

\$29.31 - The average overall hourly compensation of American workers in June. Wages and salaries averaged \$20.41, and benefits averaged \$8.89. (Source: Department of Labor)

42% - The percent of voters who see no victory in Afghanistan if Pakistan remains unstable. (Source: Rasmussen Reports LLC)

10% - Ten percent of the U.S population was age 65 or older in 1970, but that group represents 13% of our nation today. By the year 2025, 18% of our population will be age 65 or older. (Source: United Nations)

\$1.65B - The amount added to the national debt during the fiscal year ended Sept 30. (Source: Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget)

47% - The percentage of American voters who oppose President Obama's health care reform plan and don't want an overhaul that gets only the Democratic votes. (Source: Quinnipiac Polling Institute)

2.2% - With just 1 trading week remaining in October, the S&P is up +2.2% for the month (total return). If the index is able to finish October with a positive total return, it will be the 8th Consecutive up-month for the S&P 500, matching its 8-month streak that ended in January 2007. (Source: BTN Research)