

# JEFFERSON COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Jefferson 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 Jefferson County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (15.8 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 2,529 years of potential life lost (YPLL), at a rate of 578.9 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 \$700,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Jefferson County suicides (47%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (23%) and poisoning (18%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	0	--	16	25.6†	29	56.6
15-24	15	21.2†	110	155.7	171	289.7
25-34	10	16.5†	76	125.2	78	153.5
35-44	19	25.7†	81	109.5	70	113.8
45-54	14	20.2†	65	93.8	37	63.3
55-64	10	21.4†	14	29.9†	8	20.1†
65-74	2	6.8†	5	17.1†	5	20.4†
75-84	2	9.8†	3	14.8†	1	5.9†
85+	2	24.0†	0	--	1	14.2†
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>101.8</b>

\*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.