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Dubuque's Job Growth 3rd Best in the United States

News Comes on the Heels of Another U.S. Top 40 Ranking

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DUBUQUE, IA—For the second time in the past four months, Dubuque's job growth has been cited as among the best in the entire United States. According to information released by MSN, Dubuque's job growth of 2.1% is currently the third best in the nation.

Along with Careerbuilder.com, MSN's new study compares the 281 largest metros in the United States for jobs. According to MSN, using seasonally adjusted data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), out of the largest 281 metros in the United States, 77 cities added jobs from July to October 2009. Eleven metros saw no change in the number of employed persons; however, another 193 metros saw declines in jobs.

Of those 77 cities whose employment increased from July to October 2009, Dubuque is one of only 6 that saw growth by 2 percent or more.

In October, Moody's/Economy.com ranked Dubuque in the U.S. Top 40 for job growth between 2008-2013. Moody's looked at recent activity and the expected performance of 392 cities in the U.S.

Twenty-eight years ago, to this very month, Dubuque registered the highest unemployment rate in the entire U.S., hitting 23 percent. One year ago this month, Dubuque's unemployment rate was 6.5 percent. Today, Dubuque's unemployment rate stands at 6.1 percent, which is far below that of either the U.S. or even major cities within our region.

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