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This will boggle your mind, I know it did mine!

The year is 1905. One hundred years ago.
What a difference a century makes!

Here are some of the U.S. statistics for the
Year **1905** :

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was
47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had
a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a
telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York
City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S.,
and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was
10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee
each were more heavily populated than
California.

With a mere 1.4 million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,

a dentist \$2,500 per year,

a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and

a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home

Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had no college education.

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost **four cents a pound.**

Eggs were **fourteen cents a dozen.**

Coffee was **fifteen cents a pound.**

Most women only washed their hair **once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.**

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

- 1. Pneumonia and influenza**
- 2. Tuberculosis**
- 3. Diarrhea**
- 4. Heart disease**
- 5. Stroke**

The American flag had only 45 stars.

Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska

hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!!

**Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea
hadn't been invented yet.**

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

**Two out of every 10 U.S. adults couldn't read
or write.**

**Only 6 percent of all Americans had
graduated from high school.**

**Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all
available over the counter at the local corner
drugstores. Back then pharmacist said,
"Heroin clears the complexion, gives
buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach
and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect
guardian of health." (Shocking!)**

**Eighteen percent of households in the U.S.
had at least one full-time servant or
domestic help.**

**There were about 230
reported murders in the entire
U.S.**

**And I forwarded this from someone else
without typing it myself, and sent it to you in
a matter of seconds! Try to imagine what it
may be like in another 100 years.**

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