Reports & Resources

Rural Poverty Persistence
USDA | READ STORY
The persistence of poverty over time is a better indicator of a region’s well-being than are poverty levels from any isolated moment in time. This map identifies counties in which 20% or more of the population has persistently been below the poverty line during the past 30 years.

Single Father Households
Pew Social Trends | READ STORY
Only 1% of households with minors were headed by single fathers in 1960. On the most recent report, this number has increased to 9%. Single fathers, so understood, span a variety of circumstances and living

President’s Corner
The NACDEP Association meeting schedule and Galaxy Conference (Sept. 16-20, 2013; Pittsburgh, PA) agenda is now available.

The MSU Extension Annual Conference session RFP is now available with a due date of Aug. 19. The conference will be Oct. 22-24 in Bozeman, MT.

Announcing a Call for Papers on “Democratic Practice and Community Development” as a Special Issue of Community Development: The Official Journal of the Community Development Society. The special issue will uncover creative tensions and opportunities among diverse perspectives on the theory and practice of community development and provide examples of community development practice that influences the democratic capacity of citizens. Additional
situations; just as an increasing number of roles are being played by women in the household, men are coming to perform more and more varied household functions.

Driving in the Country

Atlantic Cities | READ STORY

Although homicide rates are higher in metropolitan areas, this article by the Atlantic shows that the risk of suffering injury or death in an automobile accident is actually much higher in rural areas: in fact, you are twice as likely to die in a car accident in rural areas than you are in the city.

Upcoming Events

Midwest Community Development Institute
August 5-8, 2013
Moline, IL
Sponsor: Community Development Institute

Rural Sociological Society
August 6-9, 2013
New York, NY
Sponsor: RSS

NACDEP Galaxy IV
September 16-20, 2013
Pittsburgh, PA
Sponsor: NACDEP

University Economic Development Association
October 27-30, 2013
Pittsburgh, PA
Sponsor: University Economic Development Association

International Association for Community Development
June 9-11, 2014
Glasgow, Scotland
Sponsor: International Association for Community Development

Grants, Awards & Jobs
The Disappearance of the Rural Daily Yonder | READ STORY

The Daily Yonder reports on a public opinion poll showing that there is general concern that small towns are disappearing, and that the rural culture kept alive thereby may be at risk. Rural populations are split with regard to a number of social and ideological issues, but converge on many others, including the central importance of retaining the rural way of life.

Food Insecurity

USDA | READ STORY

A food-insecure household, according to the USDA, is a household in which one or more members are from time to time unable to eat due to insufficient money or resources. The number of food-insecure households in the United States has increased during the past decade, rising from 10.7% in 2001 to 14.9% in 2011.
Why Healthcare Costs So Much
Carrington College | READ STORY
This infographic, provided by Carrington College, analyzes the causes and reasons behind the ever-increasing cost of healthcare in the United States, explicating the diverse and multivalent recipe of factors involved in the mix.

The U.S. spends about 90% more on healthcare when compared to other industrialized countries and 3 to 6 times more on specialist doctors.

Community Happiness and Social Media
Atlantic Cities | READ STORY
Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania and Michigan State University have developed algorithms by

Idaho Statesman; July 24
Colorado Rural Health at Risk
Denver Post; July 24
New Rules for Firefighting
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Local Company on Good Morning America
Independent Record; July 25
Public Road Analysis in Flathead
Missoulian; July 24
Montana Forest Plan Suit Thrown Out
Helena IR; July 22
Bakken Oil Boom is Montana Amtrak Boom
Billings Gazette; July 21
$2 Mil Pledged for Montana Entrepreneurs
Great Falls Tribune; July 19
which millions of posts to the social networking website Twitter have been analyzed for their "happiness content." The result is a dataset showing the relative levels of happiness, or "wellbeing," for 1300 U.S. counties.