

# DODGE COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Dodge 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 Dodge County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (10.8 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,730 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 353.2 for 2001-2006. This was less 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 \$752,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Dodge County suicides (44%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (26%) and poisoning (19%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	0	--	38	55.8	22	39.2
15-24	8	11.2‡	136	189.6	106	176.2
25-34	7	10.0‡	110	157.3	74	126.9
35-44	21	24.2	92	106.0	41	57.1
45-54	13	16.6‡	59	75.2	12	18.1‡
55-64	2	4.0‡	21	42.0	4	9.4‡
65-74	5	14.3‡	12	34.3‡	0	--
75-84	1	3.9‡	4	15.4‡	0	--
85+	0	--	1	8.2‡	0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>62.2</b>

\*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.