

Fairchild, Wisconsin

Community Profile

History Of Fairchild

Fairchild is a small-town community characterized by a gently sloping terrain and rolling hills crowned with trees. Great forests and fertile agricultural land make up the Village of Fairchild's landscape.

Like most communities in Eau Claire County, Fairchild began as a lumbering town. Its history is marked by severe hardships followed by successful community efforts to rebuild. In 1895, the entire business district (23 establishments) was destroyed by fire. The next year many businesses were reconstructed including one of the largest stores in the area.

Civic pride and community cooperation are the unifying themes in Fairchild's history as expressed annually by carnivals organized to raise funds for community betterment projects.



Travel Time to Fairchild

To and From Fairchild	MILES	HOURS
Eau Claire, WI	33	0.7
La Crosse, WI	54	1
Wausau, WI	105	2.1
Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN	120	2.1
Superior, WI /Duluth, MN	189	4
Madison, WI	152	2.7
Green Bay, WI	180	3.7
Milwaukee, WI	220	3.3
Chicago, IL	293	4.8



Population

Place	1990	2000	2009
Fairchild	504	564	525
Eau Claire County	85,183	93,142	98,286
Eau Claire MSA	137,543	148,337	158,742

Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration Jan. 2009

Government Structure

The Village of Fairchild is managed by a president/trustee form of government with six trustees and a president who are all elected to two-year terms. A village clerk and treasurer are also elected to two-year terms. The Village employs two police officers for law enforcement with additional assistance coming from the Eau Claire County Sheriff's office. The Village is served by the Fairchild Fire Protection District, which is a volunteer department. All emergency personnel are dispatched through the county wide Eau Claire Emergency Communications Center. The Village of Fairchild is also served by a volunteer unit which is a part of the fire department.

Transportation

Highways

Fairchild is located on U.S. Highway 10, U.S. Highway 12, and country road H which is a direct connection to U.S. Highway 29, the main transportation route to Green Bay. Fairchild is 12 miles from Interstate Highway 94, the main route between Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison, and Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Air

The Chippewa Valley Regional Airport, located in the northwest corner of the City of Eau Claire, meets the following specifications:

Elevation: 913 Feet

Lights: HIRL

Fuel: Jet A and 100LL

Runways: (2) 8, 101' X 150' and 4,999' X 100'

Surface: 04/22 - Concrete, 14/32 - Asphalt/Concrete

ATCT: Check the airport facility directory for frequencies and hours of operation.

NavAids: ILS, MALSR, NDB, REIL, PAPI/VASI, ASOS, VOR

Delta Connection connects Eau Claire with Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport with several scheduled daily flights and downline connections to Delta Airlines. Heartland Aviation offers business and medical jet charter service. Aircraft tie-down/hangar facilities and aircraft repair are available. A full service restaurant and rental cars are available on site.

Rail

Union Pacific Transportation Company services the Eau Claire Area.

Freight & Cargo

Eau Claire County has a wide variety of express service carriers to accommodate regional, national, and international business.

Taxes

2008-09 Property Taxes

Rate per \$1,000 equalized value

Village	2.29
County (Eau Claire)	3.79
School	10.05
Technical	1.58
Other	.17
Total Gross	17.88
State Credit	1.77
Net Tax Rate	16.11

Source: Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance

Utilities

Water and Sewer

Fairchild's water is provided by a municipal water system. The system contains two wells and there are no restrictions on usage. Fairchild is serviced by a municipal sewage system.

Electricity

Xcel Energy is the fourth-largest combination electricity and natural gas energy company in the U.S. Xcel offers a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to more than 240,000 electric customers and 97,000 natural gas customers in the state of Wisconsin.

Phone: 1.800.895.4999

Web Site: www.xcelenergy.com

Telecommunications/Cable

Centurytel provides local telephone service and internet access in Fairchild.

Phone: 1.800.201.4099

Web Site: www.centurytel.com

Tri-County Communications Cooperative provides cable and internet.

Phone: 715.985.3004

or 1.800.472.5505

Web Site: www.wvcc-tv.com

Eau Claire County Financial Institutions

Institution	Number of County Locations	Deposits (in thousands)
American Alliance Bank	2	\$54,143
Anchor Bank	1	\$29,893
Associated Bank NA	7	\$117,636
Bank Mutual	5	\$99,519
Charter Bank Eau Claire	1	\$384,503
Citizens Community Federal	3	\$168,561
M & I (Marshall & Ilsley) Bank	4	\$105,749
Mid-Wisconsin Bank	1	\$4,708
Northwestern Bank	1	\$21,186
Partner's Credit Union*	1	\$6,684
Peoples Bank of Wisconsin	1	\$58,700
Pigeon Falls State Bank	1	\$15,778
Royal Credit Union*	6	\$550,485
Security Financial Bank	1	\$326
United Bank	1	\$23,257
Unity Bank	2	\$57,802
U.S. Bank	5	\$132,690
Wells Fargo Bank	4	\$140,440

Source: FDIC Deposit Market Share Reports, June 30, 2008; National Credit Union Administration *Actual amounts may vary due to different reporting processes by these sources

Labor

	May 2009 Civilian Labor Force	May 2009 Unemployment Rate
Eau Claire County	56,921	6.6%
Eau Claire MSA	90,639	7.1%

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

Income

	2008 Estimated Median Household Income
Eau Claire County	\$44,684

Source: Claritas 2007

Housing

	Village of Fairchild*	Eau Claire County
Total Housing	236	41,076
Owner Occupied	157	25,770
Renter Occupied	53	12,891
Total Occupied	210	38,661
% Occupied	89.0%	94.1%

U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

*Fairchild Data is from 2000 Census, no current data available

Home Sale Price	Average 2009	Median 2009
	\$127,900	\$134,000

Source: education.com/eppraisal.com, Realtors Assn. of Northwestern Wisconsin

Education

Osseo-Fairchild School District

Public Schools	2008-2009 Enrollment
Fairchild Elementary School	83
Osseo Elementary School	397
Osseo Middle School	197
Osseo-Fairchild High School	310

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Phone: 715.597.3141 Website: <http://www.ofsd.k12.wi.us/>

Nearby Eau Claire is home to a four-year university and technical college.

The **University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire** is one of the best and most affordable public regional universities in the United States, according to U.S. News & World Report's annual college guide, Kiplinger's financial magazine and the Princeton Review. In addition, UW-Eau Claire ranks among the nation's leaders in Fulbright Scholars, service to the community, and the number of students who study abroad. UW-Eau Claire is leading the way with its innovative baccalaureate degree programs, which combine the broad-based liberal arts education employers are seeking with specialized study for 21st century careers.

Website: www.uwec.edu

Enrollment: 10,336 undergraduate and 543 graduate students

Chippewa Valley Technical College delivers superior, technical education that improves the lives of students, meets the workforce needs of the region, and enhances economic growth in the Chippewa Valley. Technical knowledge has become the key to productivity and competitiveness in any organization.

Website: www.cvtc.edu

Enrollment: Credit 8,095 Non-credit 11,020

Media

Newspapers

- Eau Claire Leader Telegram (Eau Claire Press Company): 28,056 weekday, 30,757 Saturday, 36,925 Sunday circulation
- The Country Today (Eau Claire Press Company): 23,000 weekly circulation

Television

WEAU-TV	Ch. 13	NBC	WKBT-TV	Ch. 8	CBS
WEUX-TV	Ch. 48	FOX	WQOW-TV	Ch. 18	ABC
WHWC-TV	Ch. 28	PBS			

Radio

WHWC-FM	88.3	WQRB-FM	95.1	WOGO-AM	680
WUEC-FM	89.7	WISM-FM	98.1	WAYY-AM	790
WHEM-FM	91.3	WDRK-FM	99.9	WMEQ-AM	880
WMEQ-FM	92.1	WBIZ-FM	100.7	WDVM-AM	1050
WECL-FM	92.9	WAXX-FM	104.5	WEAQ-AM	1150
WIAL-FM	94.1	WCRW-FM	105.7	WBIZ-AM	1400
		WATQ-FM	106.7		

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