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EAU CLAIRE HAS THE 3RD LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN WISCONSIN

EAU CLAIRE, WI - Today, the WI Dept. of Workforce Development released Local Unemployment Data for August.

Eau Claire MSA has had the 3rd lowest unemployment rate in the state of Wisconsin for five months in a row.

MSA	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	April-09	May-09	Jun-09	July-09	Aug-09
Janesville, WI	11.7	13	13.6	12.9	12.9	13.2	12.8	12
Racine, WI	8.9	10.2	10.7	10.6	10.2	10.8	10.8	10.2
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	7.2	8.2	9	8.9	9	9.8	9.5	9.3
Sheboygan, WI	7.9	9.4	9.9	9.2	9.5	9.7	9.3	8.9
Duluth, MN-WI	9.9	9.8	10	9.5	9.4	10.3	9.4	8.8
Fond du Lac, WI	7.9	9	10.1	9	8.9	9.5	9.2	8.8
Wausau, WI	7.5	8.7	9.4	9	9.2	9.4	8.8	8.7
Appleton, WI	7.2	8.6	9.4	8.6	8.6	8.9	8.4	8
Green Bay, WI	7.3	8.4	9.2	8.4	8.4	8.9	8.4	8
Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	6.5	8.1	8.4	8.1	8	8.3	7.9	7.6
MPLS-St. Paul-BLMTN Metro SA-WI Part	7.4	8.6	9.6	9	7.9	8.3	7.7	7.3
Eau Claire, WI	7.1	8.1	8.7	7.4	7.1	7.8	7.1	7
La Crosse, WI-MN	6.7	7	7.7	6.8	6.8	7.5	6.8	6.5
Madison, WI	5.4	6.1	6.5	6	6.2	6.6	6.1	5.9

The City of Eau Claire has the 7th lowest unemployment rate of the 24 cities in Wisconsin measured by the DWD.

Top 7 Cities with Lowest Unemployment (August 2009)

- 1 Caledonia Village 3.3%
- 2 Madison City 5.7%
- 3 Wauwatosa City 6.9%
- 4 Brookfield City 7.1%
- 5 New Berlin City 7.2%
- 6 Franklin City 7.3%
- 7 Eau Claire City 7.4%

The City of Eau Claire had an unemployment rate of 7.4% compared to 7% of the MSA, 7.3% of the West Central Workforce Development Area, 8.4% of the State of Wisconsin and 9.6% of the nation.

The data can be downloaded from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

<http://worknet.wisconsin.gov/worknet/dalaus.aspx?menuselection=da>

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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