

# LINCOLN COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Lincoln 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 Lincoln County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (16.0 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 930 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 559.5 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 45-54, 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 \$156,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Lincoln County suicides (52%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (21%) and poisoning (17%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	0	--	7	29.8‡	8	41.3‡
15-24	3	12.5‡	46	192.2	42	209.2
25-34	3	15.2‡	19	96.2‡	19	115.9‡
35-44	6	21.8‡	33	119.9	22	96.9
45-54	9	33.1‡	15	55.2‡	7	30.4‡
55-64	3	15.1‡	5	25.1‡	2	11.9‡
65-74	3	20.2‡	4	27.0‡	0	--
75-84	1	10.0‡	1	10.0‡	0	--
85+	1	20.1‡	2	40.3‡	0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>69.8</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.