The State of Food Insecurity in the World 2014

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This report titled "The State of Food Insecurity In the World 2014" discusses how much progress the world has made at reaching the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) hunger targets. Though some progress has been made, it has not been at the pace required to meet the MDG. It states that if the MDG is to be reached, sustained political commitment at the highest level will be required.

A Community Development Campus Tour has been scheduled during our upcoming Montana State University Extension Annual Conference, 2:30-5:00 pm, Wed. Oct.22. This walking tour will introduce extension faculty and staff to several community and economic development-related programs offered across the MSU campus including the Jake Jabs College of Business Center for Entrepreneurship for the New West, the School of Architecture Community Design Center and the Western Transportation Institute. Please plan to join us regardless of your program area of emphasis.

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President
Global Shale Gas Development: Water Availability & Business Risks

It is widely agreed that shale play development has critical environmental risks and impacts associated with it, but the risks and impacts specific to surface and groundwater availability have been thinly documented. This report provides the first publicly available, global and country-specific analysis to help evaluate freshwater availability across shale resources worldwide. The report identifies locations most in need of government oversight and informs companies of potential business risks associated with freshwater availability.

Upcoming Events

Applications of the Community Capitals Framework in Natural Resource Planning, the Environment and Community Vitality
November 5-7, 2014
Lincoln, Nebraska
Sponsor: Community Capitals Framework Institute

2014 Talloires Network Leaders Conference
Dec 2-4, 2014
Cape Town, South Africa
Sponsor: Talloires Network

14th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference
January 29-31, 2015
Baltimore, MD
Sponsor: New Partners for Smart Growth and The Local Government Commission

C2U Expo
May 26-29, 2015
Carleton University, Ottawa
Sponsor: Canada

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Community Grants
Deadline: Rolling Deadline
Funder: The Safeway Foundation

Support for Organizations Assisting Low-Income Communities
Deadline: Open
Funder: The Kresge Foundation
Income Inequality Weighs on State Tax Revenues

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This paper finds that increasing income inequality is undermining the rate of state tax revenue growth. In addition, it is contributing to volatility in tax revenue collections. Some of the key findings were that: from 1980 to 2011, average annual state tax revenue growth fell to 5% from 10% while total income for the top 1% of earners doubled; state tax revenue trends have become more volatile; the disparity in income is contributing to weaker tax revenue growth by weakening the rate of overall economic expansion; and that it is unlikely that states can fully correct for slower tax revenue growth by adjusting their tax policies.

![Income Concentration And Annual Percentage Change In State Tax Revenues](image)

Hidden in Plain Sight: A statistical analysis of violence against children

**UNICEF | READ STORY**

This UNICEF report report was released in September of 2014 and discusses the prevalence of different forms of violence against children, with global figures and data from 190 countries. The analyses focus primarily on forms of interpersonal violence, defined as violent acts inflicted on children by another individual or a small group. The combined sources used to gather data from 190 different countries represents the largest compilation of statistics to date on violence against children.
Measuring Sprawl 2014

Smart Growth America | READ STORY
The Measuring Sprawl 2014 report by Smart Growth America analyzes development patterns in 221 metropolitan areas and 994 counties in the United States. Researchers used four primary factors—residential and employment density; neighborhood mix of homes, jobs, and services; strength of activity centers and downtowns; and accessibility of the street network—to evaluate development in these areas and assign a Sprawl index score to each. This report includes a list of the most compact and most sprawling metro areas in the country.

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The Global Commission on the Economy and Climate New Climate Economy Report 2014

Global Commission | READ STORY
The next 15 years will be critical, as the global economy undergoes a deep structural transformation that will determine the future of the world's climate system. The global economy will grow by more than half, a billion more people will come to live in cities, and rapid
technological advances will continue to change businesses and lives. This website will provide access to country cases and working papers; currently the only release is the global report which is available here. This report lays out how countries across the world can reduce the risks of climate change and achieve high-quality, resilient, and inclusive economic growth.

Figure 1
Global primary energy consumption by region 1970–2012