear, 70% of what they discuss with others, 80% of what they experience personally and 90% of what they teach to someone else.

www.briefings.com

The list of largest manufacturers (based on revenue) in 2005 (Exxon Mobil, Royal Dutch Shell Group, BP PLC, Chevron Corp. and General Motors) compared to 2000 (General Motors, Ford, Exxon Mobile, DaimlerChrysler and Toyota).

www.industryweek.com

Most expensive cities, based on business taxes and fees: Philadelphia, Cincinnati and New York. Least expensive: Las Vegas, Colorado Springs and Aurora, Colorado.

www.kosmont.com

Two categories in the federal budget in 1965 compared to 2005: defense, 43% then, 20% now; Medicare and Medicaid, 0% then, 19% now.

www.whitehouse.gov/omb

University-based business formation represents 2% to 3% of all new U.S. business starts and university patents contribute 3,700 of 150,000 total U.S. patents in a year.

www.chicagofed.org

More than nine out of 10 owners of small businesses say they have not worked with any federal agency to receive support of any kind.

www.amserv.com

Brands with the most counterfeit and piracy incidents reported globally in 2005: Microsoft, Louis Vuitton, Nike, Gucci and Adidas.

www.iccwbo.org

The United States loses roughly \$900 million a year in penny production and handling. Replacing \$1 bills with more durable \$1 coins could save \$500 million a year.

www.johnlocke.org

One-fourth of the nation's governors from 1980 to 2006 had previously served as lieutenant governor. Fifty percent of all Virginia governors had once served as lieutenant governor.

www.nlga.us

In 1985, one out of 10 people said they had no one they felt comfortable confiding in. Today, one out of every four survey respondents said they have no close confidants at all.

www2.asanet.org/journals/asr

Estimated gross domestic product growth for 2007: China, 9.0%; India, 7.3%; South Korea, 4.8%; Brazil, 3.8%; world average, 3.1%; U.S., 2.5%.

www.kiplingerforecasts.com

Facts presented while standing in front of a group are 35% more likely to be believed and presentations are 64% more likely to be effective when given by a speaker to a group, rather than by a presenter across a table.

www.sellingpower.com

The sickest 1% of Americans account for 28% of health care costs in the United States.

www.hhs.gov

"The most valuable of all talents is that of never using two words when one will do."

Thomas Jefferson