

There's good news and bad news for La Crosse in the latest state unemployment numbers. The bad news is that unemployment numbers for January are as bad in La Crosse area as they've been in decades. 8.7% unemployment. Puts the city right about in the middle of the pack among the state's 31 biggest cities. It's also the same unemployment rate as Wisconsin on the whole. The slightly better news is that it's still a full percentage point lower than the nation. And the relatively good news is that in the whole of La Crosse county, the unemployment rate is 7.5%. Second best in the state behind Dane county.