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DuckDuckGo

"DuckDuckGo is an Internet search engine that emphasizes protecting searchers' privacy and avoiding the 'filter bubble' of personalized search results. DuckDuckGo distinguishes itself from other search engines by not profiling its users and by deliberately showing all users the same search results for a given search term." Since the June 2013 NSA surveillance revelations, the user base of DuckDuckGo has grown substantially, approaching 6 million queries per day. Gabriel Weinberg, "DuckDuckGo Reimagined and Redesigned," May 5, 2014, https://duck.co/forum/thread/5726/duckduckgo-reimagined-and-redesigned (retrieved June 12, 2014).



Trends in child well being

"In 2012, 15 percent of children lived with parents who had never graduated high school, down from 16 percent in 2005. However, one in five Native American children and more than a third of Hispanic children live with parents who lack a diploma. About a third of students are proficient in reading in 4th grade and in mathematics in 8th grade, as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Kids Count report finds 23 percent of children lived in poverty in 2012, 4 percentage points higher than in 2005."

Sarah D. Sparks, "In 25 Years, U.S. Children Make Fragile Progress, Kids Count Analysis Finds," Education Week, July 22, 2014, http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/inside-school-research/2014/07/in_25_years_us_kids_make_slow_.html (retrieved August 13, 2014).



A YouTube minute

During each minute on YouTube, users upload about 100 hours of video and view at least 2,777,777 videos. "YouTube is the 3rd most trafficked website behind Google and Facebook." YouTube earned an estimated \$5.6 billion in 2013. Joshua Mychal, "What Happens in A YouTube Minute [Infographic]," July 29, 2014, http://onenameglobal.com/what-happens-in-a-youtube-minute-infographic (retrieved August 2, 2014).



Price of education

The average annual price (including tuition, fees, room, and board) for a public four-year, in-state college education in the United States was \$17,474 in 2012-13. The equivalent for a private four-year institution was \$35,074 or about double the cost. The most expensive state for public education was New Hampshire at \$24,705. The least costly state was Utah at \$12,076. The highest average for private colleges was \$49,871 in Massachusetts. Idaho had the lowest average cost for private colleges at \$11,544.

U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, Table 330.20, "Average undergraduate tuition and fees and room and board rates charged for full-time students in degree-granting postsecondary institutions, by control and level of institution and state or jurisdiction: 2011-12 and 2012-13," Digest of Education Statistics 2013, http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13_330.20.asp (retrieved August 13, 2014).



Print book publishing

"Production of print books by traditional publishers slowed in the United States in 2013, declining from 309,957 titles in 2012 to a projected 304,912 titles in 2013," a reduction of 1.6 percent. The previous year had seen a 6.1 percent increase. Bowker, "Traditional Print Book Production Dipped Slightly in 2013," August 5, 2014, www.bowker.com/en-US/aboutus/press_room/2014/pr_08052014.shtml (retrieved August 13, 2014).

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