

LA CROSSE COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to La Crosse 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 La Crosse County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (5.6 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 2,166 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 353.4 for 2001-2006. This was less 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 \$2 million in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in La Crosse County suicides (49%) followed by poisoning (16%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (16%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	0	--	30	36.6	36	53.1
15-24	3	2.3†	345	260.4	151	136.4
25-34	8	10.1†	203	255.5	37	56.0
35-44	9	10.0†	241	266.6	54	72.3
45-54	5	5.4†	191	207.0	26	33.5
55-64	4	6.7†	42	70.4	4	7.8†
65-74	4	10.1†	11	27.8	1	3.0†
75-84	2	6.7†	2	6.7†	1	4.0†
85+	2	15.5†	0	--	0	--
Total	37	5.6	1065	162.5	310	56.6

*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.