

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Eau Claire 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 Eau Claire County was slightly lower than the state rate (11.0 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 2,100 years per life lost, at a rate of 391.3 for 2001-2006. This was slightly less than the state rate (394.1 YPLL) for the same time period.
- ◆ The greatest number of suicides occurred in individuals aged 35-54, 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 \$1.5 million in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Eau Claire County suicides (41%) followed by poisoning (32%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (25%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	0	--	63	88.5	18	30.5‡
15-24	8	6.4‡	342	274.4	76	73.0
25-34	12	17.4‡	171	247.4	24	41.7
35-44	16	20.8‡	167	216.8	13	20.4‡
45-54	16	20.7‡	128	166.0	11	17.1‡
55-64	7	13.5‡	34	65.3	1	1.9‡
65-74	1	3.1‡	9	28.0‡	1	3.1‡
75-84	0	--	5	19.2‡	0	--
85+	3	26.6‡	0	--	0	--
Total	63	11.0	919	160.1	144	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.