Reports & Resources

Walking, Biking and Obesity
Governing.com | READ STORY
This study of census and CDC health risk data draws a strong correlation between the practice of walking or biking to work and lower-than-average rates of obesity.

Effects of Immigration Policy on U.S. Agriculture
USDA | READ STORY
Changes to immigration policy under consideration by policymakers may have significant effects on U.S. agriculture; this story explains possible implications.

President's Corner

The 2012 NACDEP and CDS Conferences took place in May and July with MACDEP members attending and presenting. Check out the websites for conference highlights and new Facebook pages for CDS and NACDEP for additional member communications.

Also, apologies for missing the July MACDEP E-newsletter; the first miss in 4 years but the busy summer necessitated this one-time break.

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

The Future of Workforce Development
September 19-20, 2012
Kansas City, MO
Sponsor: Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
National Poverty Rate Increases

**USDA | READ STORY**

The overall U.S. poverty rate increased during the past decade, and many rural areas—particularly manufacturing areas in the Midwest and South—saw sharp increases.

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**YouTube and Online News Viewership**

**Journalism.org | READ STORY**

This evaluation of online video news coverage shows that online audiences—now a major force in news viewership—differ widely from traditional television news audiences.
Male and Female Wages

Good | READ STORY
Data from a February 2012 study by the U.S. Census Bureau confirms that women employed full-time, in every field, across all education levels, are still paid less than their male counterparts.

Rural and Urban Wages

Daily Yonder | READ STORY
The disparity in wages between rural and urban workers invites a lot of questions. Three economists show the most likely culprit to be a familiar one: rural brain drain.
Effects of Climate Change on the Drought

Atlantic | READ STORY
This article from the Atlantic explores the possible connections between broad trends in climate change and the recent U.S. drought, deducing that human influence may have played a major role.