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Amount by which last year's [WTO](#) accord is projected to increase annual U.S. [grain sales](#) to [China](#): \$1,000,000,000¹

Percentage of last year's U.S. [grain sales](#) to the [European Union](#) this represents: 96²

Percentage of national forestland unprotected under the [President's](#) proposed [ban](#) on forest-road construction: 78³

Miles of new roads that the ban would allow in [Alaska's](#) Tongass National Forest: 500⁴

Acres of [redwoods](#) saved by Julia "Butterfly" Hill, after her two-year residence in a treetop: 3⁵

Amount her foundation paid Pacific Lumber to spare the trees: \$50,000⁶

Maximum suggested donation for a week's course in [civil disobedience](#) at [Canada's](#) clandestine Co-Motion Action Camp: \$125⁷

Price of a two-week stay at [California's](#) Entrepreneurship Camp, for ages 9 through 16: \$1,950⁸

Chance that a contestant who's appeared on [ABC's](#) *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* has won a million dollars: 1 in 67⁹

Chance that a contestant who appeared on the show's [British](#) precursor ever won a million pounds: 0¹⁰

Number of [entertainment](#) award ceremonies scheduled to be held in the U.S. this year: 332¹¹

Number of states that declared last August 8 "[National Admit You're Happy Day](#)": 19¹²

Average number of seconds it takes to complete a transaction at a [Wendy's drive-through](#): 150.29¹³

Rank of a [Starbucks](#) store locator among the most commonly downloaded non-email [Palm Pilot applications](#): 1¹⁴

Number of months last spring that a [Louisiana](#) town's [sewage](#) lines were connected to its fresh water supply: 3¹⁵

Gallons of [bourbon](#) that flowed into the Kentucky River last May during a fire at a Wild Turkey warehouse: 200,000¹⁶

Percentage of the trailers provided [North Carolina's](#) Hurricane Floyd victims last fall that were still in use in May: 56¹⁷

Percentage of refugees from the [Bosnian war](#) who have not returned to their homes since 1995's peace accord: 39¹⁸

Estimated number of years it will take to [remove](#) the 600,000 active mines in [Bosnia-Herzegovina](#): 30¹⁹

Minimum number of [Haitian](#) politicians [assassinated](#) since 1994's U.S. military intervention: 8²⁰

[Bounty](#) placed on the head of any U.S. DEA agent last January by [Mexico's](#) Juárez [drug cartel](#): \$200,000²¹

Percentage change since 1995 in the number of assaults against federal officers patrolling the [California](#) border: +617²²

Number of [semiautomatic](#) paint-ball rifles ordered by the [LAPD](#) in preparation for this month's Democratic convention: 40²³

Amount [New Jersey's](#) Camden [police](#) spent on riot gear in preparation for Philadelphia's [GOP](#) convention: \$47,775²⁴

Number of years remaining in Pat Buchanan's "political life," according to Buchanan: 10²⁵

Minimum amount [President Clinton's](#) pension and staff will cost U.S. taxpayers if his life span is average: \$6,072,000²⁶

Ratio of the number of [corporate](#) mergers signed under the Clinton Administration to those signed under [Reagan](#): 3:1²⁷

Number of prizes in [economics](#) ever funded by the Nobel Foundation: 0²⁸

Number funded "in memory of Alfred Nobel" by the [Bank of Sweden](#): 31²⁹

Percentage of [public relations](#) executives who say they have "had to [lie](#)" in the course of their jobs: 25³⁰

Distance that the [silver-spotted skipper caterpillar](#) can propel its own feces, in feet: 5³¹

Number of [leaf-cutter ants](#) required to lift a 10-pound picnic basket: 60,133³²

Number of hours at 95°F it takes for [egg](#) salad to go bad: 4.6³³

Percentage change in the [gonorrhea](#) rate among teens and young adults when the [beer tax](#) is raised by 20 cents: -9³⁴

Percentage of U.S. teenagers who say they have engaged in [oral sex](#): 55³⁵

Percentage who consider the practice "gross": 55³⁶

Average number of words in the [written vocabulary](#) of a 6- to 14-year-old American child in 1945: 25,000³⁷

Average number today: 10,000³⁸

Ratio of the number of words for the color blue in Maya to the number in Spanish: 3:1³⁹

Estimated number of [fireflies](#) it would take to generate the visible brightness of the sun: 14,286,000,000⁴⁰



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