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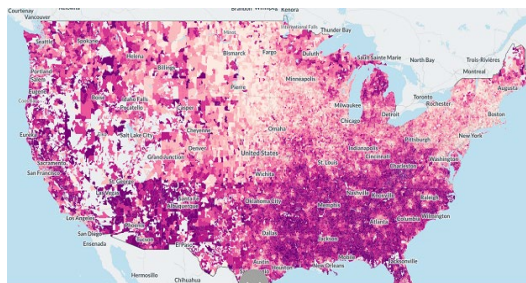
February 2016

## Reports & Resources

### Visualizing the Geography of Student Debt

#### Center for Data Innovation | [READ STORY](#)

The Washington Center for Equitable Growth, an economic research organization, has created Mapping Student Debt, a website which maps data about the \$1.1 trillion in student debt owed by 42 million Americans. The map uses data from the U.S. Department of Education linked with tax returns from the Internal Revenue Service to compare household student loan balances and delinquency rates to medium income by zip code.



## President's Corner

Its official; Montana State University Extension will be hosting the **2017 CDS / NACDEP Conference in Big Sky, Montana, June 11-14.**

It's the first time the [National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals](#) and the [Community Development Society](#) are working collaboratively on their annual conferences and the Local Host Committee is already busy planning mobile learning workshops, sponsorships, and keynote speakers; If you have ideas or would like to help plan, please contact [me](#). Stay tuned for updates.

-Paul Lachapelle  
MACDEP President

## Upcoming Events

## Speak Your Piece: Small-Town Suicides -Facing facts

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

The suicide rate is higher in rural areas, but some weekly newspaper editors won't run stories about self-inflicted deaths, reflecting community reluctance to talk about the issue. An editor in Tennessee took a different approach - covering basic information about such deaths and helping his county find a way confront the problem.

## Global Fish Harvests Far Higher Than Official Figures, Study Says

[Scientific American](#) | [READ STORY](#)

Tens of millions more tons of fish have been taken from the seas than are recorded in official statistics, suggests a huge and controversial project aiming to estimate the "true catch" of the world's fishing industry. The work is detailed in a paper in Nature Communications by fisheries researchers Daniel Pauly and Dirk Zeller of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, and it builds on a decade-long project that has drawn in hundreds of researchers from around the world.

### IACD Sustainable Communities Practice Exchange

March 10-21, 2016

India

Sponsor: International Association for Community Development

### Extension Sustainability Summit 2016

April 5-7, 2016

Portland, OR

Sponsor: Western Rural Development Center

### Growing Entrepreneurial Communities Summit

May 4-5, 2016

Kansas City, MO

Sponsor: Center for Rural Entrepreneurship

### Community Development Extension Institute

May 22-24, 2016

Jackson, WY

Sponsor: Western Rural Development Center

### 2016 NACDEP/ANREP CONFERENCE

June 26-29, 2016

Burlington, VT

Sponsor: NACDEP / ANREP

### Joint IACD/CDS International Conference

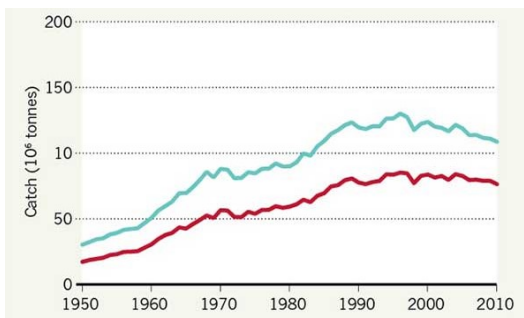
July 24-27, 2016

Bloomington, MN

Sponsor: IACD / CDS

### Grants, Awards & Jobs

### Rural Community Investment



## Report Warns that Plastics Will Soon Outweigh Fish in World's Oceans

**Ellen MacArthur Foundation | [READ STORY](#)**

The weight of plastic waste clogging the world's oceans threatens to exceed all fish by 2050 if the world's seemingly insatiable appetite for the material continues at the current explosive rate, warned a new report. In fact, according to the study by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation along with the World Economic Forum, "plastics production has surged over the past 50 years, from 15 million tonnes in 1964 to 311 million tonnes in 2014, and is expected to double again over the next 20 years."

## Refugee Crises, Climate Change Are Top Risks in Next 10 Years, Experts Say

**Pew Research Center | [READ STORY](#)**

Large-scale refugee flows and lack of progress in slowing global warming are the top risks that the world faces in the coming decade,

Deadline: Ongoing  
Funder: CHS, Inc.

### **[Community Building Grants](#)**

Deadline: Ongoing  
Funder: Singing for Change

### **[Sports and Community Development](#)**

Deadline: Open  
Funder: Adidas Group

### **[Developing Healthy Places](#)**

Deadline: Ongoing  
Funder: The Kresge Foundation

## **National/International News**

### **[China's Factory Activity Slows Again](#)**

BBC News; Jan 31st

### **[Myanmar Set for Historic New Parliament](#)**

BBC News, Jan 31st

### **[Britain Braces for Storm Henry, 80 mph Winds](#)**

The Guardian, Feb 1st

### **[Syrian Opposition Considers UN Offer](#)**

Reuters; Jan 31st

### **[Europe Slows Refugee Inflow](#)**

Wall Street Journal, 31st

## **Montana News**

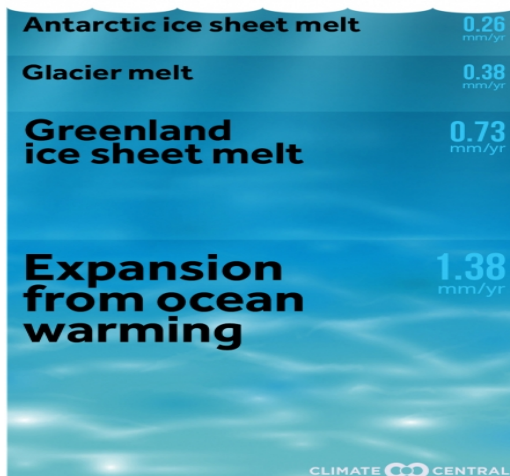
according to a [survey](#) by the World Economic Forum of executives and experts from the fields of business, academia, civil society, government and international organizations.

## Ocean Warming is Making Floods Worse, Study Finds

**Climate Central** | [READ STORY](#)

With tides and storm surges inching upward and inward, [worsening floods](#) are harbingers of even soggy times ahead. As recent winter storms hurtle across the Atlantic Ocean, [bringing flood risks](#) to Europe, new research is pointing to an outsized role that ocean warming has been playing in raising sea levels - a problem normally associated with melting land ice.

### MAIN CAUSES OF SEA LEVEL RISE 2002 - 2014



Source: Rietbroek et al., Revisiting the contemporary sea level budget on global and regional scales, PNAS

## Earthquake Recorded in Western Montana

NBC Montana, Jan 30th

## Price Increases for Hunting, Fishing Licenses

NBC Montana, Jan 31st

## Stillwater Miners Approve New Contract

Great Falls Tribune, Jan 31st

## Strangers Save Child Inside Car

KTVQ, Jan 31st

## Thousands Show Up for Ski Joring in Whitefish

KPAX, Jan 31st



## Climate Change Calculator

**FT Data** | [READ STORY](#)

Countries have been publishing their plans for cutting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for the UN meeting in Paris. The COP21 Climate Change Calculator was co-created by the Financial Times and Climate-KIC, creators of the Global Calculator. You can read more about the work behind the tool in a technical note from the scientists who carried out the research.



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