

Spurious correlations



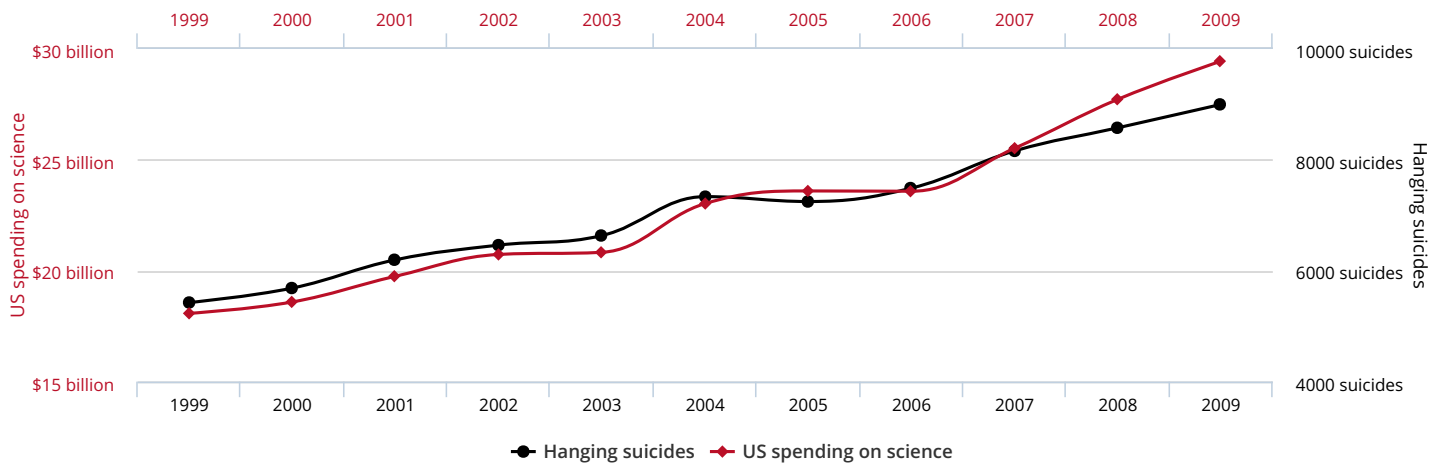
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US spending on science, space, and technology correlates with Suicides by hanging, strangulation and suffocation

Correlation: 99.79% (r=0.99789126)



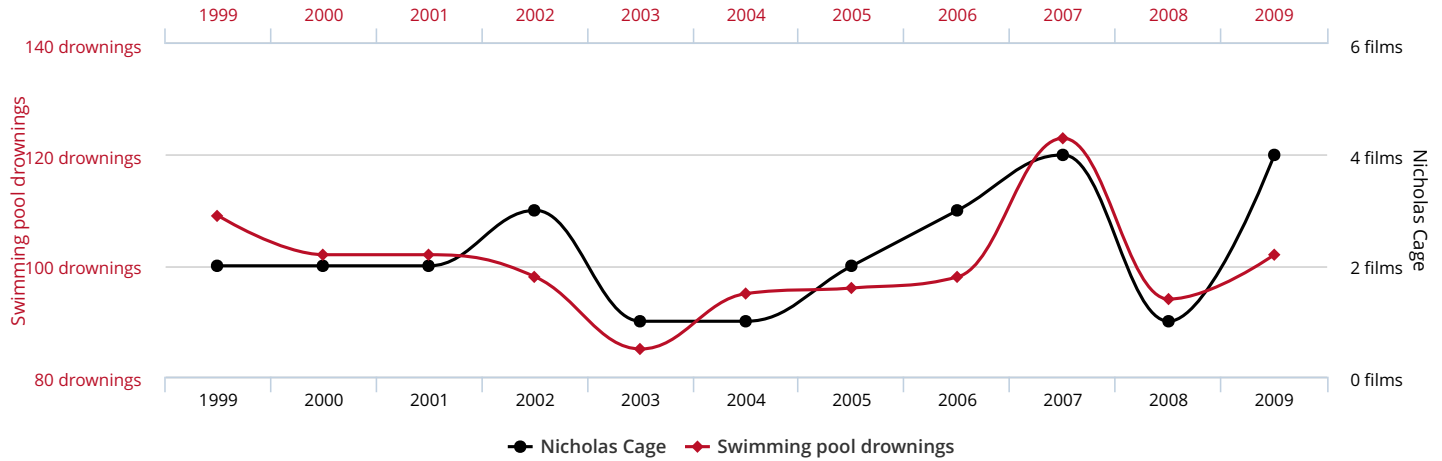
Data sources: U.S. Office of Management and Budget and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Number of people who drowned by falling into a pool

correlates with

Films Nicolas Cage appeared in

Correlation: 66.6% (r=0.666004)



Data sources: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and Internet Movie Database

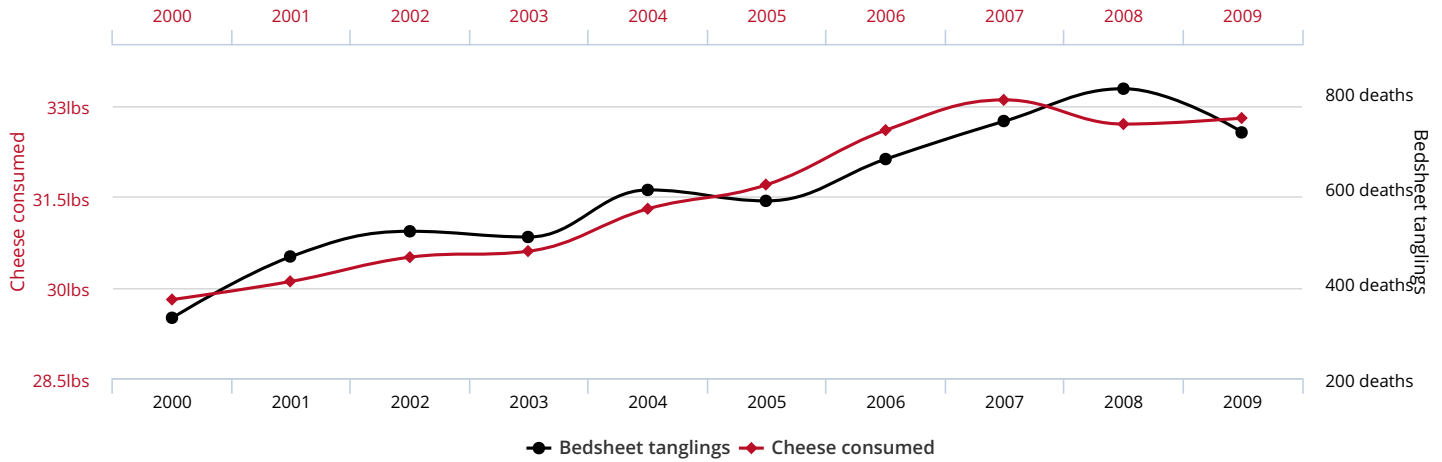
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Per capita cheese consumption

correlates with

Number of people who died by becoming tangled in their bedsheets

Correlation: 94.71% (r=0.947091)



Data sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

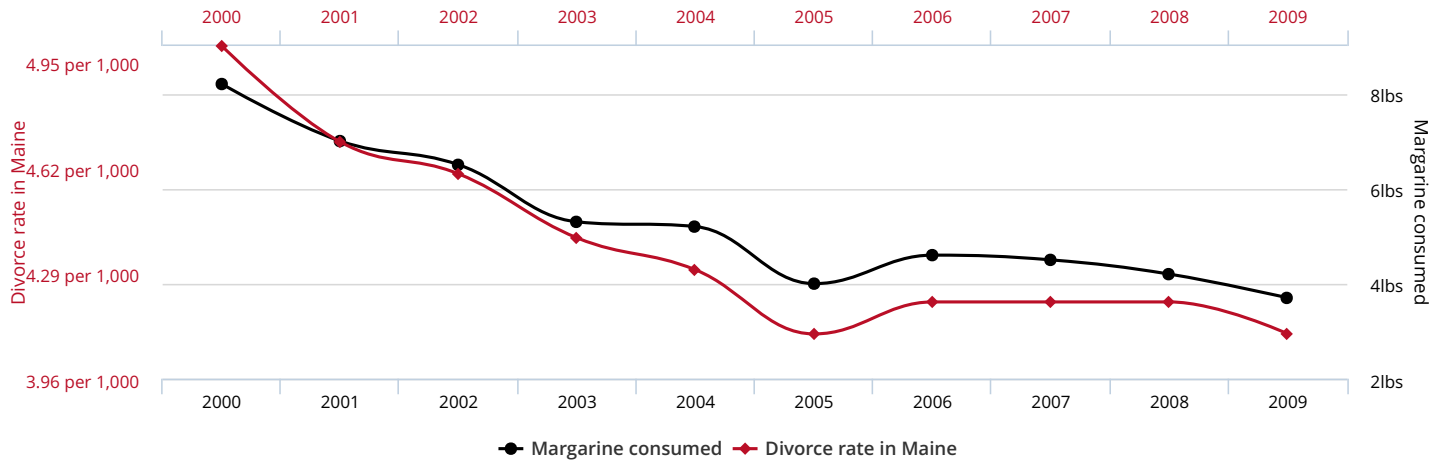
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Divorce rate in Maine

correlates with

Per capita consumption of margarine

Correlation: 99.26% (r=0.992558)



Data sources: National Vital Statistics Reports and U.S. Department of Agriculture

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Age of Miss America

correlates with

Murders by steam, hot vapours and hot objects

Correlation: 87.01% (r=0.870127)

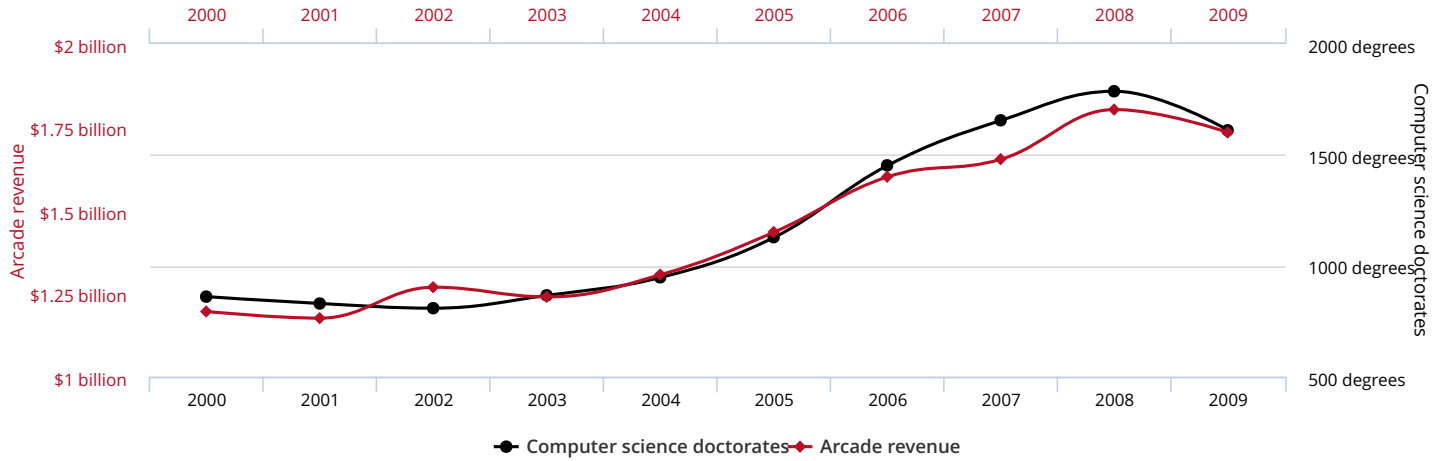


Data sources: Wikipedia and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

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Total revenue generated by arcades correlates with Computer science doctorates awarded in the US

Correlation: 98.51% (r=0.985065)

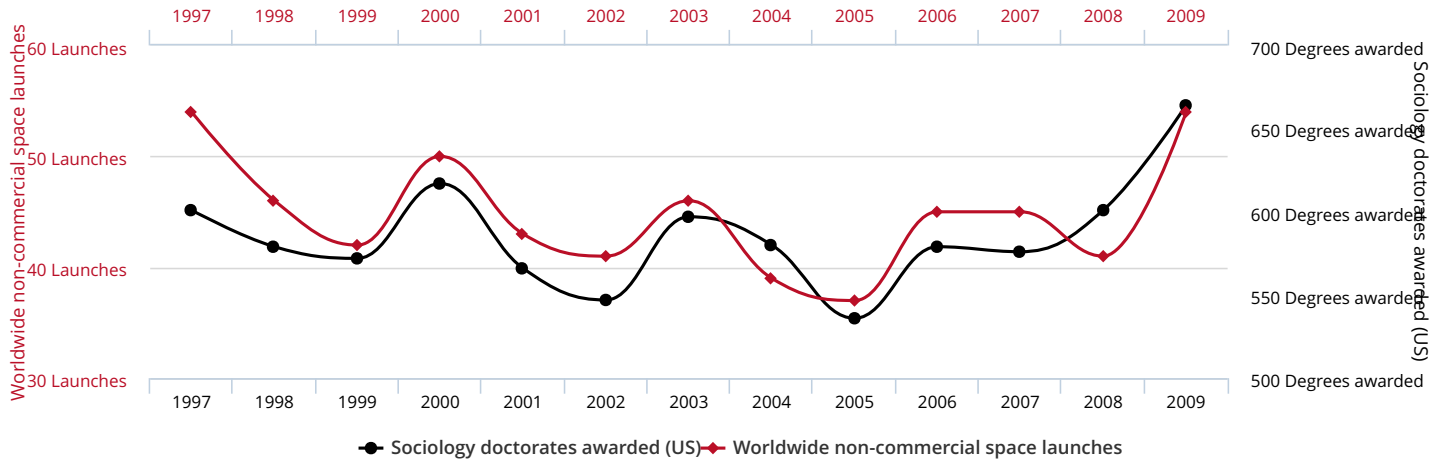


Data sources: U.S. Census Bureau and National Science Foundation

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Worldwide non-commercial space launches correlates with Sociology doctorates awarded (US)

Correlation: 78.92% (r=0.78915)



Data sources: Federal Aviation Administration and National Science Foundation

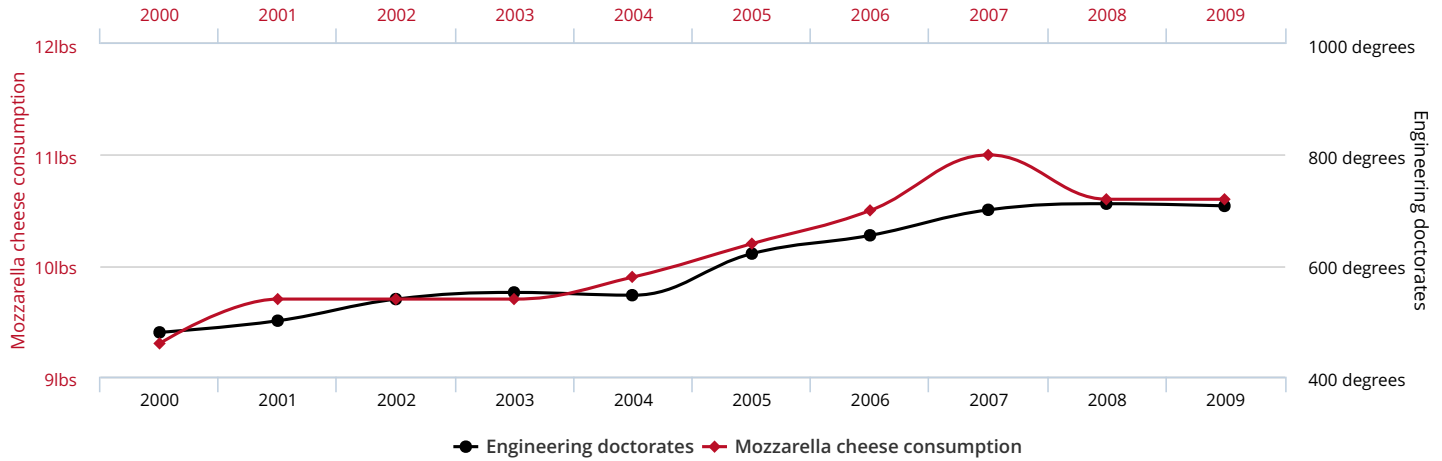
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Per capita consumption of mozzarella cheese

correlates with

Civil engineering doctorates awarded

Correlation: 95.86% (r=0.958648)



Data sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture and National Science Foundation

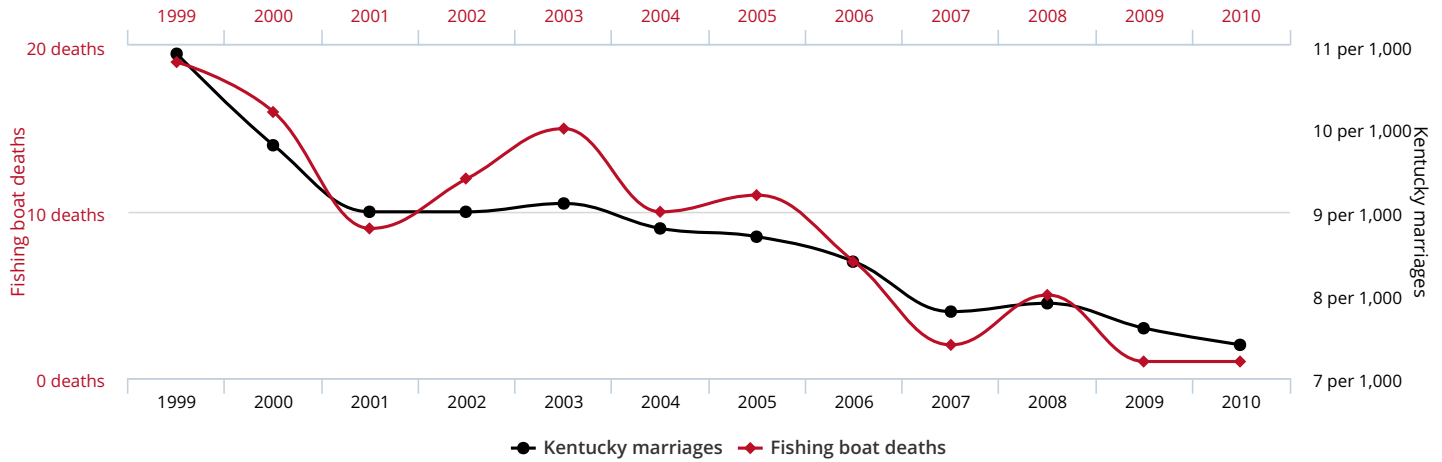
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People who drowned after falling out of a fishing boat

correlates with

Marriage rate in Kentucky

Correlation: 95.24% (r=0.952407)



Data sources: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and National Vital Statistics Reports

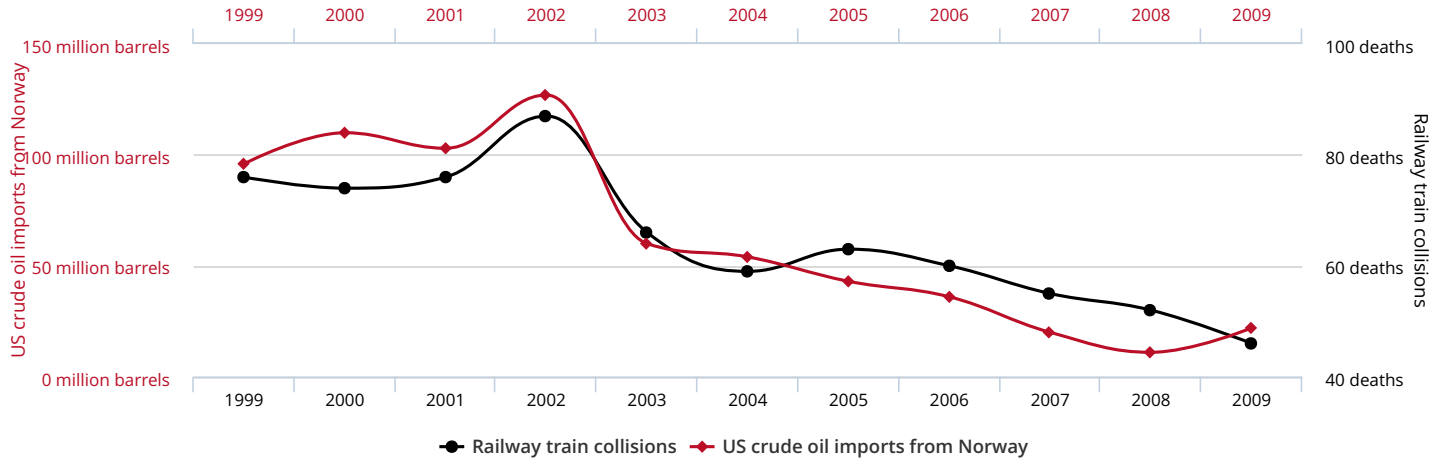
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US crude oil imports from Norway

correlates with

Drivers killed in collision with railway train

Correlation: 95.45% (r=0.954509)



Data sources: Dept. of Energy and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

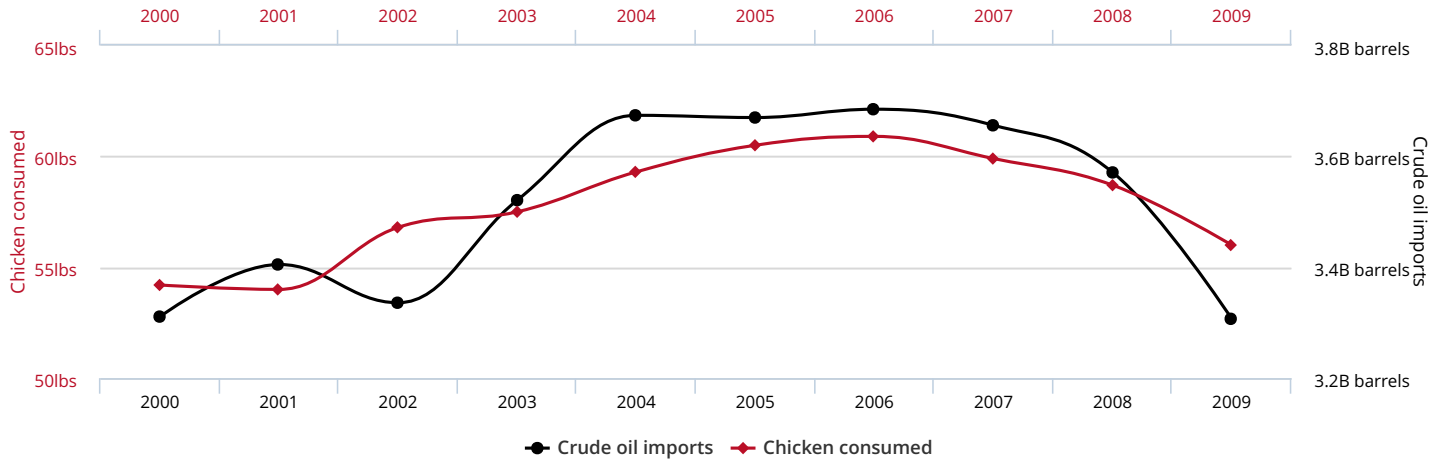
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Per capita consumption of chicken

correlates with

Total US crude oil imports

Correlation: 89.99% (r=0.899899)



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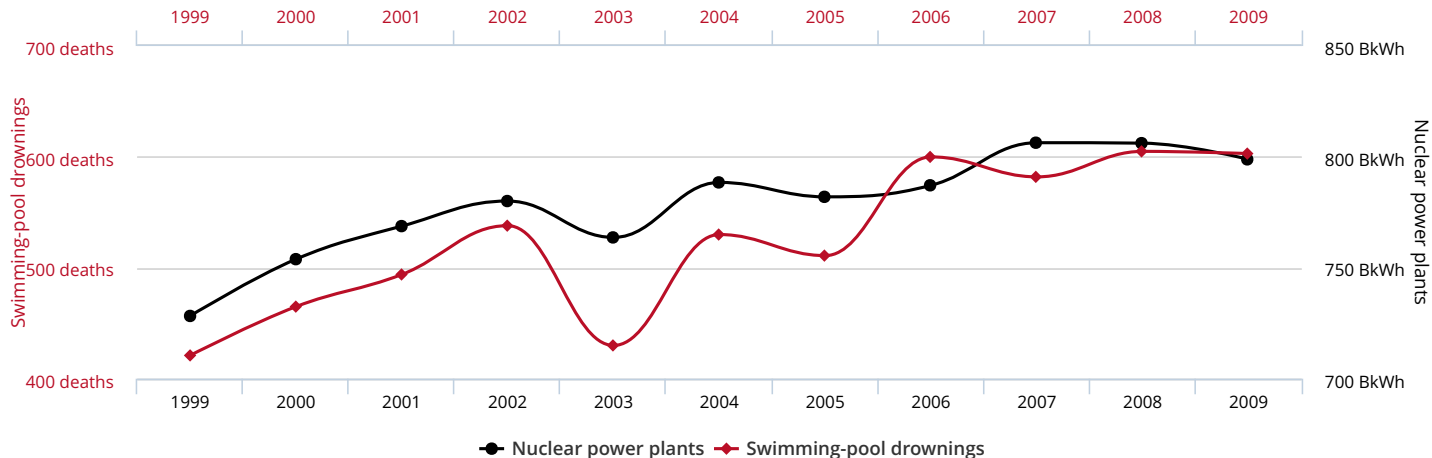
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Number people who drowned while in a swimming-pool

correlates with

Power generated by US nuclear power plants

Correlation: 90.12% (r=0.901179)



Data sources: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and Dept. of Energy

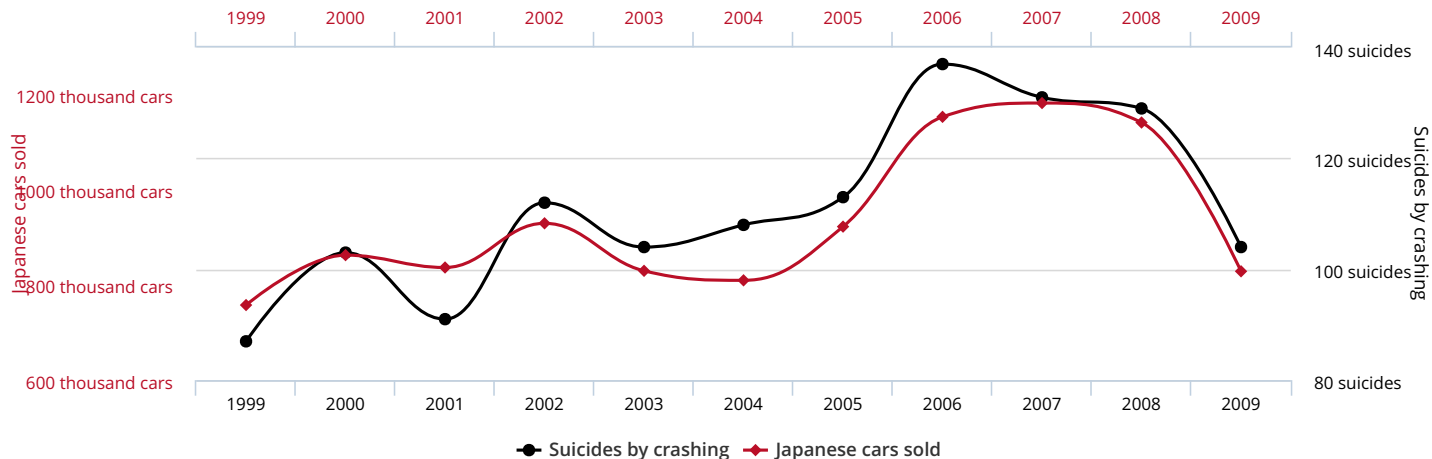
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Japanese passenger cars sold in the US

correlates with

Suicides by crashing of motor vehicle

Correlation: 93.57% (r=0.935701)



Data sources: U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

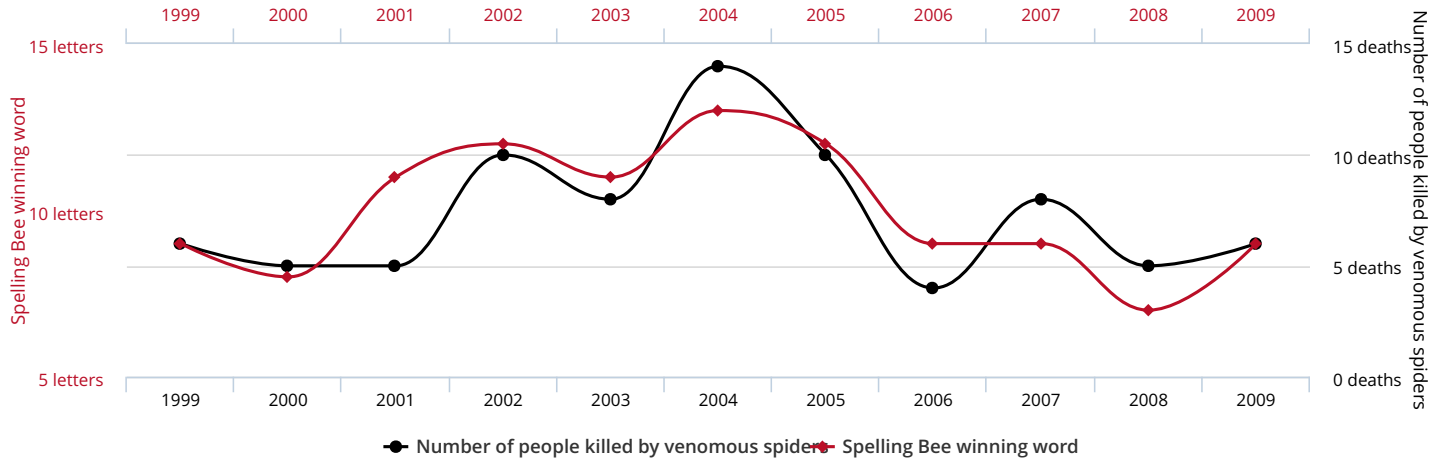
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Letters in Winning Word of Scripps National Spelling Bee

correlates with

Number of people killed by venomous spiders

Correlation: 80.57% (r=0.8057)



Data sources: National Spelling Bee and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

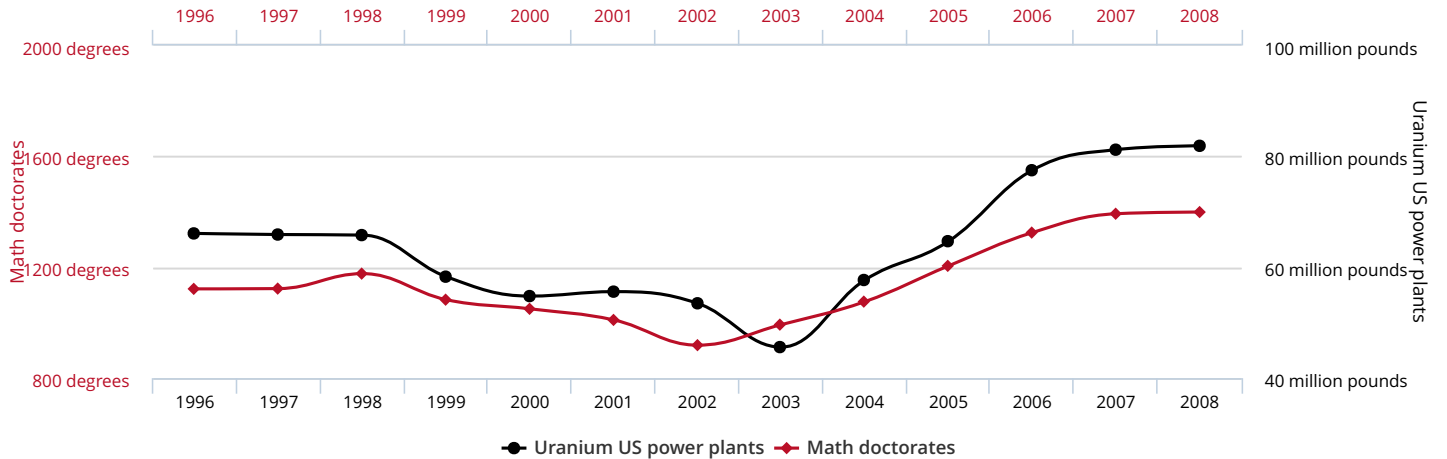
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Math doctorates awarded

correlates with

Uranium stored at US nuclear power plants

Correlation: 95.23% (r=0.952257)



Data sources: National Science Foundation and Dept. of Energy

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- [Discover a correlation](#): find new correlations.
- Go to the [next page](#) of charts, and keep clicking "next" to get through all 30,000.
- View the [sources](#) of every statistic in the book.
- Or for something totally different, here is a pet project: [When is the next time something cool will happen in space?](#)