Reports & Resources

Rural Education on the Rise

**USDA | READ STORY**

Rural education achievement numbers are improving. The percentage of the population in non-metropolitan areas without a high school degree has dropped in the past ten years, such that the rural numbers are approximating the metro numbers. Rural areas still show significantly fewer bachelor’s degrees than metropolitan areas, however.

![Educational attainment for people age 25 and older, 2000 and 2007-11](image)

**The Decline of American Mobility**

**Atlantic Cities | READ STORY**

This story by Atlantic Cities reports on data recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau, showing that...
mobility in the United States is at its lowest since the 1940's. This trend has been exacerbated by the recent economic recession, but is due in larger part to a rapidly aging population and increasing rates of home-ownership.

Rural Communities and Income Inequality

**Daily Yonder | READ STORY**

This report by the Daily Yonder provides a mixed picture of income inequality in rural areas. Although the income gap between rich and poor in rural areas has increased over recent decades, it is nevertheless the case that income inequality in rural areas is less severe than it is in metropolitan areas.

Global Consensus on Inequality

**Pew Research | READ STORY**

This report by the Pew Research Fact Tank analyzes data on recent trends in global income inequality. The report also shows that high-income elites from around

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**Upcoming Events**

**Community Development Extension Institute**

February 26-28, 2014
Boise, ID
Sponsor: CDEI

**2014 National Interagency Community Reinvestment Conference**

March 30-April 2, 2014
Chicago, IL

**International Association for Community Development**

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

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**Grants, Awards & Jobs**

**Education, Community and Health Grants for FY13**
Deadline: Open
Funder: RGK Foundation

**Second Chance Fund**
Deadline: Open
Funder: American Humane Society

**K-12 Education Programs with a Focus on Math, Science and Environmental Science**
Deadline: Open
Funder: Toyota U.S.A. Foundation

**Community Development Block Grant - Economic**
the world feel that income inequality is one of the most pressing contemporary social and economic problems -- an attitude unreflected in public policy.

The End of the Climate Change Debate?
Stanford Woods | READ STORY
Contrary to popular conviction, attitudes toward climate change do not map cleanly across party lines. This study by Stanford Woods shows that a majority of residents surveyed in every U.S. believe that global warming has been occurring, and that the U.S. should take action to limit its greenhouse emissions.

Development Program (CDBG-ED)
Deadline: Open
Funder: MT Department of Commerce

National/International News
States Employ Inmates to Combat Forest Fires
New York Times; November 26

Salt Lake City to Build $125M Solar Farm
Salt Lake Tribune; November 26

U.S. Methane Emissions Exceed Predicted Levels
New York Times; November 25

Utah Wilderness Vandalism Law in the Works
Salt Lake Tribune; November 24

Gas Drilling Not to Blame for Wyoming Contamination
Star Tribune; November 22

Montana News
MT Brine Spill Contaminates ND Creek
Billings Gazette; November 26

Roadkill Salvage Permits Available
Missoulian; November 26

Layoffs at Whitehall Gold Mine Due to Gold Prices
Ocean Acidification

IGBP | READ STORY
The rate at which the world's oceans are acidifying is "unprecedented," scientists warn in this new report. The rate may be faster than at any time in the last 300 million years, they say. This summary for policymakers reports on the state of scientific knowledge on ocean acidification, based on the latest research presented at The Third Symposium on the Ocean in a High-CO2 World, held in Monterey, California, in September 2012.