

# MARATHON COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Marathon 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 Marathon County for all years was slightly higher than the state rate for all years (12.6 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 2,984 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 412.2 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 \$1 million in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Marathon County suicides (59%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (20%) and poisoning (10%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	1	0.9†	16	14.5†	12	13.1†
15-24	17	15.9†	123	115.1	144	160.4
25-34	16	16.6†	77	80.0	58	72.3
35-44	23	18.9	95	78.2	51	50.7
45-54	11	9.4†	49	42.1	24	24.4
55-64	10	13.1†	20	26.2	6	9.2†
65-74	8	16.5†	8	16.5†	1	2.5†
75-84	10	26.8†	7	18.8†	1	3.2†
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<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>45.7</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.