



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## Reports & Resources

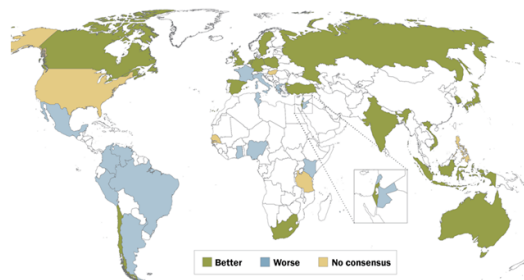
### Worldwide, People Divided on Whether Life Today Is Better Than in the Past

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

Fifty years ago, the world was a very different place. The United States and its allies were locked in a Cold War with the Soviet Union, personal computers and mobile phones were the stuff of science fiction, and much of the world's population had yet to experience substantial improvements in life expectancy and material well-being.

Where people think life is better or worse than 50 years ago

*Life in our country today is \_\_\_ than it was 50 years ago for people like me*



Source: Spring 2017 Global Attitudes Survey, Q3. U.S. survey conducted June 27-July 9, 2017.  
PEW RESEARCH CENTER

### MT CD Update

The 2018 [NACDEP](#) Conference is June 10-13 in Cleveland, OH. Proposals for presentation sessions, workshops and posters are due Jan. 15. More information [here](#).

The [International Association for Community Development](#) is pleased to announce its next Practice Exchange will be in Bali, Indonesia, tentatively scheduled for Oct. 9-19, 2018. More information will be available at the IACD website soon or feel free to [contact me](#) and I'll add you to our email list.

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## 5 Maps Show How Important Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Are to the Environment *World Resources Institute* |

### [READ STORY](#)

Indigenous Peoples and local communities are some of the best environmental stewards. Their livelihoods and cultures depend on forests, clean water and other natural resources, so they have strong incentives to sustainably manage their lands. Today LandMark, the first global platform to provide maps of land held by Indigenous Peoples and local communities, released new carbon storage, tree cover loss, natural resource concessions, dam locations and other data layers that shed light on the environment in which these lands exist. Now anyone, anywhere can view and analyze indigenous and local communities' environmental contributions and identify threats to specific lands.

## Funding and Staff Shortages Keep Rural Libraries Focused on the Basics

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

Despite improvements in recent years, rural libraries tend to spend more per capita for fewer services and fewer open hours, according to a report from the American Library Association (ALA).

## Upcoming Events

### [2018 JCEP Leadership Conference](#)

February 14-15, 2018  
Orlando, Florida  
Sponsor: JCEP

### [2018 Building Active Communities Initiative](#)

Workshop: May 8-10, 2018  
Livingston, Montana  
Building Active Communities Initiative (BACI)

### [2018 NACDEP Conference](#)

June 10-13, 2018  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Sponsor: NACDEP

### [Detroit 2018: Renaissance Of Community Annual International Conference](#)

July 22-25, 2018  
Detroit, Michigan  
Sponsor: Community Development Society

## Grants, Awards & Jobs

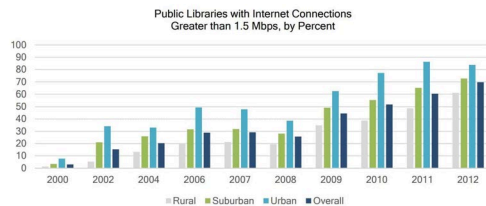
### [The American Dream Literacy Initiative](#)

Deadline: January 2  
Funder: American Library Association

### [Funds to Assist Disadvantaged Populations & Underserved Communities](#)

Deadline: January 31  
Funder: MAXIMUS Foundation

Technology challenges, access to high speed internet, and funding to pay for staff and facilities are the main challenges facing rural community libraries, the report says.



## A Global Snapshot of Same-Sex Marriage

Pew Research Center | [READ STORY](#)

With the Australian Parliament's recent passage of legislation legalizing gay marriage, 26 countries now permit gays and lesbians to wed. And if a recent high court ruling in Europe's Austria takes effect as expected in 2019, that country also will join the Ranks of nations allowing same-sex unions. These events follow a number of other high-profile victories in recent years for gay marriage advocates, including Germany's decision in June 2017 to allow gays and lesbians to wed and a Supreme Court ruling two years earlier that made same-sex marriage legal in the United States.



## Youth Migration in the West Headwaters Economics |

### Funding for Rescue and Care for Domestic Animals and Wildlife

Deadline: February 15  
Funder: Gus Hawthorne Foundation

### Community Facilities Programs

Deadline: Ongoing  
Funder: Rural Development, USDA

### Assistant Professor

Deadline: January 9  
Mississippi State University-Agricultural Economics

### National/International News

#### Former USAID Chief Henrietta Holsman Fore Named UNICEF Executive Director

Devex, December 27

#### China Focus: Chinese Fund Helps Development in Africa

Xinhua, December 27

#### Corriverton-Based NGO Launches After-School Program with Support from USAID's Community, Family and Youth Resilience (CFYR) Program

Demerara Waves,  
December 27

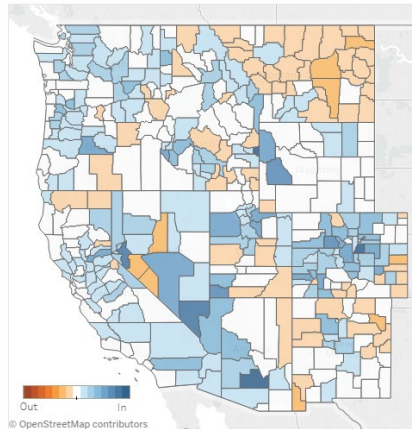
#### HCC Education Helps Inspire Haitian Student to Fight Corruption as Candidate Back Home

TBO, Dec 27

## **READ STORY**

Western counties are experiencing a wide disparity in youth migration. While some are attracting and keeping young adults and families, others are struggling. One of the biggest challenges facing rural Western counties today is keeping and attracting youth, who help maintain population, keep schools open, and provide the workforce and customers needed to sustain local businesses. As the interactive map immediately below shows, almost all western metro counties either are holding steady or gaining population from the in-migration of those aged 39 and under. Not surprisingly, the share of westerners living in urban areas is growing and is higher than the rest of the country.

Population Change from Migration  
1990 - 2009



## **Montana News**

### **Montana Tech Alumnus Donates \$100,000 to Student Center in Honor of Tom Finch**

Montana Standard,  
December 27

### **Montana Businesses Affected by Summer Fires get Help from Feds, State**

Missoulian, December 27

### **Helena Gets Grant to Build Group Home for At-Risk Youth**

KXLH, December 27

### **Fort Belknap Continues Push for Food Sovereignty**

Billings Gazette,  
December 27



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