

IOWA COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Iowa 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 Iowa County for all years was slightly higher than the state rate for all years (12.0[‡] versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 554 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 419.7 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 15-24, which is younger as compared to the state. The greatest number of hospitalizations and emergency department visits also occurred in this age group. 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 \$156,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Iowa County suicides (35%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (35%) and poisoning (24%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate [‡]	Number	Rate [‡]	Number	Rate [‡]
5-14	0	--	5	24.8 [‡]	8	48.1 [‡]
15-24	6	33.7 [‡]	22	123.5	37	246.1
25-34	2	12.4 [‡]	11	68.2 [‡]	20	150.0
35-44	2	8.4 [‡]	23	96.6	13	65.8 [‡]
45-54	3	13.5 [‡]	13	58.4 [‡]	10	53.2 [‡]
55-64	2	14.3 [‡]	4	28.5 [‡]	7	58.1 [‡]
65-74	0	--	0	--	0	--
75-84	2	30.5 [‡]	1	15.2 [‡]	0	--
85+	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total	17	12.0[‡]	79	59.7	95	85.8

*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.