

# FOREST COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Forest 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 Forest County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (13.2<sup>‡</sup> versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 164 years of potential life lost.
- ◆ The suicides were dispersed across age groups. However, the greatest number of hospitalizations and emergency department visits occurred in younger individuals, aged 15-24.
- ◆ Firearms and poisoning were the most frequently used methods in Forest County suicides (38% each).

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

	Number	Rate <sup>‡</sup>
Suicides	8	13.2 <sup>‡</sup>
Inpatient Hospitalizations	116	202.1
Emergency Department Visits	1	14.5 <sup>‡</sup>

\*Emergency department data are not available for 2001.

<sup>‡</sup>Rates based on numbers of 20 or less are considered unstable due to random chance and should be interpreted with caution.