High school graduation rates
The four-year graduation rate for high schools in the United States rose to a historical high of 80 percent in the 2011–12 school year, up from 79 percent in the 2010–11 school year. The average freshman graduation rate for female students exceeded the graduation rate for male students by 7 percentage points (85 percent for females vs. 78 percent for males).


Sharing vs. reading
There is no relationship between online social sharing of content and active engagement with that content. Page views do not translate to attention. Chartbeat, a web analytics provider, found that 55 percent of users who click on a page spent fewer than 15 seconds actively on the page. "Bottom line, measuring social sharing is great for understanding social sharing, but if you’re using that to understand which content is capturing more of someone’s attention, you’re going beyond the data.”


World Bank policy reports
About 13 percent of World Bank policy reports were downloaded at least 250 times, while more than 31 percent of policy reports are never downloaded. Almost 87 percent of policy reports were never cited.


Think tanks
According to the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program at the University of Pennsylvania, there are 6,826 think tanks worldwide. About 29 percent of those institutions are based in North America, while about 27 percent are based in Europe and Russia. Oceania accounted for less than 1 percent of all think tanks. The United States accounted for 1,828 think tanks, with China coming in second at 426.


TV down, mobile up
Consumers are reducing their TV consumption and increasing their mobile media consumption. About 5 million people ended their cable and broadband subscriptions between the beginning of 2010 and the end of 2013. Big telecom companies such as AT&T and Verizon are seeing increases in customers, while cable TV-only providers are experiencing decreases. The number of households owning a TV is also decreasing. Meanwhile, tablet and smartphone video streaming is booming.