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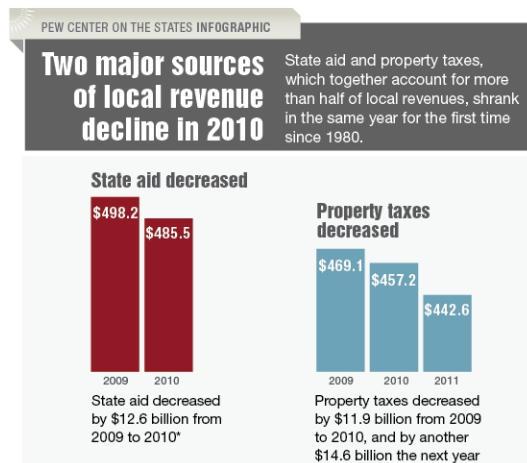
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Reports & Resources

Challenges to Local Governments

Pew Charitable Trusts | [READ STORY](#)

This study elucidates the complex situation evinced by decreasing state aid and property taxes, increasing demand for government services, and broader economic consequences of the Great Recession.



Complete Communities in America

Reconnecting America | [READ STORY](#)

Reconnecting America compiled this large-scale report, *Are We There Yet?*, to track the progress of U.S. efforts toward the cultivation of "complete communities."

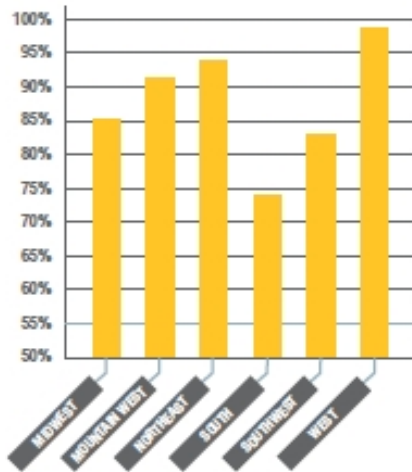
President's Corner

The MACDEP Annual Meeting was held Oct. 30 in Bozeman. Many thanks to MACDEP members for attending and to Secretary Jennifer Anderson, Treasurer Mandie Reed, and V. President Barb Andreozzi for their continued service. Minutes will be posted on our [MACDEP website](#).

Also, congratulations to the [Montana Community Foundation](#) for receiving the 2012 Montana Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) Friend of Extension Award for their support and partnership with MSU Extension over the years. A heartfelt THANK YOU to Linda, Cathy and the staff at the MCF!

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Food access in opportunity areas



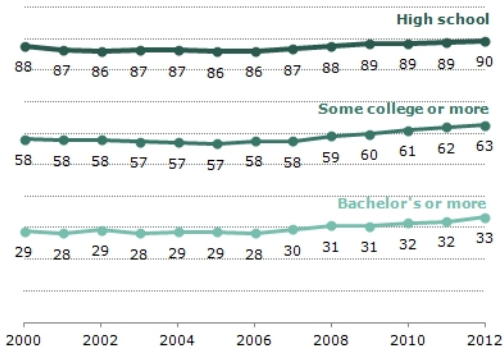
Education Among Young Adults

Pew Research Center | [READ STORY](#)

The Pew Social and Demographic Trends website reports that an unprecedented number of young adults across all key demographics are attaining high school and college undergraduate degrees.

Educational Attainment of 25- to 29-Year-Olds, 2000-2012

% completing



Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of March Current Population Surveys, 2000-2012

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Upcoming Events

Celebrating and Reclaiming Community Development Learning and Practice

November 21-22, 2012
Alfreton, Derbyshire, UK
Sponsor: Federation for Community Development

Disasters and Environment: Science, Preparedness, and Resilience

January 15-17, 2013
Washington, DC
Sponsor: National Council for Science and the Environment

12th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference

February 7-9, 2013
Kansas City, MO
Sponsor: Local Government Commission

Beyond the Boundaries: Creating Innovation Through Regional Collaboration

July 20-24, 2013
Charleston, SC
Sponsor: Community Development Society

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Youth Garden Grants (YGG)

Deadline: December 3, 2012
Funder: National Gardening Association

OVW FY 2013 Court Training and Improvements Program

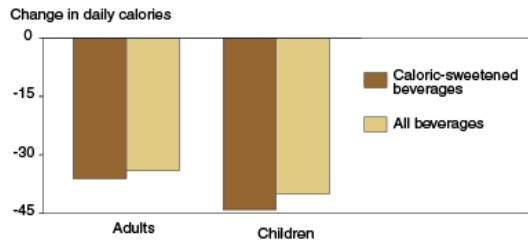
Deadline: December 7, 2012
Funder: Office of Violence Against Women

Food Policy and Consumer Health

Amber Waves | [READ STORY](#)

The USDA Economic Research Service investigates the impact of food preference and nutritional knowledge on consumer health, as well as the influence of selective taxes on food consumption.

A 20-percent tax on caloric-sweetened beverages in 2003-06 would have resulted in a reduction of between 34 and 40 calories from beverages per day



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using 2003-06 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

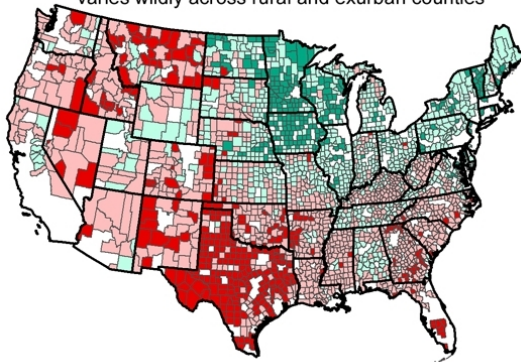
Rural America and the Uninsured

Daily Yonder | [READ STORY](#)

This study by the Daily Yonder reports that, despite rising numbers of uninsured rural Americans (matching a nation-wide increase in the uninsured), numbers vary drastically from county to county.

Uninsured in Rural America

In the U.S., 17.7 percent of those under 65 don't have health insurance. But that rate varies wildly across rural and exurban counties



The Call on Climate Change

Pew Research Center | [READ STORY](#)

E3 Grant Program

Deadline: December 7, 2012
Funder: Cardinal Health Foundation

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

Deadline: January 7, 2013
Funder: Environmental Protection Agency

FY 2013 Our Town

Deadline: January 14, 2013
Funder: National Endowment for the Arts

National/International News

Lead Detected in Denver Tapwater

Denver Post; November 7

ID Lumber Export Boom

Idaho Statesman; November 6

New, "Monster" Vision Plan for Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; November 5

Kansas City Devises Plan to Clear Vacant Property Blight

Architect's Newspaper; October 26

Rising Housing Prices Put Pressure on Laborers

CNBC; October 25

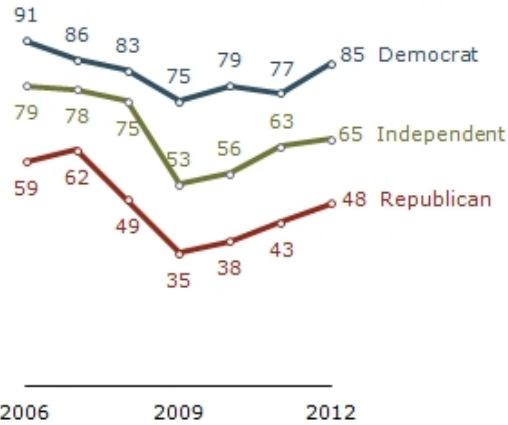
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Tester Retains Senate Seat

Despite still-contentious debates surrounding the cause, nearly two-thirds of Americans are convinced that the climate has warmed over the past few decades, a significant increase over previous numbers.

Across Party Lines, More Say There Is Evidence of Warming

% saying there is solid evidence of warming



PEW RESEARCH CENTER Oct. 4-7, 2012.

USA Today; November 7

All MT Ballot Measures Pass

Great Falls Tribune; November 7

Frontier Airlines Leaving Billings

Billings Gazette; November 5

Record MT Absentee Ballot Turnout

Missoulian; November 5

Canadian Steel Plant Opening in Great Falls

Great Falls Tribune; November 5



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