

Facts and Stats



Interesting statistics on how lack of organization and clutter effects our lives...

- 80% of all papers filed are never looked at again.
- The average American receives 49,060 pieces of mail in their lifetime; one third of it is junk mail.
- Americans produce half the world's waste. In one day, we generate enough trash to fill the New Orleans Superdome - *twice*.
- The average American buys 668 books and 9,000 magazines in their lifetime. That is equivalent to a small-town library in the U.S.
- Experts say 80% of household congestion is the result of disorganization rather than insufficient space.
- Cleaning professionals say getting rid of excess clutter would eliminate 40% of the housework in an average home.
- We wear 20% of our clothes 80% of the time (*Calgary Herald*).
- 50% of homeowners rate the garage as the most disorganized place in the house
- Americans burn 55 minutes a day looking for things they know they own but can't find (*Newsweek*).
- Americans waste more than 9 billion hours each year looking for lost and misplaced items (*Ottawa Citizen*).
- The average executive wastes 150 hours each year looking for lost or misplaced documents (*Ottawa Citizen*).
- The average American desk worker has 36 hours of work on their desk and will spend three hours sorting piles looking for their next project.
- The average office has 19 copies of the same document (*USA Today*).
- 50% of all filed material going into storage has no retention value and should have been destroyed.
- Secretaries estimate 20% of their time is spent on filing and retrieving. That is equivalent to one work day each week.

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