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## Lancaster County Growth Management Issues

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## FYI

**SURVEY RESULTS PROVIDE NEW INFORMATION, INSIGHT INTO RURAL PENNSYLVANIA** - [The Center for Rural Pennsylvania](#) has updated its database with the results of the [2008 Rural Pennsylvania Current Population Survey](#) (RuralPA-CPS).

**Low-income households:** 11 percent of rural households and 9 percent of urban households have incomes below poverty. Eight percent of rural households receive heating assistance, 7 percent receive food stamps, and 9 percent receive income from unemployment compensation. Among urban households, 5 percent receive heating assistance, 5 percent receive food stamps, and 6 percent receive income from unemployment compensation income.

**Income:** The median household income in rural areas is \$45,000 and the median in urban areas is \$55,000.

Results from this year's survey include responses from 1,000 rural residents and 500 urban householders about their family, home, income, employment, education, and health insurance. The Center for Rural Pennsylvania has been conducting the annual survey of rural households since 2005; in 2006, the survey was expanded to include urban households. This year's survey was conducted from January to March.

For more information on the 2008 RuralPA-CPS, *Rural By The Numbers 2008*, call the Center at (717) 787-9555, email [info@ruralpa.org](mailto:info@ruralpa.org), or visit

**PEOPLE OR PLACE: REVISITING THE WHO VS. THE WHERE OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT** - One of the longest standing debates in community economic development is the face-off between "place-based" and "people-based" approaches to combating poverty, housing affordability, chronic unemployment, and community decline. Should help go to distressed places or distressed people? The question is not an easy one to answer. Poverty and unemployment are often spatially concentrated. From [Urban Planning Research](#) a [short essay](#) on urban studies.

**A BRIDGE TO SOMEWHERE – RETHINKING AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY** – a New [report](#) from [Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program](#) – Blueprint for American Prosperity. The time is long past due for a national transportation vision that recognizes American's economic challenges and opportunities and where those challenges and opportunities are location. **Our nation needs a new federal transportation program that keeps pace with today's economic, social, and environmental landscape and helps the U.S. prosper.** This [report](#) provides a framework for understanding the myriad policy problems that under gird the federal transportation program today and **how those structural issues hamper the ways federal, state, and local leaders work together** to meet our nation's most critical transportation challenges.

## INTERESTING REPORTS - WEBSITES and CONFERENCES

[Santa Fe Creative Tourism](#) - A Global Conversation - **The Santa Fe International Conference on Creative Tourism will be held September 28 - October 2, 2008** in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the United States' first UNESCO\* Creative City.

The conference is a forum for identifying economic opportunities, improving skills, and developing best practices for creative tourism programs. Broadly defined as engaging visitors in a place's culture through active participation, creative tourism provides the possibility for economic growth to destinations willing to offer travelers a chance to express themselves by becoming personally involved with a community's heritage.

[CreateHere](#) - An organization which focuses on the artists in their own backyard in Chattanooga, TN. Through an innovative series of grants, programs and projects, CreateHere is helping to build a thriving community for artists, artisans and creative entrepreneurs.

[Lincoln Institute of Land Policy](#) – A leading resource for policy makers and practitioners, in addressing issues involving the use, regulation and taxation of land.

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