

# → **Fast Facts**

## → **Survey of earned doctorates**

The 45,596 research doctorates awarded during the 2005–06 academic year represent an increase of 5.1 percent from 2005. This is the highest number in the history of the survey of earned doctorates. In 2006, 51 percent of all research doctorates awarded to U.S. citizens went to women, marking the fifth consecutive year U.S. women were awarded more doctorates than their male counterparts. Twenty percent of all research doctorates awarded to U.S. citizens in 2006 were earned by U.S. racial/ethnic minority group members. This is the highest percentage recorded in the survey of earned doctorates.

T. B. Hoffer, M. Hess, V. Welch, Jr., and K. Williams. "Doctorate Recipients from United States Universities: Summary Report 2006," 2007, Chicago: National Opinion Research Center. (The report gives the results of data collected in the Survey of Earned Doctorates, conducted for six federal agencies, NSF, NIH, USED, NEH, USDA, and NASA by NORC.) [www.norc.org/NR/rdonlyres/C22A3F40-0BA2-4993-A6D3-5E65939EEDC3/0/06SRFinalVersion.pdf](http://www.norc.org/NR/rdonlyres/C22A3F40-0BA2-4993-A6D3-5E65939EEDC3/0/06SRFinalVersion.pdf), November 26, 2007

## → **Scholarly expenditures**

From 1997 to 2004, college and university library serials budgets increased more than 53 percent. During the same period, total scholarly monograph spending increased about 25 percent. Operating expenses increased only about 11 percent. Total expenditures were up about 37 percent. Monograph per-unit costs increased 10.49 percent, while inflation (CPI) increased 17.69 percent, and GDP was up by 44.32 percent for the same time period.

Albert N. Greco et al., "The Changing College and University Library Market for University Press Books and Journals: 1997–2004," *Journal of Scholarly Publishing*, Vol. 39, No. 1, October 2007. [muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal\\_of\\_scholarly\\_publishing/v039/39.1greco.pdf](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_scholarly_publishing/v039/39.1greco.pdf), December 10, 2007

## → **Government attic**

GovernmentAttic.org provides online access to previously unavailable government documents. As of this writing, the collection of documents is relatively small, but growing. It consists of FOIA request logs and documents obtained via FOIA. Access to the documents is provided via a simple menu or via a Google custom search. It also provides links to other sites providing access to previously secret files.

[www.governmentattic.org/](http://www.governmentattic.org/), December 8, 2007

## → **Web search numbers**

Internet users conduct about 1.4 million Web searches every minute, according to a study by comScore. Google accounts for about 60 percent of all searches worldwide. Yahoo came in second worldwide with 8.5 billion searches in August. Baidu.com, a Chinese search company, placed third with 3.3 billion searches, followed by Microsoft Corporation at 2.2 billion and NHN (a South Korean search engine) at 2 billion searches.

Anick Jesdanun, Associated Press, "Study: Google Gets Bulk of World Search," October 9, 2007, *The Washington Post*, [www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/09/AR2007100900965.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/09/AR2007100900965.html), December 9, 2007

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