

# ASHLAND COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Ashland 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 Ashland County for all years was consistent with the state rate for all years (11.9<sup>‡</sup> 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 cost of inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to self-inflicted injury was over \$380,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Ashland County suicides (50%) followed by poisoning (33%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate <sup>‡</sup>	Number	Rate <sup>‡</sup>	Number	Rate <sup>‡</sup>
5-14	0	--	18	136.6 <sup>‡</sup>	5	46.1 <sup>‡</sup>
15-24	1	6.3 <sup>‡</sup>	109	687.5	22	167.5
25-34	2	16.9 <sup>‡</sup>	49	413.6	7	70.0 <sup>‡</sup>
35-44	2	14.5 <sup>‡</sup>	43	310.9	3	26.4 <sup>‡</sup>
45-54	2	13.8 <sup>‡</sup>	34	234.5	3	24.5 <sup>‡</sup>
55-64	2	19.6 <sup>‡</sup>	12	117.4 <sup>‡</sup>	3	34.6 <sup>‡</sup>
65-74	2	28.7 <sup>‡</sup>	1	14.3 <sup>‡</sup>	1	17.3 <sup>‡</sup>
75-84	1	17.4 <sup>‡</sup>	1	17.4 <sup>‡</sup>	0	--
85+	0	--	3	104.4 <sup>‡</sup>	0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11.9<sup>‡</sup></b>	<b>270</b>	<b>284.1</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>55.6</b>

\*Emergency department data are not available for 2001.

<sup>‡</sup>Rates based on numbers of 20 or less are considered unstable due to random chance and should be interpreted with caution.