

COLUMBIA COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Columbia 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 Columbia County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (12.6 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,356 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 447.5 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 \$560,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Columbia County suicides (44%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (29%) and poisoning (17%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	1	2.33‡	12	28.0‡	25	70.7
15-24	6	14.7‡	85	208.6	101	294.5
25-34	4	10.1‡	57	144.5	79	240.3
35-44	8	15.0‡	64	119.7	51	114.8
45-54	13	25.7‡	39	77.0	18	42.1‡
55-64	4	11.6‡	7	20.3‡	2	6.8‡
65-74	2	8.9‡	4	17.8‡	0	--
75-84	1	6.2‡	2	12.3‡	1	7.4‡
85+	2	27.2‡	1	13.6‡	0	--
Total	41	12.6	271	88.1	277	107.6

*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.