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- Number of U.S. states that observe a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and a Robert E. Lee holiday on the same day : 3
- Estimated portion of black U.S. men who are ineligible to vote because of a felony conviction : 1/8
- Number of prison inmates per 1,000 people in China : 1.2
- In Russia : 4.8
- In the state of Louisiana : 13.4
- Percentage of the city's public-housing units deemed "deficient" by the New York City Housing Authority : 79
- Percentage of "needed repairs" the agency plans to make this year : 22
- Amount of improper Hurricane Sandy-relief payments FEMA has attempted to recover through collection letters : \$4,900,000
- Amount recipients of these letters have returned : \$453,000
- Average amount U.S. customs officials paid to build each of twenty-one houses for employees in rural Arizona : \$680,000
- Average market price of houses in the area : \$86,500
- Number of rounds of ammunition found in the car of a man who jumped the White House fence this September : 800
- Number of hatchets : 2
- Portion of Americans who want their state to secede : 1/4
- Portion who cannot name all three branches of the federal government : 2/3
- Estimated amount Olive Garden loses annually from breadsticks that are served but not eaten : \$5,000,000
- Amount the U.S. Mint lost last year making pennies : \$55,000,000
- Percentage of women worldwide who believe that energy conservation is a "vital issue" : 68
- Of men : 47
- Number of Americans employed in the beer industry : 2,000,000
- Number of the top ten beers sold in the United States that are owned by U.S. firms : 0
- Rank of the Super Bowl among television programs viewed by U.S. women : 1
- Number of times NFL players have been arrested for domestic violence since 2000 : 90
- Chance that a witness called to testify before a congressional committee is female : 1 in 4

Portion of Americans between the ages of 25 and 34 in 1960 who had never been married : 1/10

Portion today : 1/2

Percentage of U.S. Republicans who say they could not live on the minimum wage : 69

Who support raising it : 37

Minimum number of times since 2011 that members of Congress have accidentally cast the wrong vote : 120

Amount the federal government has budgeted this year for IT maintenance : \$58,400,000,000

Percentage of federal agencies whose servers have failed in the past twelve months : 94

Value of a cloud-computing contract awarded by the CIA to Amazon last year : \$600,000,000

Estimated number of customers whose data was stolen from Amazon subsidiary Zappos in 2012 : 24,000,000

Number of attempted cyberattacks the average global company experienced in 2013 : 16,856

Amount by which spending on mobile ads is projected to exceed that on newspaper ads this year : \$1,000,000,000

Chance that a U.S. newspaper has a statehouse reporter : 1 in 3

Estimated amount of taxes and fees that Colorado has collected from the marijuana industry since legalization : \$34,800,000

That Texas collects from undocumented workers each year : \$1,608,534,000

Amount Texas has allocated for a three-month deployment of National Guard officers to the border : \$38,000,000

Percentage of U.S. counties in which the proportion of racial minorities has grown since 2010 : 94

Percentage change in the proportion of racial minorities in Washington, D.C., since then : -0.8

Percentage of Newark, New Jersey, residents who are black : 54

Of pedestrians stopped by Newark police who are : 81

Portion of Newark police stops that are “legally unjustified” according to a  
Department of Justice study : 3/4

Percentage by which a black drug-misdemeanor defendant in Manhattan is more  
likely than a white one to be sent to prison : 15

Factor by which a person in Nevada is more likely than one in Massachusetts to be the  
target of a federal wiretap : 30

Percentage of Americans who said they were satisfied with their freedom to choose  
what to do with their lives in 2006 : 91  
Percentage who say so today : 79

Number of U.S. states in which workers are not guaranteed paid parental leave : 47

Number of the world’s twenty other wealthiest nations in which they are not : 0

Age at which a female worker in Britain reaches peak earning power : 34  
At which a male worker does : 50

Estimated number of women worldwide who were married before the age of  
15 : 250,000,000

Number of countries that require their rulers to belong to a particular religion : 30

Percentage by which Americans overreport their religious attendance when asked over  
telephone rather than online : 13

Estimated number of people executed by all countries other than China in 2012 : 682  
By China : 3,000

Estimated portion of the past 100 executed U.S. prisoners who suffered from  
intellectual disabilities : 1/3

Estimated annual cost of invasive animal, plant, and microbe species to the U.S.  
economy : \$120,000,000,000

Amount Americans spent last year on UNICEF donations to trick-or-  
treaters : \$3,731,057

On Halloween costumes for their pets : \$330,000,000

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