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# Cool tools every journalist should know about

Katelyn Mary Skaggs

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# About me

Katelyn Mary Skaggs is a social media obsessed millennial. She is a reporter for Leader Publications in Jefferson County, Missouri, She covers city government, school boards and public health. Katelyn Mary was named the Missouri Press Association's 2020 William E. James/Missouri Outstanding Young Journalist.



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# INTERVIEWING/REPORTING

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# Otter.ai - transcription tool



0:03

Are you still there?



0:05

Yes. Okay,



**Speaker 1** 0:09

So you guys had s a fire on lower burns mill road and Meadow Lane, right?

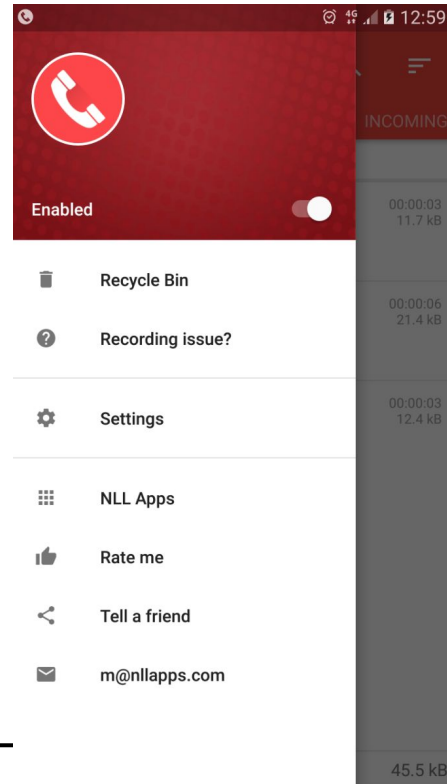
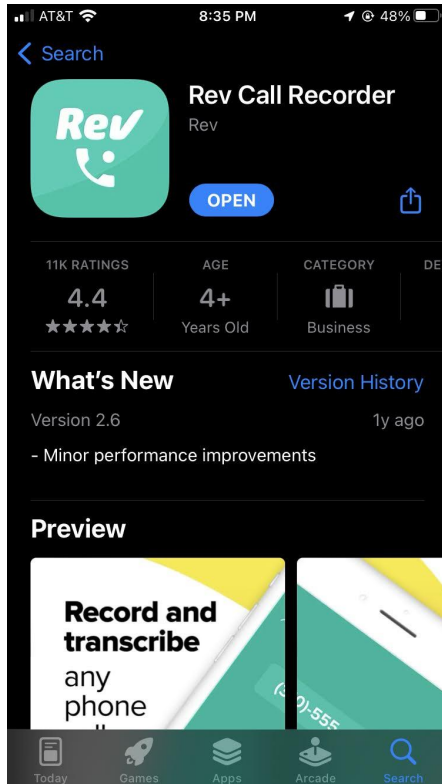


**Speaker 2** 0:18

Yes it was on Meadow Lane. Okay.



# Call recorder



# [censusreporter.org](https://censusreporter.org)

## Economics

† Margin of error is at least 10 percent of the total value. Take care with this statistic.

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## Income

**\$44,529**

Per capita income

about 20 percent higher than the amount in the St. Louis, MO-IL Metro Area: \$36,995

about 1.4 times the amount in Missouri: \$31,839

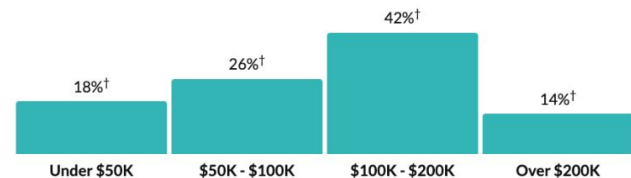
**\$112,750**

Median household income

more than 1.5 times the amount in the St. Louis, MO-IL Metro Area: \$65,725

about double the amount in Missouri: \$57,290

## Household income



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## Poverty

**0.7%**

Persons below poverty line

less than 10 percent of the rate in the St. Louis, MO-IL Metro Area: 10.7%

less than 10 percent of the rate in Missouri: 13%

## Children (Under 18)



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## Seniors (65 and over)



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# Automate your FOIA requests.

<https://splc.org/lettergenerator/#>

<https://www.foiamachine.org>

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# Style guides

Disabilities - <https://ncdj.org/style-guide/>

Trans people - [transjournalists.org/style-guide](https://transjournalists.org/style-guide)

Native Americans - <https://najanewsroom.com/ap-style-insert/>

Suicide - <https://reportingonsuicide.org/>

Trauma - <https://dartcenter.org/resources/dart-center-style-guide>

Homeless - <https://homelesscrisis.press/guide>

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AVOID...	INSTEAD...
✗ Describing or depicting the method and location of the suicide.	✓ Report the death as a suicide; keep information about the location general.
✗ Sharing the content of a suicide note.	✓ Report that a note was found and is under review.
✗ Describing personal details about the person who died.	✓ Keep information about the person general.
✗ Presenting suicide as a common or acceptable response to hardship.	✓ Report that coping skills, support, and treatment work for most people who have thoughts about suicide.
✗ Oversimplifying or speculating on the reason for the suicide.	✓ Describe suicide warning signs and risk factors (e.g. mental illness, relationship problems) that give suicide context.
✗ Sensationalizing details in the headline or story.	✓ Report on the death using facts and language that are sensitive to a grieving family.
✗ Glamorizing or romanticizing suicide.	✓ Provide context and facts to counter perceptions that the suicide was tied to heroism, honor, or loyalty to an individual or group.
✗ Overstating the problem of suicide by using descriptors like "epidemic" or "skyrocketing."	✓ Research the best available data and use words like "increase" or "rise."
✗ Prominent placement of stories related to a suicide death in print or in a newscast.	✓ Place a print article inside the paper or magazine and later in a newscast.

# Internet archive

<https://web.archive.org/>

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IN THE NEW  
**Forums**

# The New York Times

ON THE WEB



The '96  
Yankees  
On Parade  
Gallery in the Round

"All the News That's Fit to Print" **Monday, December 30, 1996**

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Remains of North Koreans Returned

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## IN CYBERTIMES

Apple Seeing  
Mixed Results  
From Cloning

# tweetdeck.twitter.com


### Jefferson County, MO

NorthwestWrestling Retweeted  
**@TheLionsDenPodcast** @The... 33m  
#photooftheday



👍 1 ❤️ 2

Seckman Athletics/Activities Retweeted  
**Seckman High School** @Seckma... 1h  
@SHS\_JaguarFB @JaguarAthletics  
@seckman\_stuco @FoxCSchools  
@foxc6super



Seckman High School will be participating in the Tackle Hunger Food Drive in competition with SLUH this week!  
Bins will be placed in the commons/cafe/teria to collect non-perishable food items that will be donated to

👍 2 ❤️ 2

### Jefferson County Fire

**Hillsboro Fire Protection Distri...** 8h  
The Hillsboro Fire District is responding to EMS MEDICAL on October 26, 2022 at 12:04AM


**High Ridge Fire District** @highri... 9h  
HRFD 6415 and 6444 dispatched to a vehicle accident with injuries on W Four Ridge Rd/Rock Creek Rd.  
#jeffcom #mva #stltraffic #jeffcotraffic

**High Ridge Fire District** @highri... 12h  
HRFD 6415 and 6424 dispatched to a vehicle accident with injuries on State Rt 30/High Ridge Blvd. #jeffcom #mva #stltraffic #jeffcotraffic

**Hillsboro Fire Protection Distri...** 12h  
The Hillsboro Fire District is responding to ZEMS OVERDOSE-C on October 25, 2022 at 07:38PM

**Eureka Fire Protection Distric...** 22h  
What award do you give a firefighter?  
*Most extinguished.*


#EurekaMOFire #FireProtection #FireSafety



### JeffCo MO @JCPenknife

**De Soto #73** @DeSoto73 29m  
The De Soto School District is seeking applicants for a Principal at De Soto Senior High School. Applications must be submitted online through MOREAP.  
[moreap.net/job\\_postings/8...](https://moreap.net/job_postings/8...)

**Leader Publications** @myleade... 56m  
ICYMI: The Twin City Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Trick or Treat Spooktacular on Oct. 29.



Trick or Treat Spooktacular set for Oct. 29 in Twin Cities  
[myleaderpaper.com](https://myleaderpaper.com)

**Jefferson County 911** @JeffcoDis... 1h  
7037,7102,7125,and 7144 dispatched to a vehicle accident with persons trapped on Seckman Rd/Summer Cir.  
#jeffcom #mva #stltraffic #jeffcotraffic #rescue

**Jefferson County 911** @JeffcoDis... 1h  
7037 and 7125 dispatched to a vehicle accident with injuries on Seckman Rd/Summer Cir. #jeffcom #mva #stltraffic #jeffcotraffic

### Eureka, Missouri @KM\_Skaggs

**ThePeoplesSpeaker™** @Sp... 8  
The entire narrative of the regime is in inferno.>>  
#Election2022 @933KWTO @NewstalkSTL

**Marina Medvin** @MarinaMedvin  
NY State Supreme Court reinstates all fired unvaccinated employees, orders backpay, says the state violated rights, acted arbitrary & capricious, notes:"Being vaccinated does not prevent an individual from contracting or transmitting Covid-19."  
[iapps.courts.state.ny.us/fbem/Docu...entD...](https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/fbem/Docu...)

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**EHS Activities** @EHSActivityDir  
Congratulations girls!

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Congratulations!  
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Clarence Williams, commissioned by LACMTA (Metro)

Timothy keeps watch for submerged cars aboard a boat navigating through Hollygrove, New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina made landfall in the city in August 2005.

## The Dart Center Style Guide for Trauma-Informed Journalism

June 22, 2021 by [Isobel Thompson](#)

This style guide is designed as a quick, authoritative reference for reporters, editors and producers working on tight deadlines. It includes brief evidence-informed guidance on news choices, language usage and ethics in reporting on the impact of trauma on individuals, families and communities; recommendations for appropriate use of relevant psychological and scientific terminology; and special considerations when reporting on consequential trauma-laden issues such as racism and sexual violence.

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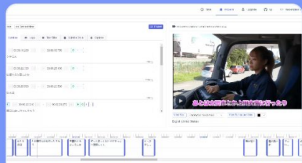
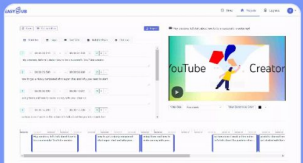
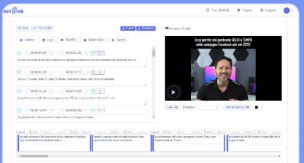
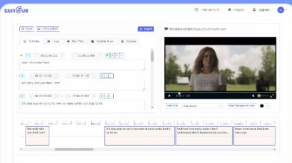
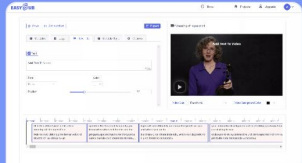
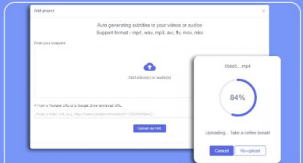
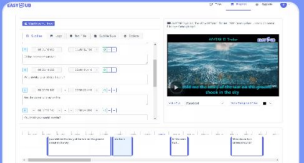

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# VIDEOS

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# [Easyssub.com](https://easysub.com) - auto subtitle generator for videos

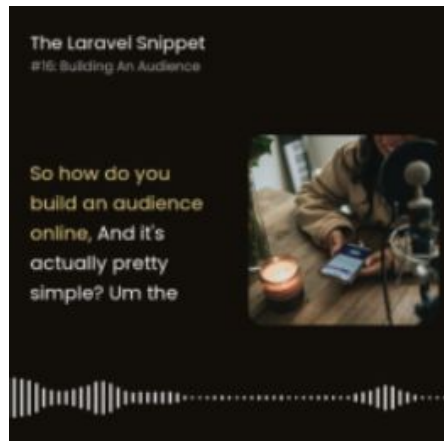
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# Reel.so headliner.app

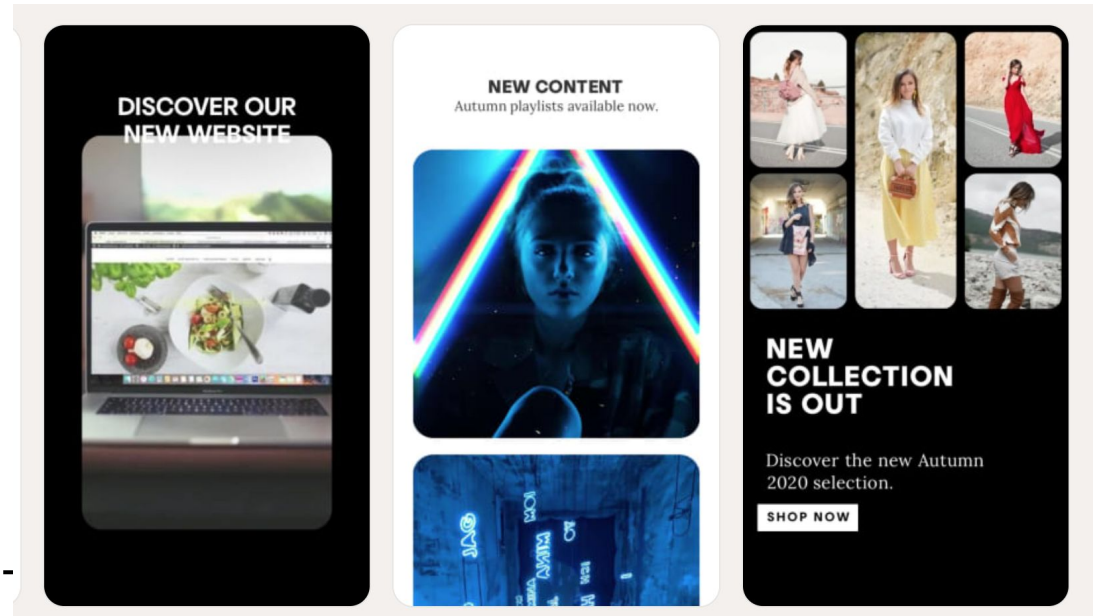
Tool lets you create audiograms from podcasts. Share video snippets of your episodes on social media and grow your audience with Reel.



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[mojo-app.com](https://mojo-app.com)

Templates to create Instagram Stories and other social channels.



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# [stabilizo.com](https://stabilizo.com)

## Stabilize Shaky Videos

This online video stabilizer tool lets you stabilize (deshake) a shaky video footage captured with a GoPro, drone or mobile phone like iPhone. You can quickly stabilize shaky videos online for free with this tool, just upload the shaky video and click the "Upload Video" button. It can take some time depending on the video file size and on your Internet speed.

**NEW FREE TOOL** [Create a One Image Music Video](#)

Select video file (max 500MB):

Browse...

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## Other great tools

[Filmic Pro](#): advanced mobile video shooting app

[Luma Fusion](#): powerful multitrack video editor

[VN Editor](#): a quick professional video editor

[Fyusion](#): shoot high quality 3D images with your smartphone

[Bubbli](#): make dynamic spherical photos

[Clipdrop](#): capture and transfer anything around you with AR

[Insta360](#): small versatile 360 camera with easy to use app

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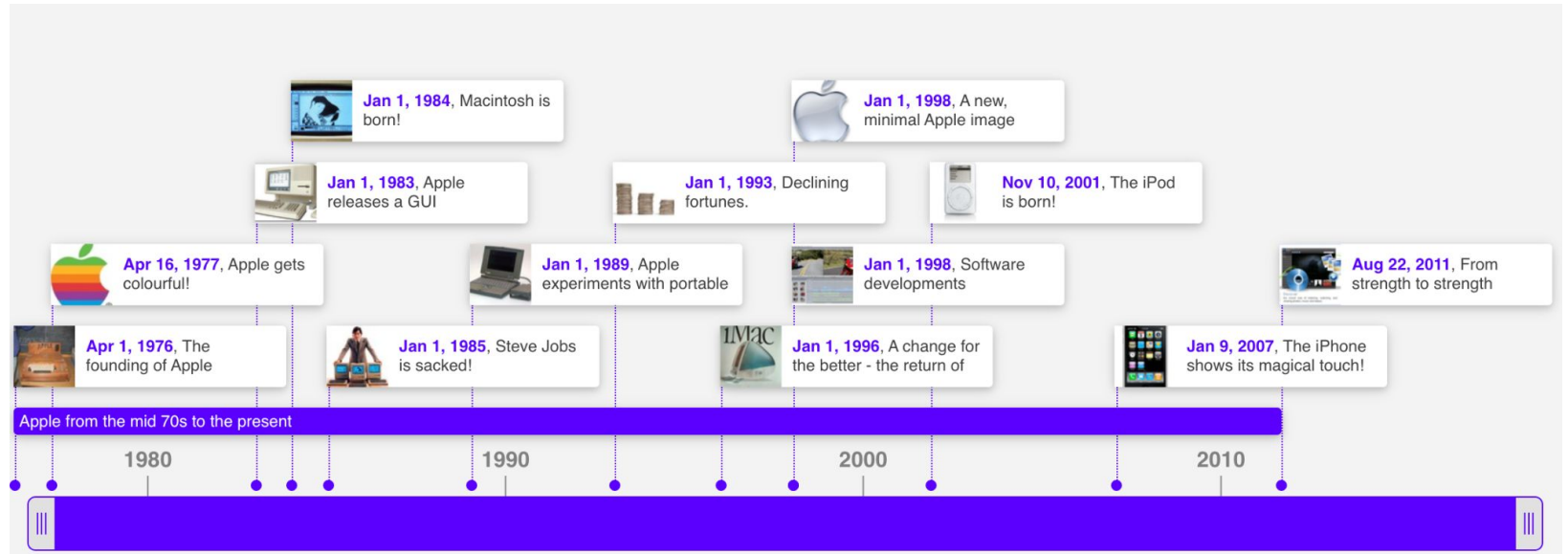
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# GRAPHICS

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# [timetoast.com](http://timetoast.com)

Free timeline creation tool. Post and share on web.



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# Canva

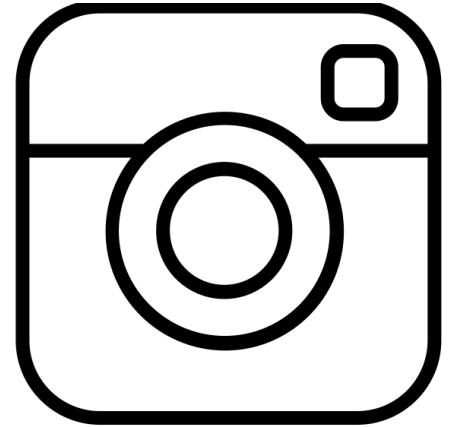
Graphic design platforms with easy social media templates



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[thenounproject.com](https://thenounproject.com)

Over a million curated icons, created by a global community.



**Created by Anna Ho  
from the Noun Project**

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[tineye.com](https://tineye.com)

# Reverse Image Search

Find where images appear online. [How to use TinEye.](#)

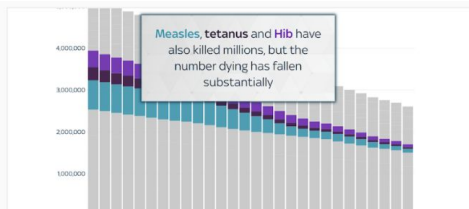
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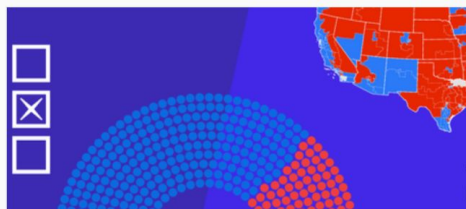
# Flourish

## easy data visualization and storytelling



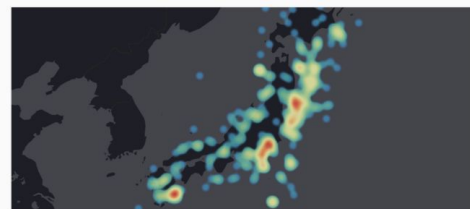
### Scrollytelling

An example of a Flourish scrollytelling story, on Sky News



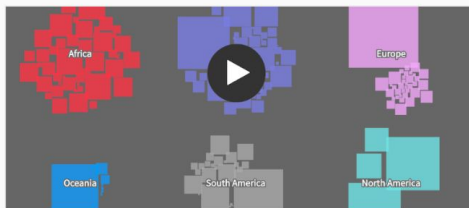
### Elections data

Learn how you can bring elections data to life with interactive graphics



### Animated 3D maps

Heatmaps? Extruded regions? Line layer? The "3D map" template has them all



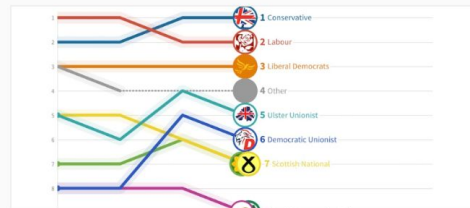
### "Talkies"

Enhance your data story with audio-driven visualizations



### Data explorer

Morph between various chart and map types to create rich and compelling data stories



### Plotting competitors

A "racing" line chart template with images and ranks view

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## Other cool tools

[Icongraph](#): an infographic studio in your pocket

[Piktochart](#): infographics, presentations and reports from templates

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**MATH**

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# themeasureofthings.com



The Measure of Things

473 carats



## It's about as heavy as a Deck of Cards

The weight of a Deck of Cards is about 460 carats.

*(ISO 216 B8 size, a.k.a. "poker size" 63 x 88 mm, 52-card deck)*

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## It's about seven-tenths as heavy as a Battery (D)

The weight of a Battery (D) is about 658 carats.

*(Alkaline)*

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## It's about two-thirds as heavy as a Baseball

The weight of a Baseball is about 708.05921052747 carats.

*(MLB rules)*

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## It's about one-and-a-half times as heavy as a Battery (C)

The weight of a Battery (C) is about 320 carats.

*(Alkaline)*

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## It's about three-fifths as heavy as a Billiard Ball

The weight of a Billiard Ball is about 794.407894738130 carats.

*(American-style, WPA specifications)*

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# [percentagecalculator.net](https://percentagecalculator.net)

## Percentage Calculator

Percentage Calculator is a free online tool to calculate percentages.

What is  % of  ?

**CALCULATE**

is what percent of  ?

**CALCULATE**

%

What is the percentage increase/decrease

from  to  ?

**CALCULATE**

%

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# [goodcalculators.com](http://goodcalculators.com)



[Salary & Income Tax Calculators](#)



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# Inflation Calculator

## CPI Inflation Calculator

\$

in  1996

has the same buying power as


\$188.64

in  2022

Calculate

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# [onlineconversion.com](https://onlineconversion.com)

Convert what quantity?  

From:

- acre
- acre [suburbs]
- acre [survey]
- acre [Ireland]
- are
- arpent [Canada]
- barn
- bovate
- bunder

To:

- square centimeter
- square chain [Gunter, survey]
- square chain [Ramden, Engineer]
- square city block [East U.S.]
- square city block [Midwest U.S.]
- square city block [South, West U.S.]
- square cubit
- square decimeter
- square dekameter



⇒ Convert ⇐

Result: 

15 acre = 9.375 000 000 1 square city block [East U.S.]

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# Other great tools

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# Journaliststoolbox.org



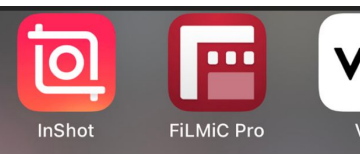
## Data journalism

A deep archive of resources for scraping, cleaning and visualizing data



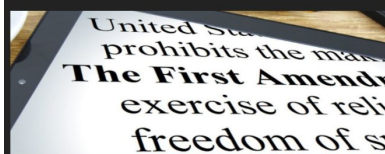
## Digital journalism

Productivity tools, e-newsletters, social graphics and many other digital resources



## Video: Mobile tools

In this video playlist, learn how to use mobile apps in your daily reporting



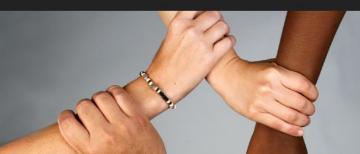
## First Amendment

Links to free speech issues, resources for help and much more



## Ethics

Features the SPJ Code of Ethics and many other ethics codes in journalism, other industries



## Diversity

Find diversity style guides, expert source databases and other resources



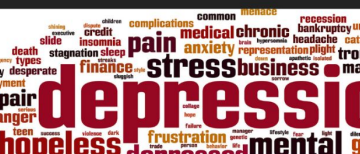
## Journalist safety

Resources for MMJ safety, digital privacy and other tools to keep journalists safe



## Broadcasting

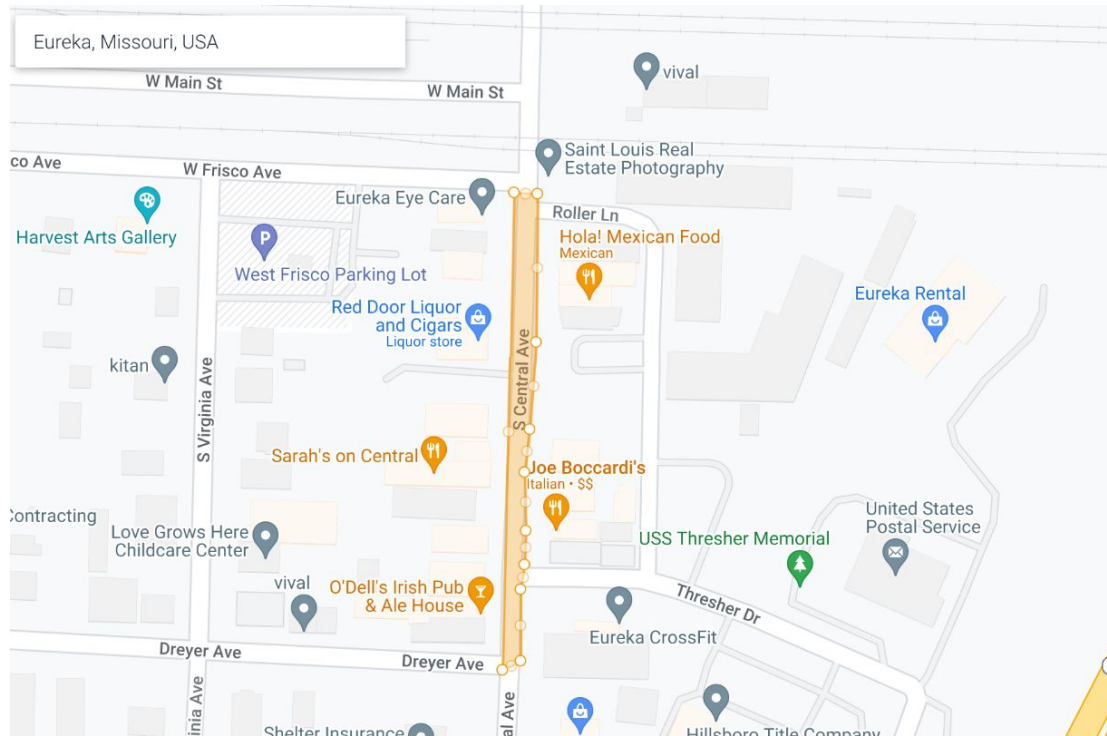
Resources for reporters, anchors, producers and video journalists



## Mental health

Resources for covering mental health issues and for journalists seeking help

# mapchecking.com



people standing in a given area.

Source on github : [Star](#)

Surface area 1298sqm • 13976sqft

[Reset the area](#)

Crowd density [What does it look like?](#)



Light

Crowded

Packed

2.00 people per sqm (~10 sqft)

**2597 estimated**

⚠ It's easy to overestimate the density as the crowd is rarely uniformly packed. This is what **2 people per square meter** looks like from a low angle :

[Image 1](#) [Image 2](#) [Image 3](#) (source)

## Examples

[Place du Trocadero - Paris](#)

[Place de la République](#)

[Tiergarten - Berlin](#)

# Tinywow.com



## Remove Backgr...

Easily Remove the Background from an image



## Merge PDF

Merge 2 or more PDF files into a single PDF file



## PDF to JPG

Convert PDF to JPG and download each page as an image



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## Blur Background



## Compress Video



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