# Key updates for October: Child care costs soar, brain mapping breakthrough, and more



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**1. Child Care Costs:**A new report reveals that child care expenses have become exorbitant across the United States. For some families, these costs exceed even that of renting a home.

**2. Inflation Debate:**There is ongoing debate about the causes of recent inflation. While some attribute it to corporate price gouging, economists suggest that the situation is more complex.

**3. Brain Mapping Breakthrough:**Google and Harvard University have released the most intricate images of the human brain to date. This effort, involving a patient with severe epilepsy, aims to enhance the understanding of unresolved medical conditions.

**4. Netflix and NFL Partnership:**Netflix has secured a three-year agreement to broadcast the NFL’s Christmas Day football games, marking a significant move into live sports broadcasting for the streaming giant.

**5. Internet's Positive Impact:**Contrary to popular belief that the internet negatively impacts life, a study across 168 countries indicates that users report improved well-being in areas such as life satisfaction and social life.

**Additional Headlines:**

* President Biden and former President Trump have agreed to two presidential debates, with the first scheduled for June 27 on CNN.
* Slovakian Prime Minister Robert Fico is reported in critical condition following a shooting incident.
* The House has passed a bill mandating the FAA to hire more air traffic controllers, along with new protections for airline passengers.

**In Brief:**

* British twin sisters, Georgia and Melissa Laurie, were involved in a crocodile attack in Mexico. Georgia's bravery in saving her sister was recognized by King Charles III.

**Noteworthy Moment:**

* Billions of cicadas are emerging from underground in a rare double brood, an event explained by experts and advised to be observed from a safe distance.

**Quiz Answer:**Cancún is the fishing village on Mexico’s Yucatán Peninsula that has become one of the world’s most popular party destinations.

**Endnote:**Preliminary data shows a decline in drug overdose deaths in the US for the first time in five years, reversing the trend that escalated during the COVID-19 pandemic.