Reports & Resources

Social Media Report Released
The Nielsen Company | READ STORY
A new report released by the Nielsen Company identifies social media trends.

Charities that Raise the Most
Philanthropy.com | READ STORY
The following map identifies by location the 400 charities in the US that raise the most money.

President's Corner

The Montana State University Local Government Center is announcing a new Webinar Series focusing on community resiliency and the built environment. Each bimonthly, one-hour interactive presentation will feature an author from the fall 2011 issue of the Montana Policy Review. A complete list of topics and presenters as well as instructions on how to connect can be downloaded here.

Our Annual MACDEP Business Meeting takes place Nov. 8 in Bozeman. Minutes will be posted on our MACDEP website.

-Sustainable Communities Online Courses
Begins January 19, 2012

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President
The Cost of Child Care
National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies | READ STORY
A new report details the costs of child care. The map below illustrates the 2010 costs for an infant in a center as a percent of two-parent median income.

Rural and Urban Life Expectancy
The Daily Yonder | READ STORY
The chart below compares the life expectancies of rural and urban residents.

The Rise of Megachurches
Daily Good | READ STORY

Grants, Awards & Jobs
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program
Deadline: November 22, 2011
Funder: United States Department of Agriculture

America’s Media Makers
Deadline: January 11, 2012
Funder: National Endowment for the Humanities

Grants to Improve the Environment
Deadline: January 31, 2012
Funder: Captain Planet Foundation

Specialty Crop Research Initiative
Deadline: January 31, 2012
Funder: United States Department of Agriculture

National/International News
The infographic below illustrates the growth of megachurches, "large congregations that emphasize casual style over ritual and doctrine."

Indian Health Reform

The Daily Yonder | READ STORY
This article discusses the need to reform the Indian Health Service, an agency that oversees health care for the counties identified on the map below.

Education Jobs In Decline

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities | READ STORY
A Labor Department report finds that schools cut 24,000 jobs in the month of September, continuing a trend outlined in the figure below.
Multi-Generational Households Increase

Pew Research Center | READ STORY

A new report finds an increase in multi-generational households as people affected by the economic downturn move in with relatives.

Share of U.S. Population Living in Multi-generational Households, 1940-2009