Fun Facts: Back to School

Gearing Up for School
In the United States in 2020, there were approximately—
• 5,000 children and infants clothing stores
• 22,000 shoe stores
• 4,000 department stores
• 5,000 office supply and stationery stores
• 6,000 bookstores

Note: These are for establishments with employees.

Why do magicians do so well in school?
Because they’re good at trick questions.

Education Pays Off
In 2020, all workers aged 18 and older with earnings made different average yearly salaries based on their education level.
• People with a bachelor’s degree made approximately $73,000.
• High school graduates and GED recipients made about $39,000.
• Those with an education below ninth grade made nearly $32,000.

Hitting the Books
• About $13,500: The current spending per pupil amount (in dollars) for elementary and secondary public school systems in the United States in 2020.

Roll Call
• About 73 million: The number of children and adults enrolled in school throughout the country in October 2020—from nursery school to college.
• About 48 million: The total number of students enrolled in public kindergarten through 12th grade in the United States in fall 2020.
• About 4 out of 10 (45%): The percentage of children aged 3 to 6 who were enrolled in pre-k and kindergarten in the United States as of October 2020.

Sources: Data on this page come from the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2020 County Business Patterns, 2020 Current Population Survey, and 2020 Annual Survey of School System Finances.