Reports & Resources

Growth in the Great Plains

Daily Yonder | READ STORY
The Daily Yonder evaluates data presented in a recent report by the National Agricultural and Rural Development Policy Center, showing that although the Great Plains experienced higher than average unemployment rates prior to the Great Recession, recent trends show an inversion of this, with lower than average unemployment rates in many Great Plains counties.

Who’s Gaining Jobs In Rural America?
Job Losses and Gains From June ’09 to June ’10 in Rural Counties

- Major Job Losses: -500 to -5,189
- Job Losses: -1 to -500
- Job Gains: 0 to 499
- Major Job Gains: 500 to 3,842

President’s Corner

We are planning two training events for our new Montana State University Community Foundation Education Program: May 14 in Bozeman and May 30 in Glendive, MT for Extension faculty and select foundation board members. We would like to welcome Rea Lynn Hays as the new Project Director; great to be working with you again, Rea Lynn!

Rea Lynn will also be joined by Cathy Cooney from the Montana Community Foundation for a FREE Webinar sponsored by the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development and USDA-Rural Development titled “The Foundation: A Key Player in Rural Development” on May 7 at 10am Mountain Time. Registration is required.

The Local Government Extension Training (LGET) group will host a FREE
**State of the Air 2013**

*American Lung Association | READ STORY*

State of the Air 2013 presents a number of maps, charts, and graphs showcasing nation-wide research into city-by-city air quality, showing that a number of Montana cities and counties with surprisingly low scores. On the whole, however, the study shows decreasing ozone and particle pollution and increasing air quality in the United States.

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**Uneven Economic Recovery**

*Pew Social Trends | READ STORY*

The Pew Research Center’s inquiry into income and wealth during the 2009-2011 period shows that the wealthiest 7% of the country’s earners gained 28% net worth per household, while the lower 93% decreased in the same area by 4%. The report evaluates the data, claiming that uneven improvements across markets may be responsible for the disparate areas of recovery.

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**Upcoming Events**

- **ALIA Institute**
  - June 16-21, 2013
  - Halifax, Nova Scotia, CA
  - Sponsor: ALIA

- **National Rural Assembly 2013**
  - June 23-26, 2013
  - Washington D. C. Metro Area
  - Sponsor: National Rural Assembly

- **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
Children and Food Availability

**USDA | READ STORY**

This Chart of Note by the USDA’s Economic Research Service shows that the number of children living in so-called food deserts—that is, living further than one mile from an affordable food provider—is quite low, affecting less than 10% of children age 17 or younger.

Birth and Death in Rural America

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Some rural counties now show more than 25% foreign-born populations, signifying a broader increase in immigration to rural areas. Although foreign-born populations in rural and exurban areas still remains lower than in urban or metropolitan areas, the rate of

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**Grants, Awards & Jobs**

- **Flex Rural Veterans Health Access Program**
  - Deadline: May 17, 2013
  - Funder: Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)

- **Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS)**
  - Deadline: May 17, 2013
  - Funder: Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

- **FY 2013 National Girls Institute**
  - Deadline: May 30, 2013
  - Funder: Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

- **Evidence for the Classroom**
  - Deadline: June 11, 2013
  - Funder: Spencer Foundation

- **Fair Housing Initiative Program**
  - Deadline: June 11, 2013
  - Funder: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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**National/International News**

- **KeystoneXL Delayed Several Months**
  - Edmonton Journal; April 26

- **Gray Wolves Dropped from Endangered List**
  - Los Angeles Times; April 25
immigration to rural parts of the country has increased considerably since 1990.

Pedestrian Deaths

Atlantic Cities | READ STORY
The Atlantic provides a graph demonstrating the number of motor vehicle-related pedestrian deaths between 2001 and 2010. Over 47,000 pedestrians died from vehicle-related incidents during the period in question; 69% of these casualties were men, and rates are highest among low-income demographics, and people over 75.