DOUGLAS COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Douglas County, Wisconsin from 2001-2006, and is meant to complement the report, The Burden of Suicide in Wisconsin. Please refer to this report for technical notes and suicide prevention strategies. For counties with fewer than 20 suicides each year, data are aggregated for 2001-2006 and findings are presented in bullets rather than tables.

KEY FINDINGS

✦ The suicide rate in Douglas County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (18.6 versus 11.8).

✦ Suicide represented a total of 1,541 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 472.1 for 2001-2006. This was more than the state rate (394.1 YPLL) for the same time period.

✦ The greatest number of suicides occurred in individuals aged 45-54, which is the same as at the state level. However, inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits may be deceivingly low due since many residents are treated in hospitals in Minnesota.

✦ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Douglas County suicides (49%) followed by poisoning (22%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (20%).

Numbers and rates (per 100,000 population) of suicides, inpatient hospitalizations, and emergency department visits due to self-inflicted injuries, by age, Douglas County, 2001-2006.

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*Emergency department data are not available for 2001.
†Rates based on numbers of 20 or less are considered unstable due to random chance and should be interpreted with caution.