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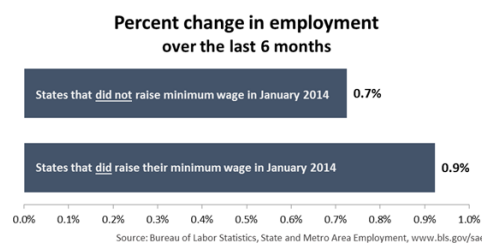
August 2014

## Reports & Resources

### Higher Wages, a Stronger Bottom Line and Job Growth

Department of Labor | [READ STORY](#)

New data released shows that raising the minimum wage in some states does not appear to have had a negative impact on job growth, contrary to what critics said would happen. At the beginning of this year, 13 states increased their minimum wages. In those states, job growth overall outpaced job growth in those that didn't increase their minimum wages.



### 10 Deadliest U.S. Cities for Pedestrians

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Smart Growth America's Pedestrian Danger Index (PDI) ranks your chances of being hit and killed while walking to or from work each day. The PDI takes into account the total number of people who died, the rate of deaths per 100,000 people and the percentage of people who

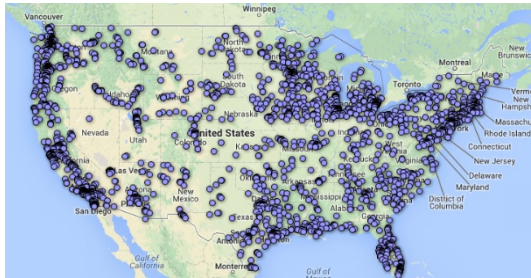
### President's Corner

The 2014 Montana Extension Annual Conference is planned for Oct. 20-23 in Bozeman, MT and the RFP is currently open; proposals are due Aug. 22 and can be submitted [online](#).

I've been elected to the Board of Directors of the [International Association for Community Development](#); the IACD is the only global network of practitioners and activists supporting community development work internationally and encouraging information and practice exchange. I'll be sure to provide updates on our activities; please contact me if you would like more information about [Board Members](#) or the organization.

The new MSU Local Government Center Montana Policy Review titled "[Developing Leadership at All Levels](#)" has been posted This issue examines past, current,

commute by foot. An interactive map of this information is available here.



and future efforts, ideas and initiatives to promote leadership development across Montana. Enjoy!

-Paul Lachapelle  
MACDEP President

## Economic suicides in the Great Recession in Europe and North America

**BJPsych | [READ STORY](#)**

There has been a substantial rise in 'economic suicides' in the Great Recessions afflicting Europe and North America. Job loss, debt and foreclosure increase risks of suicidal thinking and all of these traits occur during economic recessions. The monitoring of suicide during the great recession allows for a better understanding of whether or not rising suicide rates are inevitable. This report presents those findings.

**BJPsych**  
The British Journal of Psychiatry

## Human Impacts on Biodiversity

**Science | [READ STORY](#)**

Human impacts on animal biodiversity are an under-recognized form of global environmental change. Among terrestrial vertebrates, 322 species have become extinct since 1500, and populations of the remaining species show 25% average decline in abundance. This is a very concerning loss of biodiversity; this report discusses why this has occurred and what it may mean for the future.

### Upcoming Events

#### 2014 UEDA Annual Summit

Sep 28-Oct 1, 2014  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Sponsor: UEDA

#### 15th Annual Conference of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium

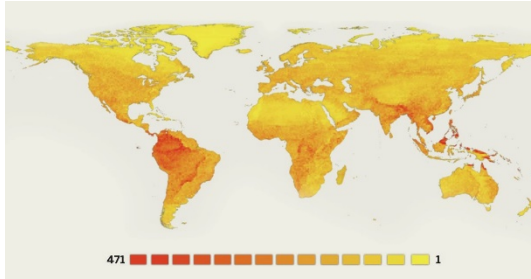
Oct 5-8, 2014  
Edmonton, Alberta  
Sponsor: Engagement  
Scholarship Consortium

#### 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

#### 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](#)



## US Lags Behind on Energy Efficiency, Study Shows

### ACEEE | [READ STORY](#)

The U.S. ranks near the bottom of the second annual International Energy Efficiency Scorecard, released Thursday by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy. The report uses 31 metrics to judge countries which are then used to create the energy efficiency scores. The report may be accessed [here](#); the scorecard infographic may be accessed [here](#).

### 2014 International Energy Efficiency Scorecard



## Ipsos Global Trends 2014: Navigating the new

### IPSOS MORI | [READ STORY](#)

The "[Global Trends Survey](#)" is the largest study of its kind it looks at the attitudes and behaviors of consumers and citizens in 20 key countries around the world. The survey discusses categories such as privacy, economy, environment, and security. The environmental category may be viewed [here](#).

## 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

### Sustainable Development Program

Deadline: Rolling  
Funder: Rockefeller Brothers Fund

### Learning and Leadership Grants

Deadline: October 15, 2014  
Funder: NEA

## National/International News

### US job growth eases but tops 200K for a 6th month

Denver Post; August 1

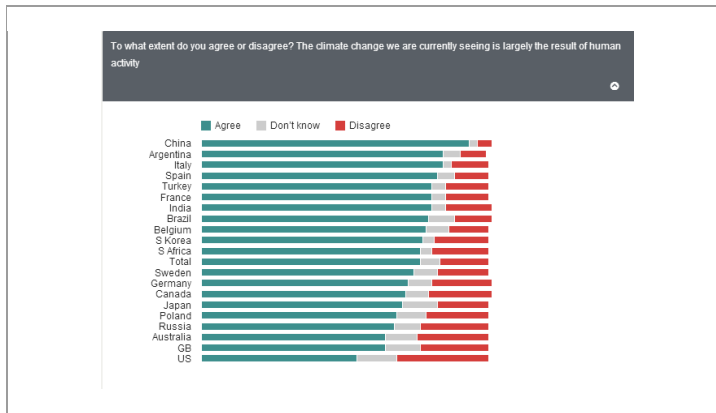
### A Dozen States File Suit Against New Coal Rules

New York Times; August 1

### House passes two Republican measures in response to surge of child migrants

Washington Post; August 1

### Rules mandating grain shipments off track, railways agree



Calgary Herald; August 2

**Washington wildfire near Ellensburg grows, burns 8 houses**

The Oregonian; August 3

**Montana News**

**Montana wood products industry slowly improving, UM study shows**

Missoulian; August 1

**US House candidates' energy plans reveal contrasts**

Montana Standard; August 3

**Decision on White Pine Sash cleanup delayed; public meeting this fall**

Missoulian; August 3

**Herbicides proposed to help control invasive weeds in Canyon Ferry WMA**

Independent Record; August 4

**Gallatin economy growing, state slowing**

Bozeman Daily Chronicle; August 5



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