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Universities Most Attended by CEOs

1. *Stanford University*
2. *Penn State University*
3. *Harvard Business School*
4. *University of California, Berkeley*
5. *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
6. *Stanford University Graduate School of Business*
7. *Harvard University*
8. *INSEAD*
9. *The Wharton School*
10. *Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management*

Based on LinkedIn data on 12,000+ CEOs of companies with 50+ employees across 20 countries.

The Network Guy Quiz Challenge

PenTeleData is giving one lucky winner a \$150 Amazon Gift Card. Just visit www.ptd.net/quiz-challenge by **December 31, 2024** to answer the contest question. We will select a winner at random from all correct entries. **Good Luck!**

Click the **Quiz Challenge** link to learn what is not true about online reviews for products and services.

Learn from The Network Guy

It's time to shop for Christmas gifts. Can I trust online reviews?

The Network Guy:

That's a good question! Be cautious about online reviews. Expert reviews from trusted websites are a good place to get information about what to buy and who to hire. Focus on sites you trust and that offer impartial reviews from real experts. Check several sources and consider where a review is posted, who wrote the review, and the reviewer's history. Don't rely on star ratings alone because some reviews and ratings are fake or misleading.

To comparison shop for a product, make notes of the item's manufacturer or model number, plus details like size, color, or shipping fees. Use the information to check comparison shopping sites that list retail stores and online sellers that have the item. Not all comparison-shopping sites are the same. Some may be set up by a manufacturer to promote its own products. Some may be run by companies that only list or rank products if sellers pay them. Focus on comparison shopping sites that are well known as trustworthy.



Things That Make You Go Hmmm...

All-time highest grossing remake movies worldwide as of November 2024 included The Lion King (2019), Beauty and the Beast (2017), Aladdin (2019), The Jungle Book (2016), Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (2014), It (2017).

As of October 2024, there were 5.52 billion Internet users worldwide, which amounted to 67.5 percent of the global population. Of this total, 5.22 billion, or 63.8 percent of the world's population, were social media users.

Connecting billions of people worldwide, the Internet is a core pillar of the modern information society. Northern Europe ranked first among worldwide regions by the share of the population using the Internet in 2024. In The Netherlands, Norway and Saudi Arabia, 99 percent of the population used the Internet as of April 2024. North Korea was at the opposite end of the spectrum, with virtually no Internet usage penetration among the general population, ranking last worldwide.

Asia was home to the largest number of online users worldwide – over 2.93 billion at the latest count. Europe ranked second, with around 750 million Internet users. China, India, and the United States rank ahead of other countries worldwide by the number of Internet users.

Netflix had around 282.7 million paid subscribers worldwide as of the third quarter of 2024. This marked an increase of over five million subscribers compared with the previous quarter. Most Netflix subscribers are based in the EMEA region (Europe, Middle East, and Africa), accounting for around 96 million of Netflix's total global subscriber base.

With over 311 million internet users, the United States is among the leading online markets in the world. Over the last decades, internet penetration rates have surged, and Americans' digital footprint has expanded rapidly. In this data-driven environment, however, a connection to the most extensive global information base comes at a price, as the much-debated issue of digital privacy and the growing number of data breaches have repeatedly shown. While some see the loss of privacy as a necessary evil, around six in 10 adult internet users in the U.S. were concerned about companies tracking their information.

The global information technology (IT) spending on devices, including PCs, tablets, mobile phones, printers, as well as data center systems, software, and communications services came to 4.9 trillion U.S. dollars in 2023. In 2024, IT spending was expected to increase to a staggering 5.3 trillion dollars worldwide.

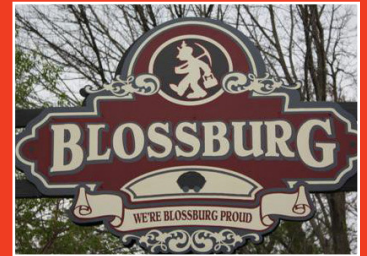
(Source: <https://www.statista.com>)

"Everyone fails at who they are supposed to be, Thor. The measure of a person, of a hero, is how well they succeed at being who they are."

– Frigga, *Avengers: Endgame*

PenTeleData is Proud to Serve Blossburg, PA

In 1792 under the guidance of Robert and Benjamin Patterson, a party of immigrants was cutting Williamson Road from Loyalsock, in Lycoming County, to Painted Post in New York. While doing so, they discovered coal within the present town limits of Blossburg. When the group reached the Tioga River, they established a supply camp upon its banks. The Camp became known as "Peter's Camp" referring back to a local legend.



In 1801, Aaron Bloss moved to Tioga County and in 1802, moved to the area known as "Peter's Camp". He is considered the first settler of Blossburg. Sometime between 1818 and 1820, Aaron Bloss made the first attempt to establish a town by changing the name of Peter's Camp to Blossburg. Blossburg was officially recognized and incorporated a borough on August 29, 1871.

The real mining history of Blossburg Coal began shortly after 1810, when pioneer David Clemens made the first effort to mine and market coal. Clemens opened a mine on Bear Run between 1812 and 1815, serving only the Painted Post area. Around the same time a lower vein was opened on Bear Run by Aaron Bloss. This vein is known as Bloss Vein but was used only to satisfy local demands.

The first efforts of coal shipping were on a very small and limited scale due to the poor road conditions and poor navigating ability along the Tioga River. In 1817, a coalition of Bloss and the other miners asked the legislature for funds to improve these routes. In the meantime, Blossburg Coal was being shipped to Pointed Post, Elmira, and Corning.

More important than the local runs, Blossburg Coal was being shipped to Albany, where it influenced railroad and canal navigation legislation, and also to Philadelphia where it attracted the enterprising businessmen.

In 1826, Judge John H. Knapp erected an iron ore smelting works within the borough limits. Knapp also opened coal mines on Coal Run and ore mines on "Barney Hill."

In July of 1840, the railroad found its way through Covington from Corning and was opened for locomotives to Blossburg in September of that year. This railroad allowed the extensive and valuable mines to be tapped and for their coal to be easily distributed through the Twin Tiers, clearly a momentous occasion for Blossburg Coal.

For more than 150 years, coal has played a vital role in the development of Blossburg. Today many of the mines still exist, dormant. However, Ward Manufacturing is a descendant of the Blossburg Coal mining industry and is currently the largest business operating in the Blossburg area.

<https://blossburg.org/town-info/about-blossburg/>

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