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In millions, the number of 2010 Mardi Gras attendees, the event's best attendance in 25 years

Source: New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau, as cited in *EconSouth's* article, "Tourism Takes Off"

8.5

Improvement, in percent, of Georgia's sales tax revenues in 2010 over 2009 collections

Source: Georgia Department of Revenue, as cited in *EconSouth's* article, "Consumer Spending Has Ups and Downs"

60

Percent of U.S. jobs created by small business

Source: Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, as cited in *EconSouth's* article, "The Big Impact of Small Business"

23

Share, in percent, of U.S. mortgages with negative equity

Source: CoreLogic, as cited in *EconSouth's* article, "Good News, Bad News in 2010 Color Outlook for 2011"

85

Number, in millions, of bottles of water consumed daily in the United States

Source: National Public Radio feature, "War on Tap"



15.2

Number, in millions, of automobiles recalled in the United States in 2009

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

72.7

Area, in millions of acres, devoted to growing corn in the United States

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation

25,482

Miles of waterways in the United States

Source: Central Intelligence Agency

79

Percent, in volume, of fish and shellfish imported into the United States, 2000-05

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

12,000

Miles of U.S. waterways used for commerce

Source: Central Intelligence Agency



15,079

The number of airports in the United States

Source: Central Intelligence Agency



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