

7. **b.** Source: [www.wsj.com/articles/are-you-underpaid-in-a-first-u-s-firms-reveal-how-much-they-pay-workers-1520766000](http://www.wsj.com/articles/are-you-underpaid-in-a-first-u-s-firms-reveal-how-much-they-pay-workers-1520766000)

8. **d.** Source: [www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2017-05-30/the-future-of-america-s-shoe-obsession-is-male](http://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2017-05-30/the-future-of-america-s-shoe-obsession-is-male)

9. **c.** If you chose d., you would be correct for those with \$100,000 in debt.  
Source: [www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/poll-majority-millennials-are-debt-hitting-pause-major-life-events-n862376](http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/poll-majority-millennials-are-debt-hitting-pause-major-life-events-n862376)

Male shoes are projected to increase in sales.

10. **c.** Americans lose less than half the amount of Australians.  
Source: [www.nytimes.com/2018/04/04/world/australia/australians-gambling-betting-machines.html](http://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/04/world/australia/australians-gambling-betting-machines.html)

11. **d.** Source: [www.cnn.com/2018/01/09/amazons-jeff-bezos-wealth-hits-105-point-1-billion.html](http://www.cnn.com/2018/01/09/amazons-jeff-bezos-wealth-hits-105-point-1-billion.html)

12. **d.** Source: *The Week*, April 25, 2014.

13. **a.** The average amount people report lending to family members is \$5,022 of which \$2,857 is repaid.

Source: [www.cnn.com/2017/10/02/if-you-lend-money-to-family-dont-expect-to-see-all-of-it-again.html](http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/02/if-you-lend-money-to-family-dont-expect-to-see-all-of-it-again.html)



14. **c.** Unfortunately, 25 percent of individuals have saved only \$1,000.  
Source: *The Week*, Oct. 20, 2017.

15. **b.** Source: [www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/why-pennys-worth-over-2-million-180953872](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/why-pennys-worth-over-2-million-180953872)

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1. What percentage of Americans has enough savings to cover an unexpected \$500 car repair or a \$1,000 emergency room visit?  
a. 52 percent  
b. 48 percent  
c. 37 percent  
d. 30 percent

2. Of the \$500 billion that Americans spend in grocery stores per year, how much is spent on fresh produce and meats?  
a. \$100 billion  
b. \$180 billion  
c. \$250 billion  
d. \$400 billion

3. What percentage of businesses still uses the Yellow Pages?  
a. 5 percent  
b. 11 percent  
c. 17 percent  
d. 25 percent

4. If you would like to make the list of the richest 400 Americans, what amount of money would you need?  
a. \$2 billion  
b. \$1 billion  
c. \$800 million  
d. \$500 million

5. Which of the following jobs are expected to disappear in the next few years?  
a. mail carriers  
b. meter readers  
c. jewelers  
d. broadcaster

**"Always borrow from a pessimist. He won't expect it back."** OSCAR WILDE

STEWARDSHIP is a total lifestyle. It involves our health, time, talents, environment, relationships, spirituality, and finances.

# ANSWERS

**6.** Rose Syracuse was the longest-serving employee at Macy's. How many years did she work at the 34th Street flagship store?

- a. 78 years
- b. 73 years
- c. 69 years
- d. 65 years

**7.** What was the difference in salary between the CEO and a median employee at an insurance company called Humana?

- a. 405 times
- b. 344 times
- c. 305 times
- d. 244 times

**8.** In the future which group of individuals will see an increase in shoe sales?

- a. teenagers
- b. infants
- c. females
- d. males

**9.** What percentage of Millennials (ages 18-34) holds \$30,000 in personal debt?

- a. 41 percent
- b. 34 percent
- c. 25 percent
- d. 11 percent

**10.** In which country do individuals lose the most from gambling?

- a. United States
- b. Brazil
- c. Australia
- d. China

**11.** Who is the richest man in the United States?

- a. Mark Zuckerberg
- b. Bill Gates
- c. Johnny Appleseed
- d. Jeff Bezos

**12.** Of the following countries, which has the lowest taxes, as a percentage of the gross domestic product?

- a. Germany
- b. Switzerland
- c. United Kingdom
- d. United States

**13.** What percentages of loans between family members are repaid?

- a. 57 percent
- b. 43 percent
- c. 26 percent
- d. 19 percent

**14.** How much do almost 50 percent of Americans have saved for retirement?

- a. \$75,000
- b. \$50,000
- c. \$25,000
- d. \$1,000

**15.** One of the first coins to be minted (in 1793) sold at auction several years ago for:

- a. \$3.3 million
- b. \$2.3 million
- c. \$1.3 million
- d. \$750,000



**1. c.** However, 30 percent would have to borrow from family and friends or use a credit card.

Source: [blogs.wsj.com/economics/2016/01/06/a-500-car-repair-bill-would-send-most-americans-scrambling](https://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2016/01/06/a-500-car-repair-bill-would-send-most-americans-scrambling)

**2. a.** In addition, \$400 billion is spent on pre-packed foods, frozen goods, and other refrigerated items.)

Source: [www.businessinsider.com/how-people-spend-money-at-grocery-store-2014-2](http://www.businessinsider.com/how-people-spend-money-at-grocery-store-2014-2)

**3. d.** However, 27 percent say social media sites are the best.

Source: [blogs.wsj.com/corporate-intelligence/2014/08/06/a-small-business-with-a-250000-a-month-facebook-ad-habit](https://blogs.wsj.com/corporate-intelligence/2014/08/06/a-small-business-with-a-250000-a-month-facebook-ad-habit)



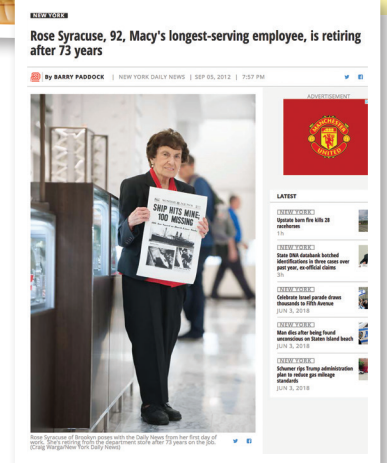
**4. a.** Source: [www.forbes.com/forbes-400/#1f9b5d9d7e2f](http://www.forbes.com/forbes-400/#1f9b5d9d7e2f)

**5. all of them**

Source: [clark.com/employment-military/10-most-endangered-jobs-in-america](http://clark.com/employment-military/10-most-endangered-jobs-in-america)

**6. b.** She started in 1939 and retired in 2012.

Source: [www.nydailynews.com/new-york/rose-syracuse-92-macy-longest-serving-employee-retiring-73-years-article-1.1152821?localLinksEnabled=false](http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/rose-syracuse-92-macy-longest-serving-employee-retiring-73-years-article-1.1152821?localLinksEnabled=false)



**A Florida man was arrested for repeatedly punching an ATM machine for spewing out too much cash, causing about \$5,000 in damage.**

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