



**T**he federal government's Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac programs owned about \$1.6 trillion (more than one-fifth of the U.S. market) worth of mortgages or mortgage-backed securities by the third quarter of 2003.

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

**A**lthough the number of federal civil servants declined by nearly 20% from 1990 to 2002, high growth in jobs created by contracts and grants has the true size of the federal workforce increasing by 9.9% between 1999 and 2002.

[www.brook.edu](http://www.brook.edu)

**O**f total state and local business taxes in fiscal year 2003, 38.3% came in the form of business property taxes.

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

**L**arge hub airports that lost at least 25% of their weekly flights between October 2001 and October 2003: Washington Dulles (877 flights, 29%), Boston (1,165; 28.7%), Los Angeles (1,674; 27.3%), Pittsburgh (1,047; 25.5%) and San Francisco (820; 25.4%).

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

**A**pproximately \$3.5 trillion, nearly half of the gross national product, is directly linked to some type of welded product.

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

**T**he involuntary part-time labor force (those who want but can't find full-time work) increased from 3.25 million in December 2000 to 4.79 million in December 2003.

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

**O**besity-related conditions, such as heart disease and diabetes, cost the U.S. \$75 billion in 2003 – approximately 6% of total health spending.

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

**T**he number of farms in Indiana decreased by nearly 10% between 1997 and 2002. The average size of the remaining farms increased from 233 acres to 250 acres. Nationally, there was a 4% drop in farms and the average size is 441 acres.

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

**I**n 2001-2002, 73.1% of Indiana residents who obtained health insurance through private providers did so through their employer – the sixth highest percentage in the country.

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

**I**nstitutional care accounted for 83.7% of total long-term care spending (16.3% for home care) in Indiana in fiscal year 2002 – the fifth highest percentage in the country.

[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)

**I**nternet users who have visited a state government web site – 54%; those who have visited a local government web site – 43%.

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

**M**edia coverage of the federal government has declined 29% in the past two decades.

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

**W**orkers at a North Carolina apparel manufacturer are offered "pre-retirement benefits" at age 59½, excused from working overtime and enjoy a lower threshold for earning raises.

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

**S**ales of camera phones are expected to increase from an estimated \$42 million in 2003 to a projected \$147 million in 2007.

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

**O**f 591,220 bridges in the United States, 27.6% were classified as deficient in 2002.

[www.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov)

**I**n a ranking by corporate executives of the "hottest cities" for business expansion, the top 10 are: Atlanta, Nashville, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Memphis, Colorado Springs, Phoenix, San Antonio, Oklahoma City and Chicago.

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

**B**y 2006, it is expected that two workers will be leaving the workforce for every one who enters.

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

**E**stimates are that one of every seven Toyota trucks sold in the U.S. is bought in Texas. The company's direct investment in North America, with the addition of a San Antonio plant in 2006, will top \$14 billion.

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

**F**ive current U.S. senators faced no competition in their most recent election, including presidential candidate John Kerry of Massachusetts. The other four are Republicans: Jon Kyl of Arizona, Pat Roberts of Kansas, Thad Cochran of Mississippi and John Warner of Virginia.

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