

DOUGLAS COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Douglas 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 Douglas County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (18.6 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,541 years of potential 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, which is the same as at the state level. However, inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits may be deceptively low due since many residents are treated in hospitals in Minnesota.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Douglas County suicides (49%) followed by poisoning (22%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (20%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	1	3.1‡	3	9.2‡	2	7.5‡
15-24	8	21.6‡	3	8.1‡	13	42.4‡
25-34	8	23.6‡	3	8.9‡	4	14.0‡
35-44	9	23.3‡	2	5.2‡	0	--
45-54	12	29.2‡	2	4.9‡	1	2.9‡
55-64	4	14.4‡	1	3.6‡	0	--
65-74	3	16.7‡	0	--	0	--
75-84	4	29.4‡	0	--	0	--
85+	0	--	1	17.5‡	0	--
Total	49	18.6	15	6.0‡	20	9.7

*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.