

10 Interesting facts that will blow your mind

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1. The International Labor Organization estimates a record 200 million people will be unemployed around the world in 2013. If you gave them their own country, it would be the fifth largest in the world.
2. 23. Apple's cash and investments are now equal to the GDP of Hungary and more than those of Vietnam and Iraq.
3. U.S. charitable giving was \$298 billion in 2011, according to the Giving USA Foundation. That's more than the GDP of all but 33 countries in the world.
4. In the first quarter of 2012, the number of iPhones Apple sold per day surpassed the number of babies born per day worldwide (402,000 vs. 300,000), according to Mobile First.
5. According to economist Glen Weyl, "Of Harvard students graduating in early '90s and pursuing careers in finance, 1/3 were making over \$1 million a year by 2005."
6. The International Energy Agency predicts that the U.S. will become the world's largest oil-producer by 2020, overtaking Saudi Arabia.
7. According to New York Times writer Binyamin Appelbaum: "Average months between US recessions since 1854: 42. Months since last recession: 42."
8. We are used to hearing how much faster the earnings of the top 1% grow compared with everyone else's, but we often forget that it used to be the other way around. From 1943 to 1980, the annual incomes of the bottom 90% of Americans doubled in real terms, while the average income of the top 1% grew just 23%, according to Robert Frank.
9. As of January 2013, there are 16 people left in the world who were born in the 1800s, according to the Gerontology Research Group. With dividends reinvested, U.S. stocks have increased 28,000-fold during their lifetimes.
10. If you divide their net worth's by their age, Carlos Slim and Bill Gates have each accumulated more than \$100,000 in net worth for every hour they've been alive.

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