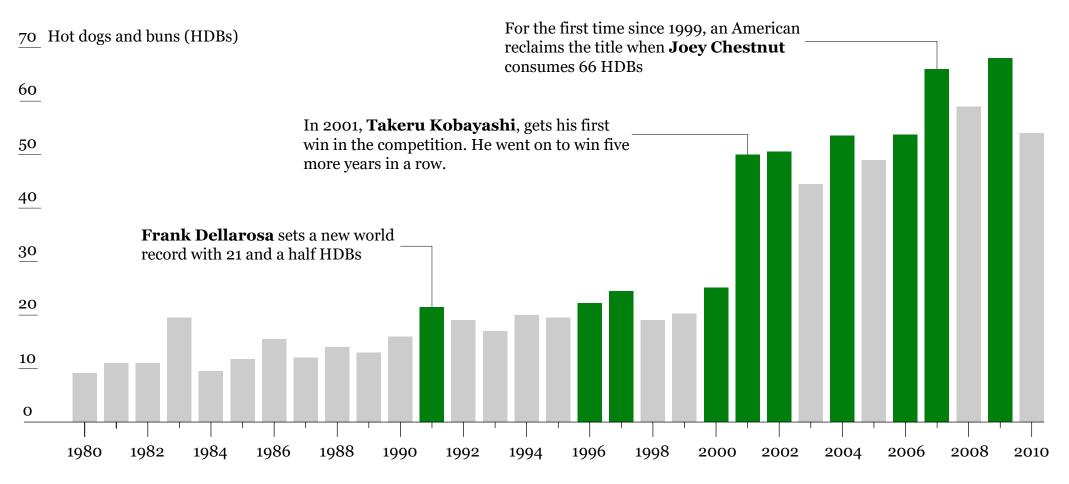
HOT DOG EATING

Nathan's hot dog eating contest every July 4th has been going on since the early 1900s, but it wasn't until 2001 when things got serious. Takeru Kobayashi from Japan raised the bar, more than doubling the previous world record. Highlighted bars indicate new world records.

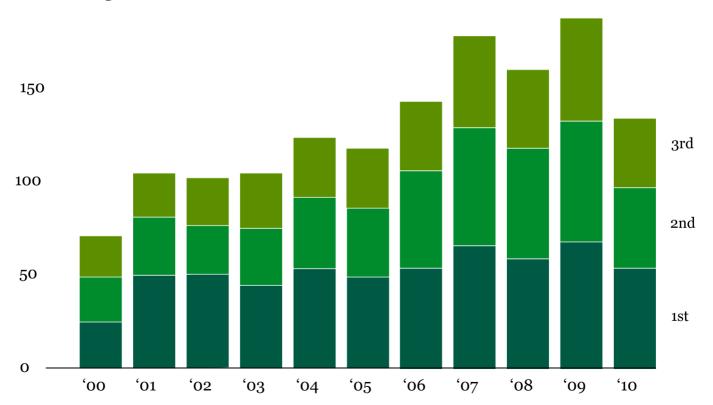


Source: Wikipedia | Nathan Yau

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 changes in 2006 when Joey Chestnut started competing.

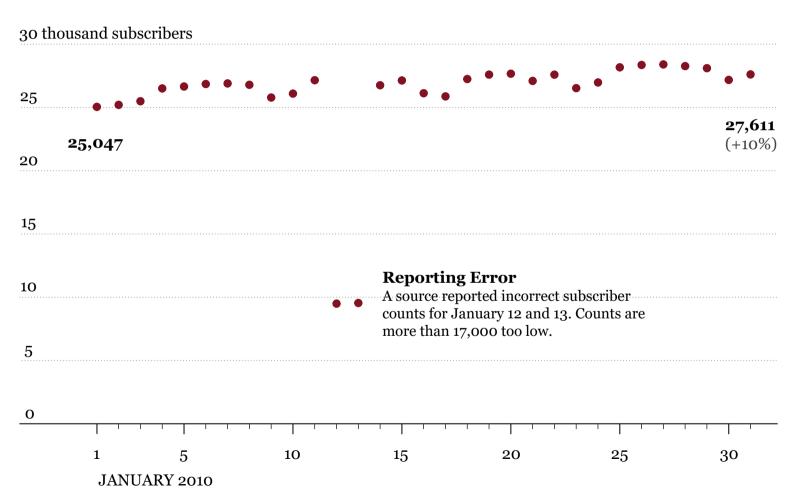
200 Hot dogs and buns (HBDs)



Source: Wikipedia | Nathan Yau

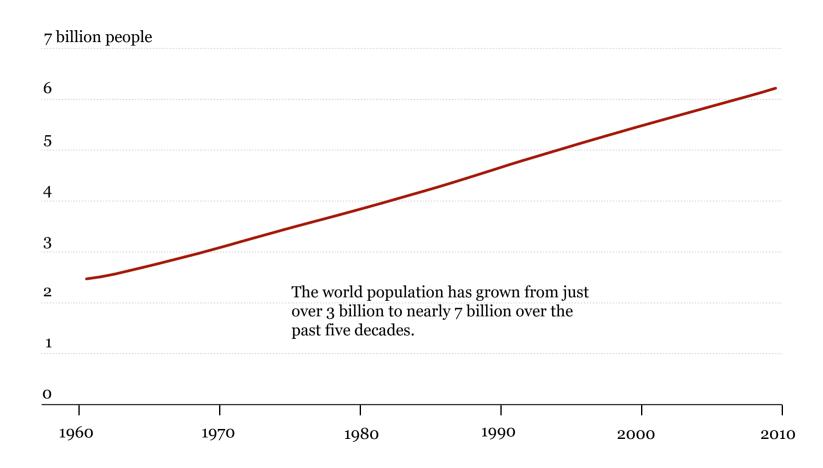
INCREASE IN SUBSCRIBERS

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.



Source: Feedburner | Nathan Yau

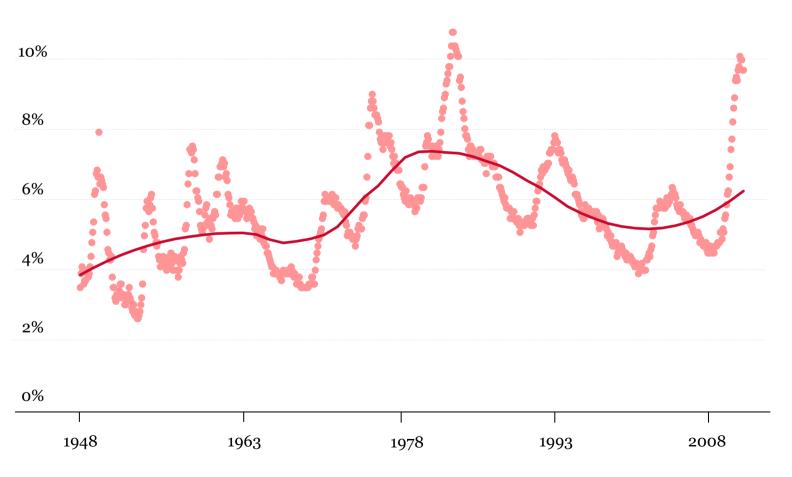
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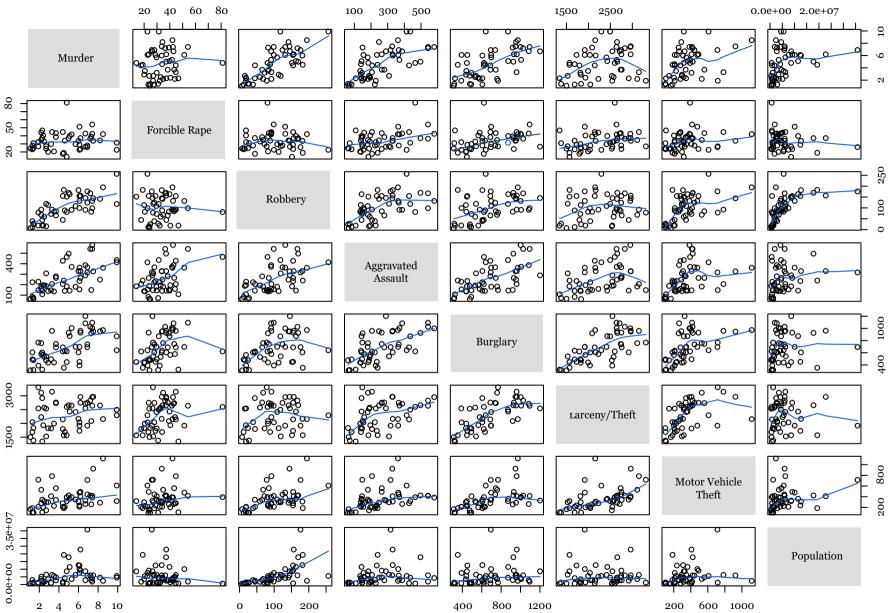
UNITED STATES POSTAGE RATE

In 1991, it cost 29 cents to mail a letter that 44 weighed one ounce or less via the United States Postal Service. The postage rate went 42 up to 37 cents in 2001, and has increased 41 four times since then. 39 37 34 33 32 29 cents **'**95 2001 '02 1991 **'99** '06 '07 '08

UNITED STATES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 1948-2010



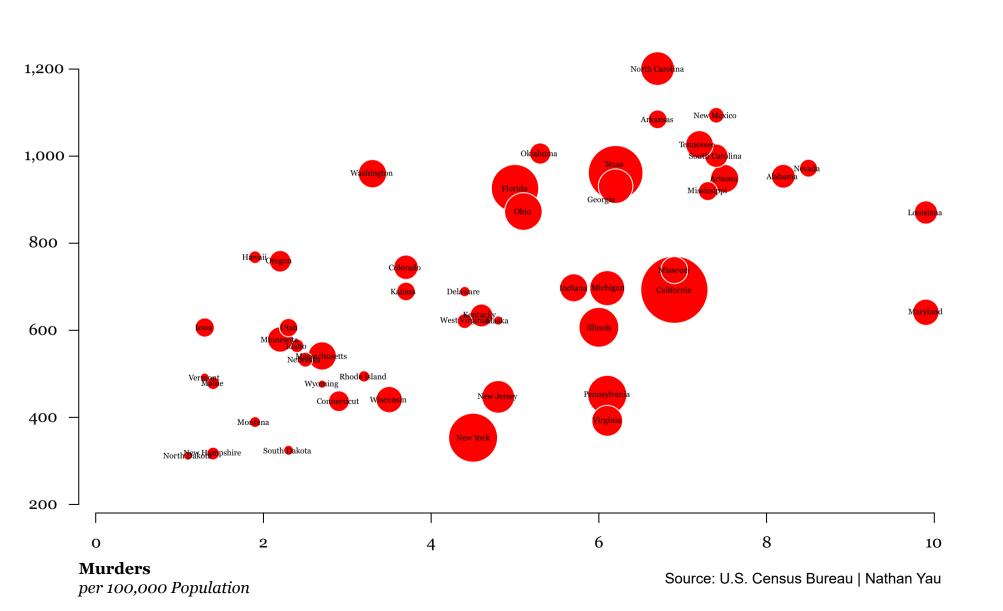
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MURDERS VERSUS BURGLARIES IN THE UNITED STATES

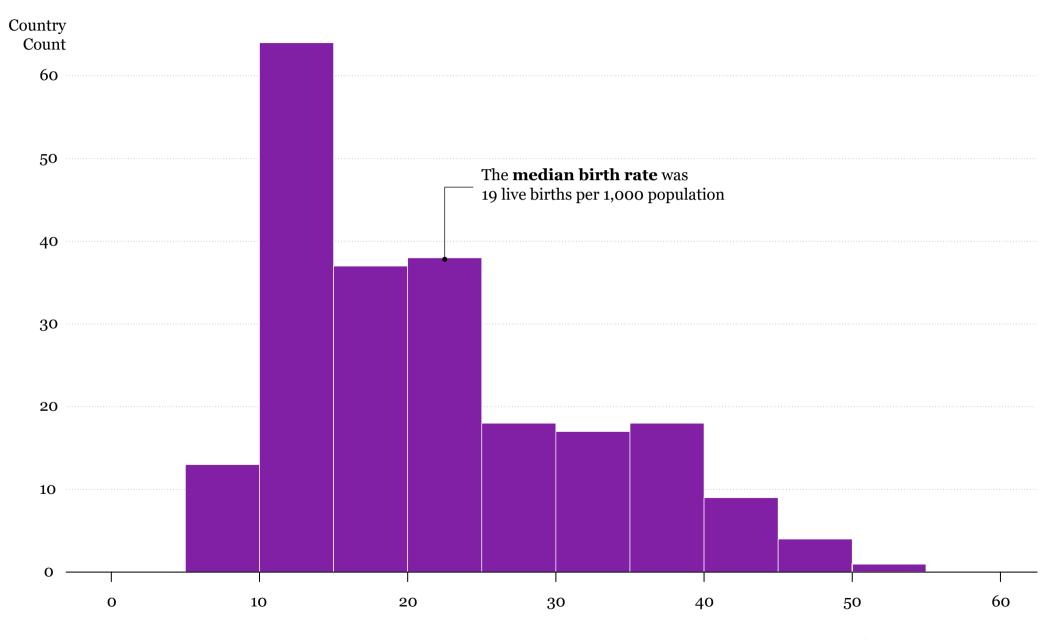
Burglaries

per 100,000 population



GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION OF BIRTH RATES

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



Live births per 1,000 population

Source: The World Bank

THE GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION OF BIRTH RATES IN 2008

