

BARRON COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Barron 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 Barron County for all years was slightly lower than the state rate for all years (11.6 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,056 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 416.2 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 35-44, while the greatest number of hospitalizations and emergency department visits occurred in younger individuals, aged 15-24. This finding is the same at the state level.
- ◆ The cost of inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to self-inflicted injury was over \$288,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Barron County suicides (63%) followed by poisoning (22%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (9%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	0	--	8	22.6†	12	41.2†
15-24	2	5.3†	74	195.2	51	160.6
25-34	6	20.1†	42	140.4	19	75.9†
35-44	10	24.8†	40	99.4	16	48.2†
45-54	7	16.6†	24	57.0	8	22.5†
55-64	2	6.4†	9	28.9†	2	7.5†
65-74	5	22.6†	0	--	0	--
75-84	0	--	1	6.2†	0	--
85+	0	--	0	--	1	16.6†
Total	32	11.6	198	75.5	109	49.7

*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.