

La Crosse may be living beyond its means. The latest annual report on municipal taxes and spending by the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance once again paints a picture of a city that has high levels of taxes and spending even though its citizens can ill afford it. The report shows that La Crosse has the second highest tax rate in the state among 24 cities of populations from 30 to 150 thousand. La Crosse also is tops for per capita operations spending. And has the fourth-highest debt per capita. At the same time, the per capita income is one of the lowest among those same cities. At 39 thousand dollars, coming in just above Racine, Sheboygan, West Allis and Beloit.