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EAU CLAIRE HAS THE 3RD LARGEST POPULATION GAIN IN WISCONSIN

EAU CLAIRE, WI - According to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Population and Housing estimates released in August 2009, the city of Eau Claire has the 3rd largest population gain in Wisconsin. With 588 new residents gained during 2008, Eau Claire is only behind the cities of Madison (1,050 new residents) and Waukesha (770 new residents). This represents a 0.9% growth which is significantly higher than the state's average of 0.2%.

Rank	Municipality	Census 2000 - 2009 Numeric Change	Census 2000 - 2009 Percent Change	1 Year (2008-2009) Numeric Change	1 Year (2008-2009) Percent Change
1	MADISON	19,646	9.4%	1,050	0.5%
2	WAUKESHA	3,975	6.1%	770	1.1%
3	EAU CLAIRE	4,246	6.9%	588	0.9%
4	WAUSAU	2,274	5.9%	340	0.8%
5	SUN PRAIRIE	5,731	28.1%	290	1.1%
6	SHAWANO	710	8.6%	254	2.9%
7	NEENAH	1,293	5.3%	240	0.9%
8	WEST ALLIS	-654	-1.1%	230	0.4%
9	HARTFORD	2,995	27.5%	200	1.5%
10	WHITEWATER	862	6.4%	189	1.3%
	WISCONSIN	32,2031	6.0%	12,844	0.2%

With estimated 65,950 residents in 2009, Eau Claire has moved up one rank to being the 8th largest community in Wisconsin. Since the 2000 Census, Eau Claire city population grew by 4,246 residents. This is a 6.9% gain and ranks Eau Claire number four among the cities with the largest numeric change. It also represents a 1.3% share of the overall Wisconsin increase in population.

Rank	Municipality	Census 2000	2009 Preliminary Estimate
1	MILWAUKEE	596,974	584,000
2	MADISON	208,054	227,700
3	GREEN BAY	102,767	103,500
4	KENOSHA	90,352	96,000
5	RACINE	81,855	80,100
6	APPLETON	70,087	72,400
7	WAUKESHA	64,825	68,800
8	EAU CLAIRE	61,704	65,950
9	OSHKOSH	62,916	65,900
10	JANESVILLE	60,200	63,500
	WISCONSIN	5,365,969	5,688,000

The Wisconsin DOA Population and Housing estimates publications can be obtained from their website:

<http://www.doa.state.wi.us/subcategory.asp?linksubcatid=96&locid=9>

About Economic Development Division

As a division of the City of Eau Claire, our mission is to grow local businesses, facilitate expansions, and recruit outside businesses to locate in Eau Claire in order to increase quality of living, add well-paying jobs, and grow tax base.

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