

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Chippewa 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 Chippewa County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (15.9 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,541 years per 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, 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 \$870,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Chippewa County suicides (57%) followed by poisoning (23%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (14%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	0	--	23	47.8	5	12.5†
15-24	5	10.5†	123	257.1	39	96.5
25-34	10	24.5†	73	179.4	23	67.2
35-44	9	16.5†	65	119.4	16	35.3†
45-54	16	29.8†	47	87.7	4	7.5†
55-64	3	8.4†	12	33.7†	1	2.8†
65-74	9	36.6†	5	20.2†	0	--
75-84	2	11.2†	2	11.2†	0	--
85+	2	25.5†	0	--	0	--
Total	56	15.9	350	99.4	88	30.0

*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.