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**Reports**

**Item#1**

AMERICA'S DYNAMIC WORKFORCE:2008. U.S. Department of Labor. Web posted September 9, 2008.

The report presents an overview of current conditions and notable trends affecting the American labor market and economic activity. Primary emphasis is on measures of labor market performance, employment, labor force participation, unemployment, and compensation. General measures of economic performance such as gross domestic product (GDP) and productivity growth are also described as they relate to labor market conditions and trends.

Full Text:

<http://www.dol.gov/asp/media/reports/Workforce2008/ADW2008.pdf> [PDF format, 70 pages].

**Item#2**

BEST-PERFORMING CITIES 2008: WHERE AMERICA'S JOBS ARE CREATED AND SUSTAINED. Milken Institute. Ross DeVol et al. September 2008.

Provo, Utah, with its high-tech status, is placed on the top and is joined by other growing technology-based and global trade centers in Utah, Texas, Washington, Alabama and the Carolinas. The rebounding technology sector boosted several newcomers to the top 10 in the annual ranking of where America's jobs are being created and sustained, and metros that are highly dependent on export-intensive industries also showed success. Several past leading cities fell due to the national decline in housing and construction markets, and metros that remain concentrated in manufacturing continue lag in the rankings.

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Full Text:

<http://www.milkeninstitute.org/pdf/bpc2008.pdf> [PDF format, 62 pages].

**Item#3**

CAPITALIZING ON VOLUNTEERS' SKILLS: VOLUNTEERING BY OCCUPATION IN AMERICA. Corporation for National and Community Service. Web posted September 9, 2008.

The study places strong emphasis on pro bono volunteering as a strategic and cost-effective way to tap into the skills of volunteers and reinvent the way they serve with nonprofits. It looks at the prevalence of volunteering among people in various occupations and shows how often they use their occupational skills when they volunteer. The study is designed to help broaden and deepen public and private

sector partnerships, and allow nonprofits to take full advantage of the skills their volunteers have to offer.

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[PDF format, 16 pages].

#### **Item#4**

CHINA, SPACE WEAPONS, AND U.S. SECURITY. Council on Foreign Relations. Bruce W. MacDonald. September 2008.

China's successful test of an anti-satellite weapon in 2007, followed by the U.S. destruction earlier this year of an out-of-control U.S. satellite, demonstrated that space may soon no longer remain a relative sanctuary from military conflict. The author illuminates the strategic landscape of this new military space competition and highlights the dangers and opportunities the United States confronts in the space arena.

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[http://www.cfr.org/content/publications/attachments/China\\_Space\\_CSR38.pdf](http://www.cfr.org/content/publications/attachments/China_Space_CSR38.pdf)  
[PDF format, 71 pages].

#### **Item#5**

ESTIMATES OF THE UNAUTHORIZED IMMIGRANT POPULATION RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES: JANUARY 2007. U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Michael Hoefer et al. September 2008.

In summary, an estimated 11.8 million unauthorized immigrants were living in the United States in January 2007 compared to 8.5 million in 2000. Between 2000 and 2007, the unauthorized population increased 3.3 million; the annual average increase during this period was 470,000. Nearly 4.2 million (35 percent) of the total 11.8 million unauthorized residents in 2007 had entered in 2000 or later. An estimated 7.0 million (59 percent) were from Mexico.

Full Text:

[http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/statistics/publications/ois\\_ill\\_pe\\_2007.pdf](http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/statistics/publications/ois_ill_pe_2007.pdf)  
[PDF format, 7 pages].

#### **Item#6**

FOOD SAFETY AND IMPORTS: AN ANALYSIS OF FDA FOOD-RELATED IMPORT REFUSAL REPORTS. Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Jean C. Buzby et al. Web posted September 11, 2008.

The study examines U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) data on refusals of food offered for importation into the United States from 1998 to 2004. The study found that import refusals highlight food safety problems that appear to recur in trade and where the FDA has focused its import alerts, examinations, and other monitoring efforts. The data show some food industries and types of violations may be consistent sources of problems both over time and in comparison with previous studies of more limited data. The three food industry groups with the most violations were vegetables (20.6 percent of total violations), fishery and seafood (20.1 percent), and fruits (11.7 percent).

Full Text:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/EIB39/EIB39.pdf> [PDF format, 47 pages].

**Item#7**

THE 19<sup>TH</sup> U.S. - CHINA JOINT COMMISSION ON COMMERCE AND TRADE (JCCT): FACT SHEET. U.S. Trade Representative. Web posted September 19, 2008.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez and U.S. Trade Representative Susan C. Schwab, together with Chinese Vice Premier Wang Qishan, convened the 19th U.S. - China Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT). The highlights of the topics discussed, include agreements in intellectual property rights, healthcare, agriculture, procurement and services.

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[http://www.ustr.gov/assets/Document\\_Library/Press\\_Releases/2008/September/asset\\_upload\\_file882\\_15113.pdf](http://www.ustr.gov/assets/Document_Library/Press_Releases/2008/September/asset_upload_file882_15113.pdf) [PDF format, 3 pages].

**Item#8**

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM 2008. U.S. Department of State. Web posted on September 23, 2008.

The annual report highlights both the admirable protections and the unjust violations of religious freedom. The focus is on government policies and actions, but societal attitudes and abuses are highlighted. There are still too many governments that do not allow for the full enjoyment of the most basic human right. North Korea remains among the world's most egregious violators of religious freedom. The cult of personality surrounding the ruling family remains an important ideological underpinning of the regime, at times resembling tenets of a state religion.

Full Text:

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/irf/2008/index.htm> [HTML format, various paging].

**Item#9**

THE UNITED STATES AND LIBYA: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Michele Dunne. September 2008.

The author, Michele Dunne, warns that, following recent diplomatic success in settling long-standing disputes, the United States risks falling into business-as-usual relations with Libya. The United States should set clear, strategic objectives aimed at helping the Libyan people and avoid merely putting more resources into the hands of regime insiders and crony capitalists.

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[http://carnegieendowment.org/files/dunne\\_libya.pdf](http://carnegieendowment.org/files/dunne_libya.pdf) [PDF Format, 6 pages].

**Item#10**

VOTING IN 2008: A CLOSE LOOK AT VOTING PREPAREDNESS IN 10 SWING STATES. [Common Cause/Century Foundation]. Web posted September 20, 2008.

As election officials brace for record-breaking voter turnout on Election Day, a close examination of voting preparedness in 10 swing states shows that significant problems in the basic functions of the American election administration system persist. The report examines what progress has been made since 2006 in seven battleground states: Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. In addition, Colorado, New Mexico and Virginia, whose new status as likely swing states, and the potential for election administration difficulties, have also been included.

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<http://www.commoncause.org/atf/cf/%7Bfb3c17e2-cdd1-4df6-92be-bd4429893665%7D/VOTINGIN2008REPORT.PDF> [PDF format, 108 pages].