Reports & Resources

Skyrocketing Prison Population Devastating US Society
National Research Council | READ STORY
Following two years of data review, a new report from the highly-regarded National Research Council (an arm of the National Academy of Sciences) delivers a round indictment of four decades of skyrocketing incarceration that has quadrupled the prison population and torn apart families, communities, society, and the lives of the incarcerated people. Commissioned by the National Institute of Justice and the MacArthur Foundation, the report notes that 2.23 million people are currently locked in U.S. prisons and jails, but that number multiplies when people who are on parole or probation are considered. This is the result of an "unprecedented and internationally unique rise in U.S. state and federal prison populations" since 1973

President's Corner
The Community Development Society (CDS) International Annual Conference is taking place July 20-23, in Dubuque, IA with featured sessions on economic development, health, education, local facilities/services, transportation, planning, natural resources management, and more. Early-Bird Registration Deadline is June 20; Additional conference information may be found on the CDS website and you may register for the conference here.

MACDEP wants to extend a special thank you to two of our colleagues; Dustin Dallman has worked on the E-newsletter since 2009; he is going on to greener pastures, starting a Ph.D. program at the University of Chicago and we wish him every success. MACDEP also bids adieu to our colleague Jennifer Blessum who will be moving to Extension.
The Uneven U.S. Jobs Recovery Is Even Clearer When Tracked Per Capita

The Atlantic | READ STORY
This article examines job growth in different states between the years 2010 and 2013. Using a per-capita analysis to look at workforce growth compared to an aggregate amount of jobs added, a unique perspective is gained on the geographic distribution of labor growth. The analysis continues on to look at not only new jobs, but also the distribution of both new high and low wage jobs. The data presented, and the maps provided, allow for an interesting look into total job growth per-capita, high wage jobs per-capita, and low wage jobs per-capita have progressed since and after the 2008 recession.

Young Adults, Student Debt and Economic Well-Being
Pew Research Center | READ STORY

Communications, Jen has provided untold hours of support and guidance to MACDEP for 5 years but we are fortunate she remains in the MSU Extension family. Thank you both for your years of dedication and hard work to spread the message of community development you will both be sorely missed!

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

Leadership for a Better World Global Summit
June 9-11, 2014
Madison, WI
Sponsor: University of Wisconsin Center for Inclusive and Engaged Leadership

2014 LOCUS Leadership Summit
June 17-18, 2014
Washington DC
Sponsor: Smart Growth America

Community Development Society Conference
July 20-23, 2014
Dubuque, IA
Sponsor: University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, and Iowa State University Extension

14th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference
This report published by the Pew Research Center discusses wealth and levels of income of college graduates with and without student loans. The report finds that those who graduate college without student debt have a much higher net worth also, students who graduate with student loans are more likely to have more debt on other items such as: Credit cards, mortgages, and vehicles.

NOAA Interactive Climate Map

NOAA | READ STORY
This unique interactive map provided by NOAA gives the user the option to access a plethora of information. Seventeen map options are available with data sets that range from all recorded data to as little as one hour. If one wants to track a facet of climate or climate change, this is the tool to use.
Climate Change: State Policy Update 2012-2014
NCSL | READ STORY
The National Conference of State Legislatures published this briefing which outlines state climate change policy changes between the years 2012 and 2014. The report lists five different areas of climate change policy, giving an overview of states creating or changing policy in the given area, and then ends with a list of newly created or changed policy in different states between the years of 2012 and 2014.

The History of Carbon Dioxide Emissions
World Resources Institute | READ STORY
This release by the World Resources Institute provides a swath of infographics covering the history of carbon emissions; carbon emissions by region, emissions in industrializing countries, and emissions in industrialize countries. The WRI also provides an interactive tool which allows user to access their data set to create their own maps and graph. Anyone with an interest in CO2 emissions and climate change will find this to be a very important and useful tool.

Russia-China Gas Deal Puts Heat on B.C.'s LNG Sector
Vancouver Sun; May 22

Spokane Rally Supports Broad Scope of Reviews for Oil Terminal Projects
The Spokesman-Review; May 22

Peninsula Residents Watch Nervously as Wildfire Grows
Anchorage Daily News; May 22

Montana News

Experts Convene in Missoula to Discuss Effects of Large-Scale Wildfires
Missoulian; May 19

Groups File Appeal for Endangered Whitebark Pine
Bozeman Daily Chronicle; May 19

Ag Secretary OKs Treatment Designation for 4.95M Acres in Montana
Missoulian; May 20

Industry: Bakken Oil Not More Risky Than Others
Flathead Beacon; May 20

Brucellosis Area to Expand North to Three Forks
Bozeman Daily Chronicle; May 20