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## Reports & Resources

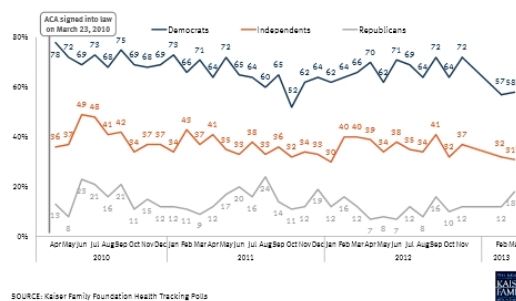
### Affordable Care

#### Kaiser Family Foundation | [READ STORY](#)

Three years into discussion of the Affordable Care Act, a majority of American voters still feel that they are too under-informed to know how the bill will affect them. The Kaiser Family Foundation's March 2013 Tracking Poll shows that attitudes toward the ACA remain divided roughly evenly across party lines.

#### Three Years Later, Public Still Divided by Party

Percent who say they have a favorable opinion of the health reform law:



SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation Health Tracking Polls

### Working Mothers, Working Fathers

#### Pew Research | [READ STORY](#)

This study by Pew Social & Demographic Trends presents data on the changing relationship between mothers and fathers at work and in the household. In

### President's Corner

MSU Extension is again teaming up with [Rural Dynamics Inc.](#) to bring you the 2013 "Mobilizing Rural Communities Conference," Sept. 25-26 in Great Falls, MT. Session presenters have until May 3 to [submit abstracts online](#). Stay tuned for more information.

-Paul Lachapelle  
MACDEP President

### Upcoming Events

#### National Main Street Conference

April 14-16, 2013  
New Orleans, LA  
Sponsor: National Trust for Historic Preservation

#### Southeast Community Development Institute

April 22-26, 2013  
Montgomery, AL  
Sponsor: Troy University

dual-income households, 59% of mothers and 58% of fathers report spending part of their time on paid work, housework and child care. The data also shows that the division of labor between parents is more equal under such circumstances than in single-income homes.

### Fathers Conflicted about Time Spent with Children

*% saying they spend ... time with their children*

	Too little	Right amount	Too much
Mothers	23	68	8
Fathers	46	50	3

Notes: Based on mothers and fathers with children under age 18. "Don't know/Refused" responses not shown.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

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### Northwest Community Development Institute

July 8-12, 2013

Boise, ID

Sponsor: Idaho Department of Commerce

### Central Community Development Institute

July 29-August 2, 2013

Conway, AR

Sponsor: University of Central Arkansas

### Midwest Community Development Institute

August 5-8, 2013

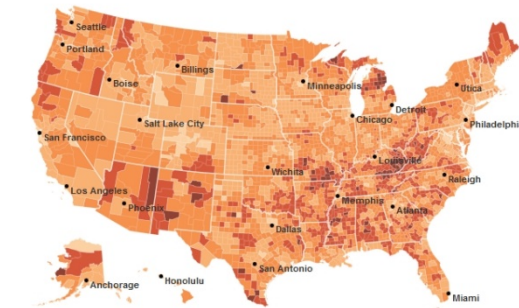
Moline, IL

Sponsor: Community Development Institute

### Government Benefits

#### New York Times | [READ STORY](#)

This interactive tool, presented by the New York Times, displays the geographical distribution of individual dependence on government benefit programs for each decade between 1969 and 2009, showing that the share of personal income collected from benefit programs has more than doubled during this period.



### Texting and Talking While Driving

#### Atlantic Cities | [READ STORY](#)

The Atlantic reports on a recent study by the CDC, showing that Americans are more likely to risk an

### Grants, Awards & Jobs

#### Grants for Art and Community

Deadline: April 30, 2013

Funder: Bonfils-Stanton Foundation

#### AgrAbility and Youth Farm Safety

Deadline: May 1, 2013

Funder: National Institute of Food & Agriculture (NIFA), USDA

#### Service-Learning Grants

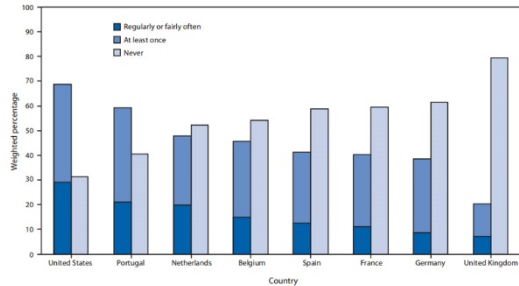
Deadline: May 3, 2013

Funder: State Farm Youth Advisory Board

#### Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) Program

accident by talking on the phone while driving than are of those polled from outside the United States. Americans showed the highest likelihood of both texting and talking while driving.

FIGURE 1. Weighted percentage of adults aged 18-64 years who reported that they had talked on their cell phone while driving regularly or fairly often, at least once, or never in the past 30 days,\* by country — HealthStyles and EuroPNStyles, 2011



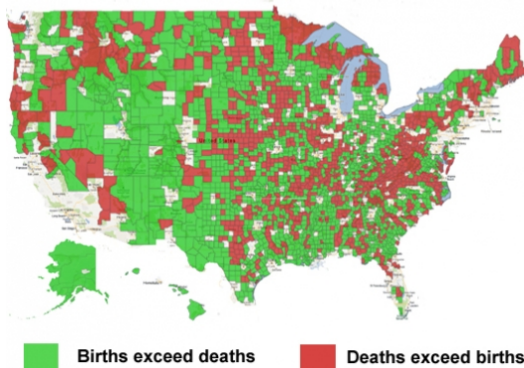
\* Respondents were asked, "In the past 30 days, how often have you talked on your cell phone while you were driving?" Response choices were "never," "just once," "fairly often," and "regularly." Percentages of those who engaged "at least once" were defined as those who responded "just once," "fairly often," or "regularly." Percentages of those who responded "regularly" or "fairly often" are shown as a subset of "at least once."

## Birth and Death in Rural America

[Daily Yonder](#) | [READ STORY](#)

The Daily Yonder reports on the declining post-recession birth-rate in the U.S., noting that nearly half of all rural counties are "dying," meaning that they saw more deaths than births between June of 2011 and July of 2012. Because of rural areas' generally older population, they suffered a disproportionate share of the year's deaths: 21%, despite being home to only 16.4% of the population.

### Births/Deaths in Rural and Exurban Counties July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012



## Metro Population Change

[Governing](#) | [READ STORY](#)

Deadline: May 31, 2013  
Funder: Department of Education

## Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy

Deadline: June 6, 2013  
Funder: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

## National/International News

### Unemployment Falls in 22 States

Governing; March 29

### CO Unemployment Down a Full Point Since Last Year

Denver Post; March 29

### OR Resisting Demand to Return Timber Payments

Oregon Live; March 28

### Property Values Higher Near Public Transportation

AGBeat; March 22

### Tennessee Creates "Office of Community Transportation"

Los Angeles Times; February 21

## Montana News

### New BLM Plan for Billings

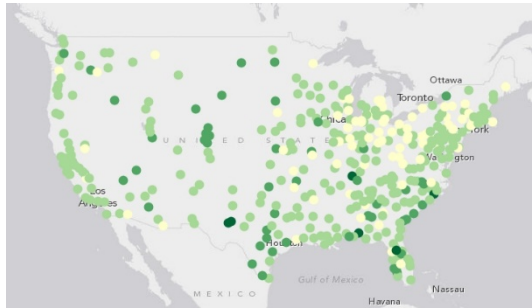
Billings Gazette; March 29

### Governor Vetoes Gun Bills

Flathead Beacon; March 28

### House Backs Income Tax Simplification Bill

Governing.com presents an interactive map that displays comparative population change data for a number of metropolitan areas, including Billings, Great Falls, and Missoula. The data shows that most of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas are in the South and Western regions of the country.



Ravalli Republic; March 28

### **Helena Group Appeals Bison Hazing Ruling**

Independent Record; March 28

### **MT to Take \$2.5 Cut to Federal Mineral Payments**

Great Falls Tribune; March 28



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