

FOND DU LAC COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Fond du Lac 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 Fond du Lac County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (14.8 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 2,818 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 512.2 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 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 \$795,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Fond du Lac County suicides (48%) followed by poisoning (24%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (23%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	3	3.8‡	60	76.7	28	43.4
15-24	15	17.7‡	229	270.0	133	188.2
25-34	10	13.5‡	136	182.9	91	146.3
35-44	18	19.8‡	129	142.2	64	85.3
45-54	16	17.9‡	74	82.7	20	26.5
55-64	13	22.1‡	23	39.2	8	16.0‡
65-74	6	15.4‡	11	28.2‡	0	--
75-84	5	16.1‡	6	19.4‡	0	--
85+	2	13.8‡	1	6.9‡	1	8.2‡
Total	88	14.8	669	112.3	345	69.4

*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.