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Newspaper circulation

“The estimated total U.S. daily newspaper circulation (print and digital combined) in 2020 was 24.3 million for weekday and 25.8 million for Sunday, each down 6 percent from the previous year.” For comparison, the weekday circulation in 1984 was 63.3 million (print).

Pew Research Center, “Trends and Facts on Newspapers | State of the News Media,” Pew Research Center’s Journalism Project (blog), June 29, 2021, <https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/fact-sheet/newspapers> (retrieved December 2, 2021).



Postsecondary campus safety

While the overall number of reported on-campus crimes fell from 34,100 in 2009 to 28,500 in 2018, and the rate of crime fell from 23.0 to 19.5 incidents per 10,000 FTE students, the number of reported forcible sex offenses on campus increased from 2,500 in 2009 to 12,300 in 2018 (a 383 percent increase). “Although changes in the reporting guidelines for forcible sex offenses in 2014 likely contributed to the largest single-year percentage increase in that year (36 percent, from 5,000 to 6,800), the number of reported forcible sex offenses on campus continued to increase steadily between 2014 and 2018, from 6,800 to 12,300.”

Véronique Irwin, Ke Wang, Jiashan Cui, Jizhi Zhang, and Alexandra Thompson, “Report on Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2020 (NCES 2021-092/NCJ 300772),” July 2021, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, and Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., <https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2021092> (retrieved December 2, 2021).



Text mining index

The General Index is a “gigantic index of the words and short phrases contained in more than 100 million journal articles—including many paywalled papers. The catalogue, which was released on 7 October and is free to use, holds tables of more than 355 billion words and sentence fragments listed next to the articles in which they appear.”

Holly Else, “Giant, Free Index to World’s Research Papers Released Online,” *Nature*, October 26, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1038/d41586-021-02895-8> (retrieved November 30, 2021).



WorldCat growth

“In FY21, WorldCat grew beyond 500 million records and 3 billion library holdings, a 6.74 percent growth in bibliographic records and a 4.35 percent growth in holdings from FY20.”

“OCLC Annual Report 2020-2021,” OCLC, November 12, 2021, https://www.oclc.org/content/annual-report/en_us/2021/home.html (retrieved December 1, 2021).

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