

Looking for Something Haunting this Halloween?: DC's Scariest Statistics

Article By:

Center for Public Integrity Main Author

If you really want to put a fright into the neighbors this weekend, forget the plastic lawn decorations. Instead, read them this bedtime story about how [40% of Medicare-funded cancer screenings are medically unnecessary](#). Or this one, about the [876% annual interest rate](#) some “payday” lenders have used. As our treat to you this Halloween weekend, we’ve compiled some of the most scary statistics *iWatch News* has uncovered this year. Read at your own risk.

Trick or treaters are gather for a Halloween celebrations on the North Lawn of the White House. Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP

Frightful facts

1,998 firearms

4,300 lives

184 bundlers

2,000 lbs.

50 refineries

\$1.5 billion

2.9 million

29 doctors

1,673%

\$2 billion

876%

73%

40%

Reprinted by Permission © 2025, The Center for Public Integrity®. All Rights Reserved.

National Law Review, Volume I, Number 302

Source URL: <https://natlawreview.com/article/looking-something-haunting-halloween-dc-s-scariest-statistics>