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Table A.1. *Times front-page attention by topic, 1996–2006, with monthly summary statistics*

Code	Major Topic Category	Total, 1996– 2006	Percent Total	Monthly Summary Statistics			
				Mean	Std Dev	Min	Max
19	International Affairs & Foreign Aid	6,354	20.5%	48.1	12.7	21	100
16	Defense	4,479	14.4%	33.9	27.3	2	150
20	Government Operations	3,958	12.8%	30.0	20.4	1	124
12	Law, Crime, & Family	2,088	6.7%	15.8	8.1	3	49
3	Health	1,799	5.8%	13.6	5.3	4	30
29	Sports & Recreation	1,273	4.1%	9.6	6.8	0	47
15	Banking, Finance, & Domestic Commerce	1,249	4.0%	9.5	7.1	0	44
1	Macroeconomics	964	3.1%	7.3	5.1	0	27
2	Civil Rights, Minority Issues, & Civil Liberties	914	2.9%	6.9	3.9	0	25
6	Education	912	2.9%	6.9	3.9	1	30
27	Fires	769	2.5%	5.8	3.0	1	15
5	Labor, Employment, & Immigration	749	2.4%	5.7	4.3	0	25
17	Space, Science, Technology & Communications	719	2.3%	5.4	4.7	0	45
23	Culture & Entertainment	715	2.3%	5.4	4.3	0	21
10	Transportation	594	1.9%	4.5	4.1	0	30
24	State & Local Government Administration	573	1.8%	4.3	4.6	0	26
14	Housing & Community Development	410	1.3%	3.1	2.6	0	15
7	Environment	354	1.1%	2.7	2.1	0	9
31	Churches & Religion	329	1.1%	2.5	2.9	0	30
8	Energy	299	1.0%	2.3	3.5	0	22
13	Social Welfare	273	0.9%	2.1	2.2	0	13
21	Public Lands & Water Management	269	0.9%	2.0	1.6	0	8
30	Death Notices	268	0.9%	2.0	2.2	0	15
18	Foreign Trade	254	0.8%	1.9	2.4	0	16
99	Human Interest, Other, & Miscellaneous	172	0.6%	1.3	1.4	0	7
4	Agriculture	168	0.5%	1.3	1.5	0	10
26	Weather & Natural Disasters	129	0.4%	1.0	1.7	0	10
<b>Total (Mean Across 132 Months)</b>		<b>31,034</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>(8.7)</b>	<b>(5.5)</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>	<b>(34.9)</b>

Due to rounding, individual percentage values do not reflect the 100% total.