

BUFFALO COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Buffalo 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 Buffalo County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (9.5[‡] versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 555 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 720.4 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 \$820,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Buffalo County suicides (88%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate [‡]	Number	Rate [‡]	Number	Rate [‡]
5-14	0	--	2	18.3 [‡]	1	11.1 [‡]
15-24	3	28.5 [‡]	18	171.0 [‡]	4	45.3 [‡]
25-34	1	10.9 [‡]	11	120.0 [‡]	1	13.1 [‡]
35-44	2	16.4 [‡]	10	81.8 [‡]	2	19.9 [‡]
45-54	1	7.6 [‡]	5	38.1 [‡]	1	9.0 [‡]
55-64	0	--	1	10.9 [‡]	0	--
65-74	1	14.0 [‡]	1	14.0 [‡]	0	--
75-84	0	--	0	--	0	--
85+	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total	8	9.5[‡]	48	60.7	9	13.65[‡]

*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.