The information presented here represents data specific to Vilas 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 Vilas County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (13.7† versus 11.8).

✦ Suicide represented a total of 439 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 370.4 for 2001-2006. This was less than the state rate (394.1 YPLL) for the same time period.

✦ The cost of inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to self-inflicted injury was over $353,000 in 2006 alone.

✦ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Vilas County suicides (72%) followed by poisoning (28%).

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