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→ **Preserving history**

The Iron Mountain Atomic Storage Centre is now part of a vast network of archive centers. It contains more than 8 million rolls of micro film in long-term storage. It is also the home of the Bettmann Archive (11 million images dating from the beginning of photography) as well as more than 700,000 original master tapes of audio recordings.

Fran Molloy, "Fading fast," *LiveWire*, August 11, 2005. www.smh.com.au/news/livewire/fading-fast/2005/08/09/1123353324048.html August 11, 2005

→ **Child well-being**

According to the latest Kids Count Data Book, the state that ranks highest for child well-being is New Hampshire, with Vermont ranked second and Minnesota ranked third. The three states at the bottom of the ranking are Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. Ten key indicators were used in the rankings. Among them, the national teen dropout rate in 2003 (8 percent) was 27 percent lower than the 11 percent rate in 2000.

Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids count data book: State profiles of child well-being. 2005. www.aecf.org/kidscount/ August 11, 2005

→ **Google Print program news**

Google Print scans both out-of-print and copyrighted works so that their text can be found through the search engine's database. After discussions with the publishing industry, it will stop scanning in copyright-protected works until November 2005, while it makes changes to its Google Print Publisher Program.

Google Blog. "Making books easier to find," 8/11/2005. googleblog.blogspot.com/2005/08/making-books-easier-to-find.html August 11, 2005

→ **Graduate science and engineering enrollment**

Graduate enrollment in science and engineering programs was up 4.2 percent in 2003, according to a report issued by the National Science Foundation. Total enrollment reached an all-time high of 474,203. Enrollment grew in all major fields except computer science, which dropped 3 percent from the previous year, the first decrease in that field since 1995.

Julia Oliver, "Graduate Enrollment in Science and Engineering Programs Up in 2003, but Declines for First-Time Foreign Students," National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, NSF 05-317 | August 2005. www.nsf.gov/statistics/infbrief/nsf05317 August 11, 2005

→ **Adult education and work**

Two-in-five adults participated in formal education courses or activities for work-related reasons, and nearly one-in-ten were in degree or certificate programs at colleges or universities in 2002-03. Only 15 percent of those enrolled did so because their employer required or recommended it.

K. O'Donnell, (2005). Tabular Summary of Adult Education for Work-Related Reasons: 2002-03 (NCES 2005-044). U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office. nces.ed.gov/pubs2005/2005044.pdf August 12, 2005

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