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- Percentage of U.S. children under the age of fifteen who expect their parents to pay for most or all of college : 53  
    Percentage of U.S. parents who plan to do so : 29  
    Estimated number of U.S. fathers of minors in 1989 who did not work outside the home : 1,100,000  
    Estimated number who do not today : 2,000,000  
Portion of U.S. school superintendents who approve of physically restraining children as punishment : 1/5  
Average number of hours per week U.S. public-school teachers are required to work to receive base pay : 38  
    Average number they actually work : 52  
Chance that a U.S. public school had at least one security camera in 1999 : 1 in 5  
    Chances today : 2 in 3  
Percentage of black public high school students who say they carry a weapon : 14  
    Of white public high school students : 17  
Chance that a poor woman in a predominantly white Milwaukee neighborhood will be evicted this year : 1 in 150  
    That a poor woman in a predominantly black Milwaukee neighborhood will be : 1 in 17  
    Chance that a U.S. Google employee is black : 1 in 50  
    Number of film companies that have asked the FAA for permits to use drones : 7  
Percentage of Iranians who support full trade and diplomatic relations with the United States : 74  
    Who support recognizing Israel in the event of a peace accord with Palestine : 16  
Portion of adults in Great Britain who believe their nation fought the First World War against the Nazis : 1/5  
Number of firefighters required to free an American student trapped in a 32-ton sculpture of a vagina in Germany in June : 25  
    Year in which the World Health Organization began keeping records on global obesity : 1980  
    Number of years since then in which at least one country has reduced its obesity rate : 0  
Amount a couple in Sarasota, Florida, earning \$62,040 will receive in federal health care subsidies under the ACA : \$8,736  
    Amount a couple earning \$62,041 will receive : \$0  
    Number of inmates in Quebec prisons and jails who have escaped by helicopter in the past 15 months : 5  
Factor by which the number of recalls GM has issued this year exceeds the number of cars it sold in the previous two years : 5  
    Portion of the U.S. electrical-power supply that comes from coal : 2/5  
    Average per capita income within three miles of a major U.S. coal plant : \$18,400  
    Number of tank cars of crude oil transported by U.S. railways in 2008 : 9,500  
    In 2013 : 400,000  
Number of states that have reduced their carbon emissions by at least 30 percent since 2005 : 10  
    Number that have seen a concurrent decline in economic activity : 0  
    Gigatons of cement used in the United States in the twentieth century : 4.4  
    Gigatons used in China in the past three years : 6.1  
    Percentage of roads in sub-Saharan Africa that are passable year-round : 16  
Percentage of liberal Americans who would prefer a large house to a “walkable” community : 32  
    Of conservative Americans : 69  
Pieces of underwear brought to the New York City transit system’s lost-and-found so far this year : 569  
Number of Johns a suspected pimp must attempt to solicit with “chica cards” to be arrested under New York State law : 10  
Amount of the fine a recently passed New York State law would impose for taking selfies with tigers : \$500  
Cost to be buried beside your pet at the People and Pet Gardens in Hermitage, Pennsylvania : \$795

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