

→ **Fast Facts**

→ **File sharing and media creation**

The publication of new books rose by 66 percent over the 2002–2007 period. Since 2000, the annual release of new music albums has more than doubled. Worldwide feature film production is up by more than 30 percent since 2003. Authors, publishers, and media producers have not been discouraged from creating new works despite advent of file-sharing technology.

Felix Oberholzer-Gee and Koleman Strumpf, *File-Sharing and Copyright*, Harvard Business School Working Paper 09-132, published May 15, 2009, www.hbs.edu/research/pdf/09-132.pdf. Retrieved May 21, 2009.

→ **Survey of American college students**

According to several reports published by the Primary Research Group, Inc., only about 47 percent of students are sure that they have ever been required to turn in a research paper exceeding ten double-spaced typed pages in length for any of their classes. More than 86 percent of students say that they understand the concept of plagiarism. The higher the grade point average, the less information for research papers was obtained from search engines, such as Google or Yahoo. Close to 19 percent of students in the fine or performing arts have ever asked reference questions via e-mail, the highest percentage among all types of majors or concentrations.

Press Release from Primary Research Group, Inc., June, 2009, primaryresearch.com/release-200906251.html Retrieved August 6, 2009.

→ **Pew Global Attitudes Project**

Kenyans have a more favorable view of the United States than we do of ourselves (90 percent versus 88 percent) according to data from the Pew Global Attitudes Project. The new database allows users to explore public opinion trends in 55 countries on a variety of topics such as globalization, democratization, and support for suicide bombing. Data can be searched by question, by topic, or by country. Results can be displayed in map, table, or chart formats.

Pew Global Attitudes Project Key Indicators Database, pewglobal.org/database/. Retrieved August 12, 2009.

→ **College enrollment**

In 2006, the five colleges with the highest enrollment were University of Phoenix Online Campus with 165,373 students; Ohio State University with 51,818; Miami-Dade College with 51,329; Arizona State University at the Tempe Campus with 51,234; and University of Florida with 50,912.

U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (2009), Digest of Education Statistics, 2008 (NCES 2009-020), Chapter 3, nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=74. Retrieved August 12, 2009.

→ **Federal spending went up in 2008**

The federal government obligated nearly \$2.79 trillion in domestic spending for fiscal year 2008, up 9.3 percent from 2007. That is equivalent to a total of \$9,184 per person living in the United States. Federal per capita spending was highest for Virginia (\$15,256), Maryland (\$13,829), and Alaska (\$13,730).

Federal Domestic Spending Increases 9.3 Percent in FY '08, U.S. Census Bureau News, July 23, 2009, www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/governments/013997.html. Retrieved August 7, 2009.

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