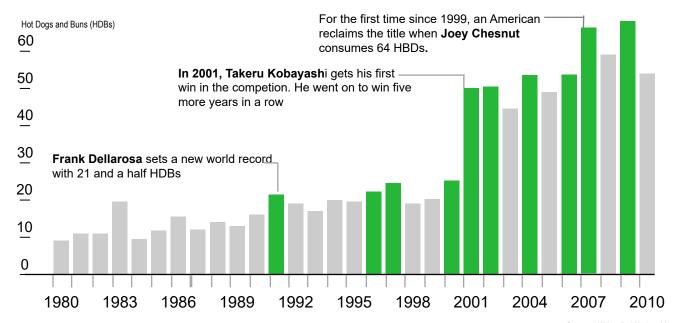
HOT DOG EATING

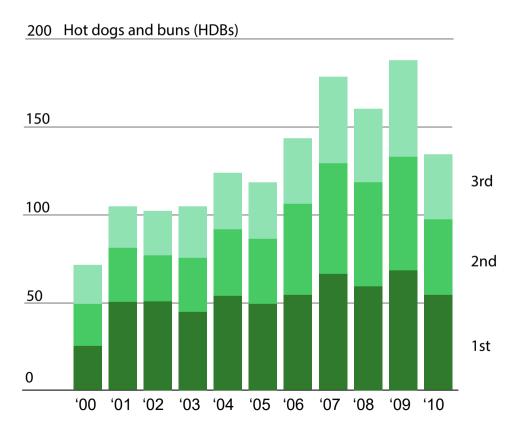
Nathan's hot dog eating contest every July 4th has been going on since the early 1900's, but it wasnt until 2001 when things got serious. Takeru Kobayashi from Japan raised the bar, more than doubling the previous world record. Highlighted bars indicate new records.



Source: Wikipedia | Nathan Yu

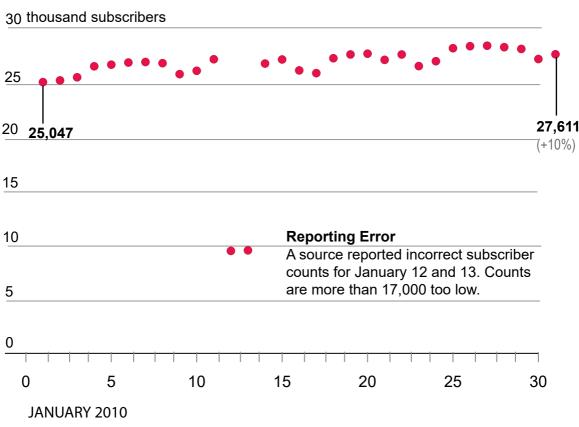
TOP THREE HOT DOG EATERS

The year before Takeru Kobayashi started to compete in Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest, the top three eaters were close in skills. However, from 2001 to 2005, Kobayashi always had a substantial lead. That changed in 2006 when Joey Chesnut started competing.

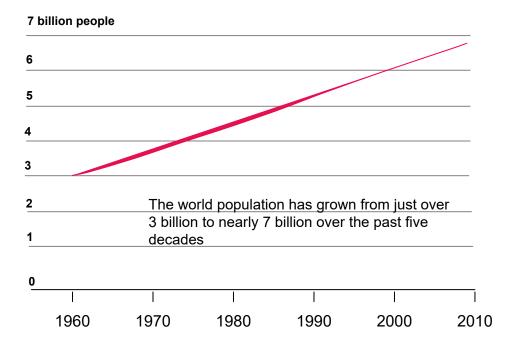


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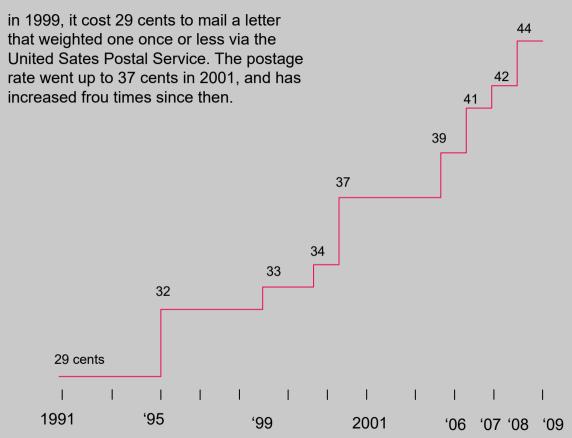
In January 2010, the number of subscribers via RSS and email increase to 27,611 making it the tenth month in a row with at least a ten percent increase.



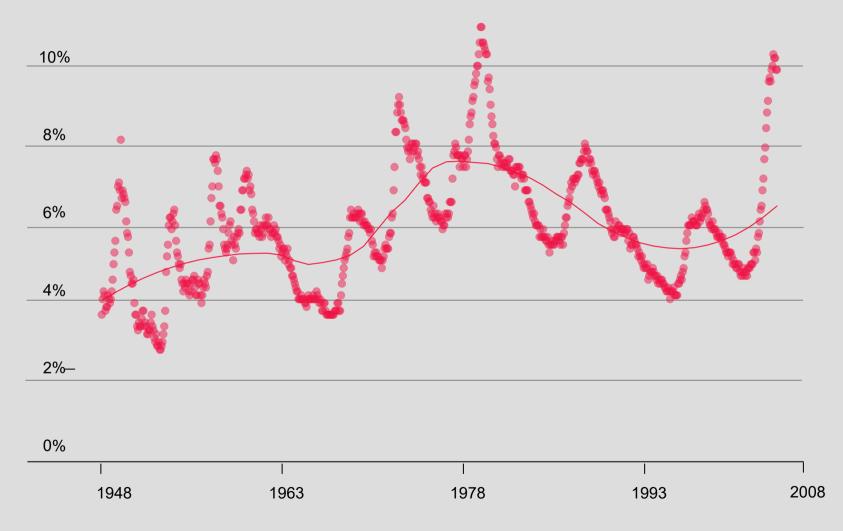
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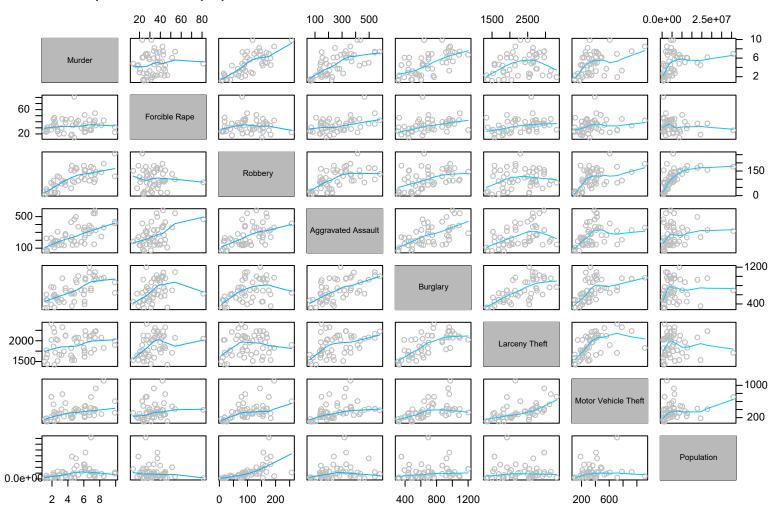
UNITED STATES POSTAGE RATE



UNITED STATES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 1948 - 2010

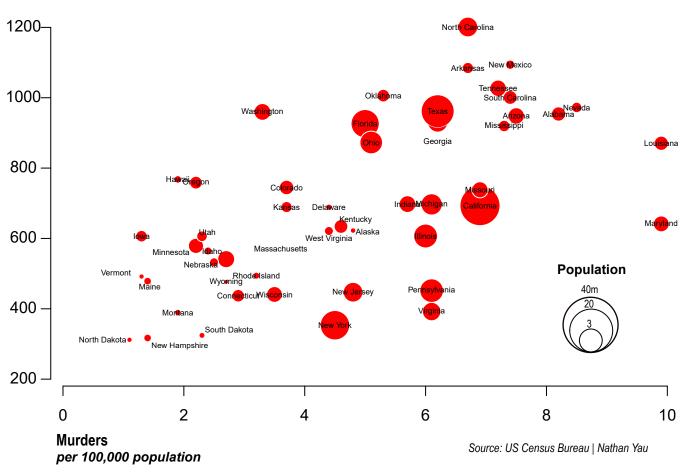


Rates per 100,000 population



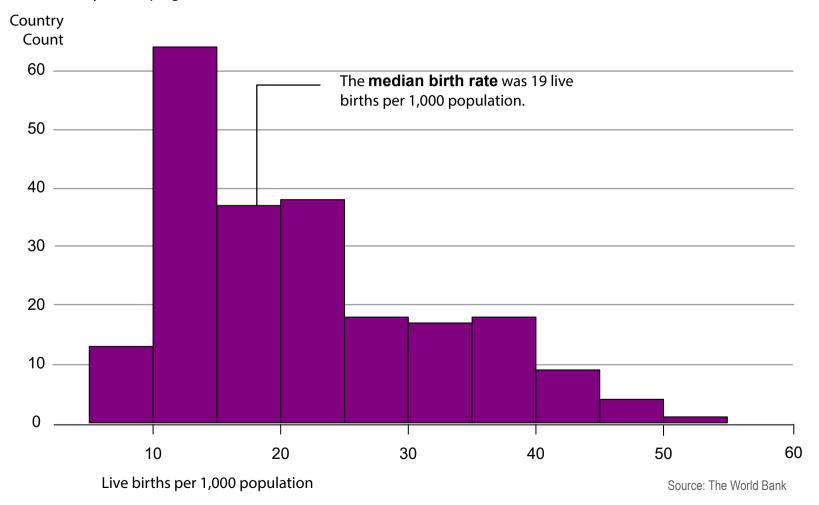
MURDERS VERSUS BURGLARIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Burglaries per 100,000 population

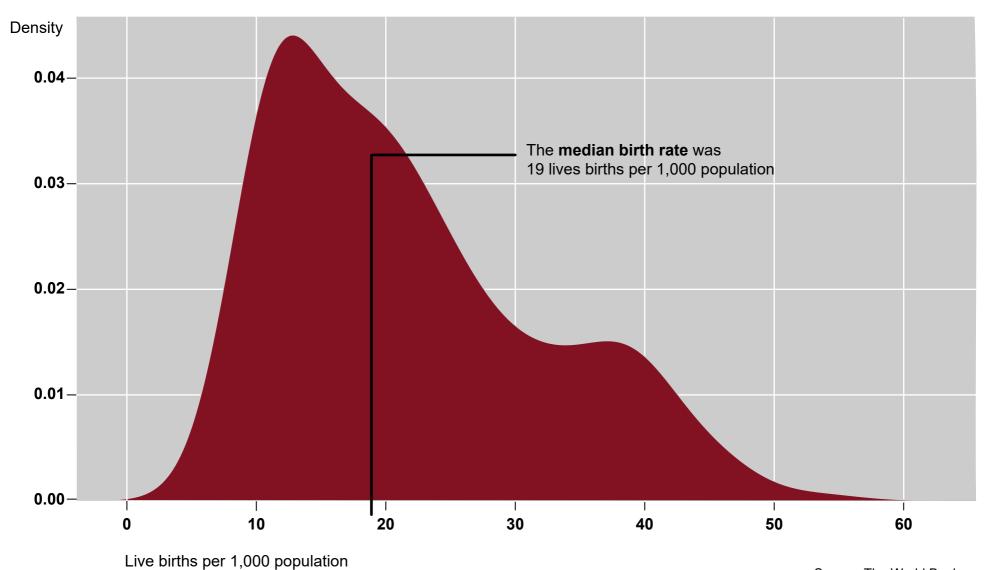


GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION OF BIRTH RATES

In 2008, most countries had birth rates less than 25 live births per 1,000 population. Thre are, however, many developing countries where women tend to bear more children.



GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION OF BIRTH RATES IN 2008



Source: The World Bank

