

Suddenly, things are looking a whole lot brighter on the jobs front in Wisconsin. The state's labor department says the jobless rates across the state have dropped. Down in all but one of Wisconsin's 72 counties. Down in the 30 largest cities. Down in the state's 12 metro areas. The state's unemployment rate for September is down to 7 percent. In the La Crosse metro area, the jobless rate has dropped to 5.5%, down almost a full percentage point from September of last year. In La Crosse county, the unemployment rate has dipped to 5.3%, the fourth lowest among counties in the state.