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Number of U.S. states that observe a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and a Robert E. Lee holiday on the same day : 3
Estimated portion of black U.S. men who are ineligible to vote because of a felony conviction : 1/8
Number of prison inmates per 1,000 people in China : 1.2
In Russia : 4.8
In the state of Louisiana : 13.4
Estimated average amount Louisiana hospitals bill patients for compiling rape kits : \$2,000
Percentage of active U.S. physicians who are men : 68
Percentage of the 300 highest-paid physician-consultants to pharmaceutical and medical-device companies who are : 90
Portion of U.S. women between the ages of 18 and 24 who have been stalked online : 1/4
Percentage of U.S. women who work in the restaurant industry : 7
Percentage of U.S. workplace sexual-harassment claims that originate in the industry : 37
Estimated portion of Western recruits to the Islamic State who are women : 1/10
Percentage of the U.S. population that the average American says is Muslim : 15
Percentage that actually is : 1
Average number of daily U.S. airstrikes in Syria since September 23, 2014 : 7
Estimated number of people executed by the Iraqi government last year : 60
By U.S. states : 41
Years in prison a Bahraini activist faces for ripping up a photograph of the king : 7
Days a schizophrenic inmate in North Carolina was held in solitary confinement before dying of thirst last March : 35
Amount the U.S. Navy paid the brother of a Navy intelligence official in 2012 for 349 MK-15 silencers : \$1,675,750
Total amount the silencers cost in parts and labor : \$10,000
Number of the silencers that effectively silenced weapons : 0
Average number of tidal floods in Washington, D.C., each year : 43
Number projected to occur annually by 2030 : 400
Date on which tobacco manufacturer Reynolds American announced a smoking ban in its headquarters : 10/22/14
Percentage of people in the European Union who say they plan to start their own business within the next year : 4
Of people in the United States : 15
In sub-Saharan Africa : 35
Number of votes the Internet Party received in Ukraine's parliamentary elections last fall : 58,152
Number of the party's seventeen candidates who were registered under the name Darth Vader : 5
Number of U.S. federal employees who have been put on at least one full year of administrative leave since 2011 : 263
Estimated total amount of salary those employees received during leave : \$31,000,000
Amount paid at an October auction for a collection of Queen Victoria's undergarments : \$11,167
Year in which Congress instituted an automatic annual cost-of-living adjustment to Social Security payments : 1975
Number of times over the next thirty-five years that the adjustment was less than 2 percent : 2
Number of times in the past five years that it has been : 4
Percentage of Americans who believe economic conditions are getting worse in this country : 54
Date on which the Federal Reserve ended its asset-purchase program because of the economy's "underlying strength" : 10/29/14
On which former Fed chair Ben Bernanke announced that his mortgage-refinance application had been denied : 10/2/14

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