

# MANITOWOC COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Manitowoc 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 Manitowoc County for all years was slightly lower than the state rate for all years (11.6 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,618 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 351.7 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 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 \$1.3 million in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Manitowoc County suicides (40%) followed by poisoning (24%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (24%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	1	1.5‡	31	45.7	23	41.1
15-24	7	10.6‡	190	286.6	91	163.7
25-34	10	18.0‡	136	244.7	30	65.1
35-44	5	6.5‡	113	146.4	15	23.6‡
45-54	13	16.9‡	59	76.7	9	13.9‡
55-64	7	13.5‡	21	40.4	2	45.3‡
65-74	7	19.3‡	5	13.8‡	1	3.3‡
75-84	3	10.3‡	8	27.6‡	0	--
85+	5	41.2‡	3	24.7‡	1	9.8‡
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>43.6</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.