

Below are some examples of statistics:

- More than 50% of all marriages end in divorce.
- Office vacancy rate climbs to 19%.
- Asthma afflicts 12% in the United States.
- The government spends about \$300 billion a year on defense.
- The government spends about \$470 billion a year on education.*

* “Total spending at all levels of government for K-12 education is more than \$470 billion this school year (2002-2003)”. *Fact Sheet: President Bush’s FY 2004 Education Budget: Spending More, and Spending It More Wisely*. <http://edworkforce.house.gov/issues/108th/education/funding/budgetfactsheet020403.htm>