The Map We Need if We Want to Think About how Global Living Conditions are Changing

*Our World In Data* | [READ STORY](#)

To show global data it is convenient to use a map. But despite the popularity and familiarity of world maps, they can mislead our understanding of how living conditions around the world are changing. They are made for a different purpose; geographical maps show us where the world’s land masses are and where country borders run. They don’t show us where the people are.

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How Connected Is Your Community to Everywhere Else in America?

*The New York Times* | [READ STORY](#)

America is often described as a place of great divides — between red and blue, big cities and

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The Montana Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (MACDEP) Annual Meeting will take place during our upcoming Extension Annual Conference in Bozeman; stay tuned for details on the date and time via the MACDEP list serve.

The Official Launch of the 2019 World Community Development Conference in Dundee Scotland, June 24-26 is October 5. Stay tuned for details on session submission and registration for this international professional development event.

The book *Addressing Climate Change at the Community Level in the*
rural towns, the coasts and the heartland. But our social lives are shaped by a much stronger force that ignores many of these lines: distance.

Most Americans view unions favorably, though few workers belong to one [PEW Research](https://www.pewresearch.org) | READ STORY

Americans like labor unions, at least in the abstract. A majority (55%) holds a favorable view of unions, versus 33% who hold an unfavorable view, according to a Pew Research Center survey from earlier this year. For most of the past three decades that the Center has asked that question, in fact, Americans have viewed unions at least somewhat more favorably than unfavorably.
Why Did America Give Up on Mass Transit? (Don't Blame Cars.)
*City Lab | READ STORY*

One hundred years ago, the United States had a public transportation system that was the envy of the world. Today, outside a few major urban centers, it is barely on life support. Even in New York City, subway ridership is well below its 1946 peak. Annual per capita transit trips in the U.S. plummeted from 115.8 in 1950 to 36.1 in 1970, where they have roughly remained since, even as population has grown.

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Rural Childhood Contributes To Later Economic Success
*Daily Yonder | READ STORY*

The farther away from a city a person is raised, the more likely they are to climb the economic ladder, according to economists, who also found that community characteristics associated with upward mobility have different effects in rural and urban locations.

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**Grants, Awards & Jobs**

- **Immunization and Vaccines for Children Project**
  - Deadline: March 28, 2018
  - Sponsor: Department of Health and Human Services

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**
  - Deadline: Ongoing
  - Sponsor: Department of Commerce

- **Healthy Start Initiative: Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health**
  - Deadline: Nov. 27, 2018
  - Sponsor: Health Resources and Services Administration

- **Community Facilities Programs**
  - Deadline: Ongoing
  - Sponsor: Rural Development, USDA

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**National/International News**

- **Researchers Unearth Largest-Ever Dinosaur**
  - US News, Sept 28

- **Facebook: 50 million user accounts affected by security breach**
  - NWI Times, Sept 28

- **Syria says vital border crossing with Jordan to reopen**
CDC: 80,000 People Died From Flu Last Season

US News, Sept 27

Montana's minimum wage is going up in 2019

KRTV, Sept 29

University of Montana cuts Global Humanities & Religions, Material Sciences programs

Missoulian, Sept 27

Bozeman restaurant hosts fundraiser for Horseshoe Fire victims

NBC Montana, Sept 28

Daines calls on Senate to fund conservation program as time runs out

Billings Gazette, Sept 27