

2014 Eau Claire County Poverty/Food Security Quiz

1. What percent of Eau Claire County's residents are considered **poor**? (Defined as below 100% of the 2013 US poverty guidelines) For example, this would mean annual earnings of \$23,550 or less, for a family of four.
A. 9% B. 13% C. 18% D. 23%
2. What percent of Eau Claire County's residents are **low income** or "the working poor"? (Defined as below 185% of 2013 US poverty guidelines) For example, this would mean annual earnings of \$43,568 or less, for a family of four.
A. 15% B. 20% C. 25% D. 30%
3. What percentage of Eau Claire County's population **received FoodShare** (food stamps) in 2013?
A. 5% B. 10% C. 15% D. 20%
4. What percentage of students attending Longfellow Elementary **School participated in free or reduced lunch** in September 2013?
A. 29% B. 49% C. 69% D. 79%
5. What percent of Eau Claire County's children are predicted food insecure? Food insecurity is defined as limited or uncertain availability to healthy, adequate and safe food for a healthy and active lifestyle. (*Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap*)
A. 5% B. 10% C. 15% D. 20%
6. How many individuals can the earnings of a full-time worker making minimum wage **support above the poverty line**? (2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines)
A. None B. One's self only C. Two D. Three
7. What is the hourly wage an Eau Claire County family with one parents and 1 young child would need to earn to meet basic family needs without assistance?
(*The hourly wage is the amount needed by the family in order to have sufficient after-tax income to meet basic needs **without participating in any** public or private assistance, 2012 data*)
A. Minimum wage, \$7.25/hr. B. \$13.00/hr. C. \$19.00/hr.
8. The median annual earnings of an Eau Claire County **male** is higher than that of a Eau Claire County **female**, both working full time, year round
(US Census, American Fact Finder, Eau Claire WI 2013, 1 Year Estimate).
A. True B. False
9. In 2014, what percentage of patients seen at the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic were diagnosed with diabetes?
A. 6% B. 12% C. 17% D. 22%

Answers to Eau Claire County Poverty/Food Security Quiz

1. B. ECC residents living below 100% of poverty rate is 13%. That is about 12,613 individuals (Margin of error +/-2.7).
 - 11.2% of ECC children under 18 live below the poverty rate (Margin of error +/-5.2).
 - 10.5% of ECC senior citizens (65 years & older) live below the poverty rate (Margin of error +/-3.9).(Sources: US Census Bureau, 2013 American Fact Finder 1 Yr. Est., ECC, WI & 2013 DDS Federal Poverty Guidelines)
2. D. 30% of ECC's residents live below 185% of the poverty line. That's about 30,082 individuals.
 - At 185% of poverty (nearly twice as much income as a family living at 100% of poverty), a family of four would earn less than \$42,643 /year.(Sources: US Census Bureau, 2013 American Fact Finder 1Yr. Est., ECC, WI & 2013 DDS Federal Poverty Guidelines)
3. D. 20% (19,270) of ECC's total population, for whom poverty is determined (97,384), is receiving FoodShare (food stamps).
 - Over one third (37%) of ECC's FoodShare recipients were children.
 - From 2009-2013, there was a 38% increase in FoodShare recipients.(Source: WI Dept of Health Services, FoodShare unduplicated recipients by calendar year for 2009 & 2013 for ECC <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/rsdata.htm> & US Census Bureau, 2013 American Fact Finder 1 Yr. Est for population for whom poverty is determined.)
4. D. 79% of Longfellow Elementary students participated in free or reduced lunch in 2013-2014. Other ECC schools with high participation rates in 2014 include: Locust Lane Elementary, 65%; Augusta Elementary, 57%; Lakeshore Elementary, 57%; Flynn Elementary, 52%; Augusta Middle, 49%; and Augusta High, 47%. In the 2012-2013 school year, Eau Claire Area School District had 43% participation in free or reduced lunch; 36% of their students participating in free lunch and 7% in reduced lunch,
(Source: WI Department of Public Instruction, WI School Free/Reduced Eligibility Data, 2013 & '14 http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_progstat)
5. D. One out of 5 (20%) of ECC children are predicted food insecure. Food insecurity is defined as limited or uncertain availability to healthy, adequate and safe food for a healthy and active lifestyle. A prediction of the food insecurity rate for the total population is based on local economic and demographic characteristics such as poverty rate, unemployment rate and race and ethnicity of the population.
 - ECC's predicted overall food insecurity rate is 12.6%. That's one out of eight of our ECC residents.(Source: 2012 Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap, feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/our-research/map-the-meal-gap/data-by-county-in-each-state.html)
6. B. Only oneself. According to federal poverty guidelines, a full time, year round worker on minimum wage can support him/herself only.
 - Annual earnings: $\$7.25 \times 40 \times 52 = \$15,080$ Minimum wage unchanged since 7/24/09
 - (Minimum wage for a tipped employee is from \$2.13 to \$2.33/hr.)
 - 2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines:
One person.....\$11,670 Three persons.....\$19,790
Two persons.....\$15,730 Four persons.....\$23,850(Source: 14 HHS Poverty Guidelines, <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/14poverty.cfm>)
7. C. \$19.04 per hour is the 2012 hourly ECC living wage necessary for one adult raising one child, giving an annual household income before taxes of \$39,608. (The living wage has been calculated for a variety of household types. The self-sufficiency wage was calculated by [Dr. Amy K. Glasmeier](#) and implemented by [West Arete Computing](#), from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Calculations use a combination of national, state and county-level data on the costs of meeting basic needs in areas such as housing, transportation, child care, and food.)
(Source: 2013 Living wage calculator for Eau Claire County <http://livingwage.mit.edu/counties/55035>)
8. A. True, males make more than females. The ECC median annual earnings for full time, year round worker
 - Male.....\$46,805 (Margin of error +/- 3,188)
 - Female.....\$35,217 (Margin of error +/- 2,961)
 - Median household income.....\$49,204 (Margin of error +/- 3,436)(Source: US Census, 2013 American Community Survey 1 Yr. Est., Eau Claire County, WI)
9. D. 22% of patients seen at the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic were diagnosed with diabetes in 2014. (Source: Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, 2014)
 - 6.6% of the ECC general adult population has diabetes.