

Life Skills Fact Sheet

- “Fewer than half of Americans have calculated how much they need to save for retirement.”¹
- “Ninety-six percent of working Americans use new communications technologies as part of their daily life, while sixty-two percent of working Americans use the Internet as an integral part of their jobs.”²
- “Ninety percent of libraries offer formal technology classes or informal point-of-use assistance for library patrons using library computers. Among public libraries that offer formal technology training, about 27 percent report offering classes in accessing online job-seeking and career-related information.”³
- “Credit card debt has risen fastest among lower-income Americans.”⁴
- The cost of an application to become a naturalized U.S. citizen is \$595.⁵
- About 680,000 people are naturalized as U.S. citizens each year.⁶

¹ U.S. Department of Labor. “Top 10 Ways to Prepare for Retirement.”

http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/Publications/10_ways_to_prepare.html.

² U.S. Department of Commerce. “Fact Sheet: Digital Literacy.” 13 May 2011.

<http://www.commerce.gov/news/fact-sheets/2011/05/13/fact-sheet-digital-literacy>

³ ALA. *Libraries Connect Communities 3: Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study*. 14 Apr. 2010.

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⁴ Consumers Union. “Facts about Credit Card Debt.”

<http://www.consumersunion.org/pub/0513%20FACTS%20ABOUT%20CREDIT%20CARD%20DEBT.pdf>

⁵ Foley, Elise. “How Much Does It Cost To Become an American?” 27 Sept. 2010. *The Washington Independent*. <http://washingtonindependent.com/98760/how-much-does-it-cost-to-become-an-american>

⁶ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Naturalization Fact Sheet 17 Sept. 2010.

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