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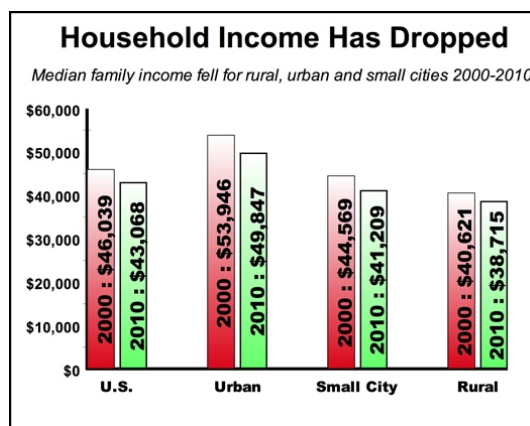
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Reports & Resources

Recession Impact on Rural Income

[Daily Yonder](#) | [READ STORY](#)

Though median household income dropped for all areas of the United States population--falling by 6.9% nationwide--rural areas saw less income decline during the 2000-2010 decade than either small cities or urban areas.



Farming Real Estate Values

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This chart, produced by the USDA's Economic Research Service, shows real and nominal real estate values for

President's Corner

We have some great speakers for our 2012 Rural Community Conference, May 15-16 in Bozeman, MT including [Don Macke](#), Director of Strategic Engagement with the Rural Policy Research Institute Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, [Bruce Nelson](#), Administrator with the USDA Farm Service Agency, and [John Robert Smith](#), President and CEO of Reconnecting America.

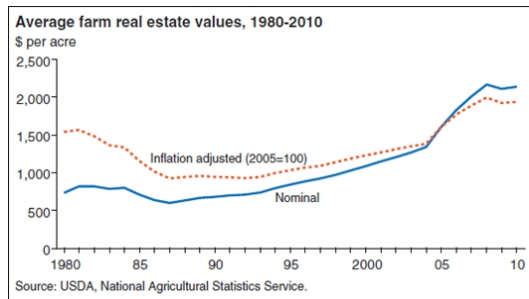
We also have an updated agenda posted and scholarship information. Please go to the [RCC page](#) for more information.

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

Rural Community Economic Development Conference

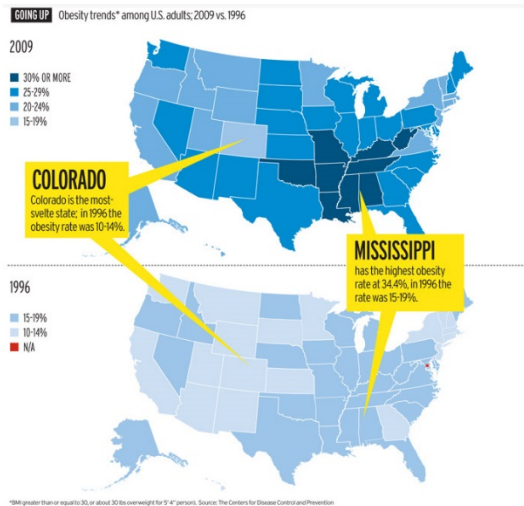
U.S. farm sectors. Real estate values in this area have been on the gradual increase since the mid-90's.



Obesity and Marketing Trends

Advertising Age | [READ STORY](#)

This report investigates the relationship between increasing obesity rates among American consumers, and marketing practices, some of which target obese and overweight demographics, and some of which do not.



U.S. College Completion Rates

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An interactive map tool which displays college completion rates in each of the U.S. states for adults 25 and older.

March 6-8, 2012
Peoria, IL
Sponsor: Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs

2012 Bozeman Economic Development Summit

March 22, 2012
Bozeman, MT
Sponsor: Gallatin County and the City of Bozeman

Webinar: How to Create Successful Foundation Grant Proposals

March 22, 2012
Sponsor: Chronicle of Philanthropy

National Main Streets Conference

April 1-4, 2012
Baltimore, MD
Sponsor: National Trust for Historic Preservation

2012 Montana Governor's Conference on Tourism and Recreation

April 11-13, 2012
Great Falls, MT
Sponsor: State of Montana

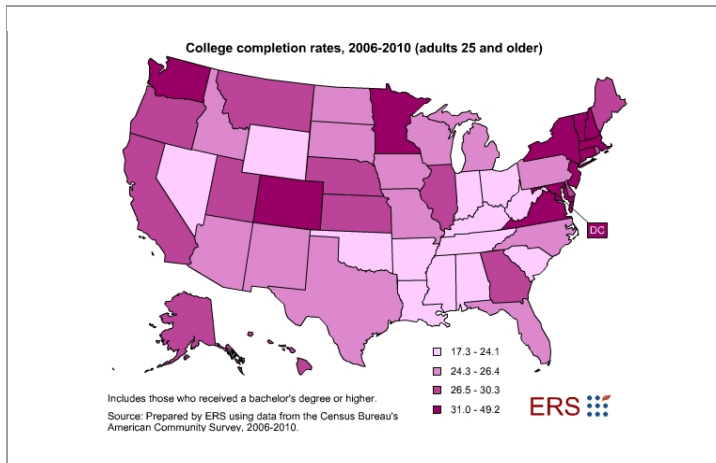
Grants, Awards & Jobs

Grants for Academic Programs, Arts Education and Environmental Education

Deadline: March 10, 2012
Funder: Kinder Morgan Foundation

Active Schools Acceleration Project

Deadline: April 2, 2012

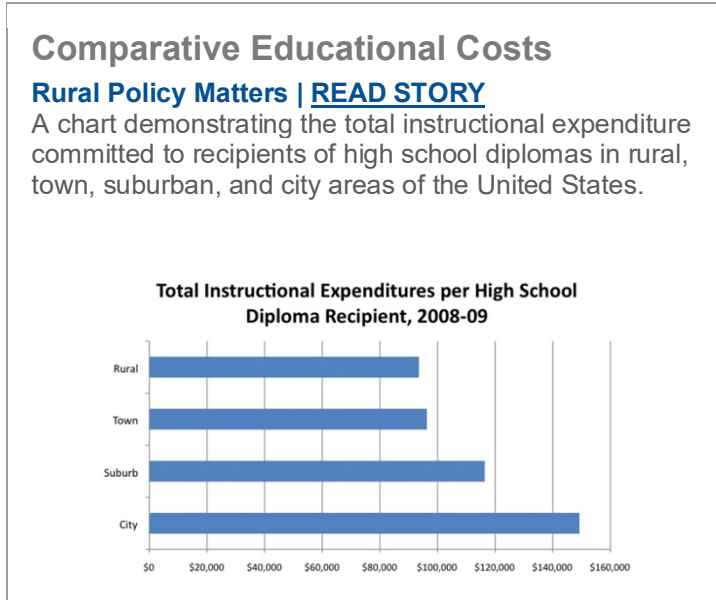


Funder: ChildObesity180 and the Partnership for a Healthier America

Incubator Mini-Grant Program
Deadline: April 2, 2012
Funder: Montana Rural Health Initiative

Roadmaps to Health: Community Grants
Deadline: May 2, 2012
Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Grants for Animal Welfare
Deadline: Open
Funder: Animal Assistance Foundation



National/International News

Power Companies Win River Rights
Bloomberg; February 22

Utah Attempts to Seize Federal Land
Salt Lake Tribune; February 21

Emerging Strategies for Ecosystem Services
High Country; February 20

Effects of Post Office Closings
Washington Post; February 17

American Community Preferences
Good Lifestyle | [READ STORY](#)

A recent survey on real-estate preferences (*The 2011 Community Preference Survey*) shows, among various other points, that a significant number of Americans prefer having ample walking space to owning a large home.

WY on Federal Fracking Regulations
Casper Star-Tribune; February 16

Montana News

Strife Over Lolo National Forest

Missoulian; February 28

Bear and Sheep in Conflict

High Country; February 20

Megaloads Still Prohibited

Great Falls Tribune; February 18

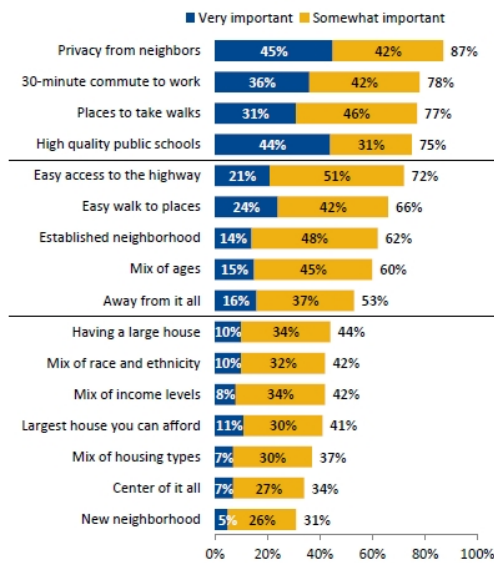
New Bison Regulations

Helena IR; February 17

Montana Coal Swap Deal Revised

The Statesman; February 16

Importance of Community Characteristics

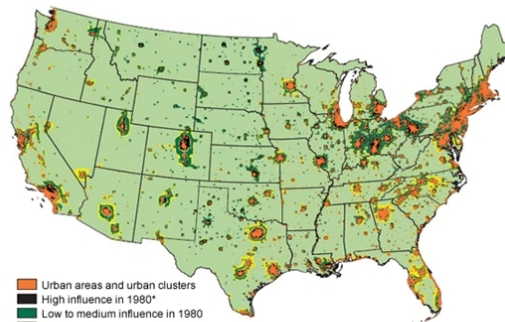


Urban Influence Since 1980

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Though urban areas only make up 3% of the United States' geographical landscape, the USDA's Economic Research Service reports that urban influence is ever on the rise, showing a 13% increase from 1980 to 2000.

Degree of urban influence, 1980-2000



* includes some low density development not defined by the Census Bureau as urban areas or urban clusters.
Sources: USDA, Economic Research Service calculations based on 2000 Census population data and U.S. Census Bureau 2003 urban areas.



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