Reports & Resources

Global Water Security
WRI Insights | READ STORY
The World Resource Institute has launched the new aqueduct water resource mapping tool. This brief introductory article provides information on the tool, as well as a few immediate conclusions—highlighting the scope, complexity, and immediacy of water stress—drawn from the data presented therein.

Farm Households and Tax Reform
USDA | READ STORY
In this report, included in the most recent edition of Amber Waves, the USDA tracks the potential influence of federal income tax reform on farm households, arguing that proposed changes to tax code could have significant effects on those operating farms, especially larger farms.

President's Corner
Our new Montana State University Community Foundation education project is off and running; we have developed an initial website and we are in the process of hiring a new Project Director. Working in collaboration with the Montana Community Foundation, and the Anaconda Local Development Corporation, and with financial assistance from USDA Rural Development, our goals are to develop and offer tools, training, and mentoring to community foundations across Montana. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming trainings and resources.

Also, the MSU Local Government Center is organizing a new webinar series titled “Community Responses to Energy Development;” download the
Rural Unemployment Update

**Daily Yonder | READ STORY**

Rural unemployment has been steadily decreasing since 2010, and this trend continued through most of 2012. The Daily Yonder observes that, though unemployment numbers vary widely between states and counties, the drop in rural and exurban unemployment came to a general halt in December of 2012.

![Unemployment Rates: Rural, Urban, Exurban](chart)

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Municipal Bankruptcy

**Governing | READ STORY**

Although many local governments continue to struggle with post-recession budget-balancing, this article claims that Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy—often forecasted to play a major role in the new municipal landscape—is far less common than many would think.
Second Generation America

Pew Research | READ STORY
This report, presented by the Pew Research Center, investigates the differences between first and second generation immigrants to the United States with respect to educational opportunity, economic success, and shared values, showing that second-generation individuals are significantly better off than their first-generation counterparts.

First- and Second-Generation Share of the Population, Actual and Projected, 1900-2050

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Notes: Based on total population, including children and adults.

National Farmworker Jobs Program Grants
Deadline: April 2, 2013
Funder: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor

Better Health and Living Initiative Grant Program
Deadline: April 19, 2013
Funder: WellPoint Foundation

Drug-Free Communities Mentoring Program
Deadline: April 23, 2013
Funder: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Farm to School Grant Program
Deadline: April 24, 2013
Funder: Food & Nutrition Service, USDA

Grant to Support Science or Math Education: K-5 Teachers
Deadline: September 10, 2013
Funder: Toshiba America Foundation

Rental Housing in the U.S.
The Atlantic Cities | READ STORY
Demand for rental housing has been forecasted to increase markedly during the next decade. The data
presented in this article by The Atlantic Cities demonstrates some of the difficulties facing the U.S. housing market given this projected convergence of cross-demographic demand.

Young Adult Debt and Capital

**Pew Research | READ STORY**

During the recent recession, young adults incurred significantly less debt, and rid themselves of more, than did older generations. Median debt in households headed by adults younger than 35 decreased by 29% between 2007 and 2010, compared to an 8% decrease in households headed by adults over 35.

**Share of Households with Any Debt, by Age of Head, 2001-2010**

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Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of Survey of Consumer Finances data

Hispanic Growth and Higher Incomes

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**Eminent Domain Alterations in WY**

Star Tribune; February 27

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Calgary Herald; February 26

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Edmonton Journal; February 24

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Los Angeles Times; February 21

**Cleanup Beginning on Clark Fork River**

Montana Standard; February 27

**Senate Hopes to Protect Environmental Tipsters**

Billings Gazette; February 26

**Eminent Domain Rollback Backed by Senate**
The Daily Yonder reports on a new study by the Economic Research Service, showing that Hispanic populations have seen substantial growth in rural areas during the past decade, and that rural economies have benefited from this growth, seeing faster income per capita growth strongly correlated with strong increases in the size of rural Hispanic populations.