

MONROE COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Monroe 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 Monroe County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (14.5 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,233 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 540.6 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 15-24 and 35-54, while the greatest number of suicides for the state occurred in individuals aged 35-54. 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 \$575,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Monroe County suicides (54%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (35%) and poisoning (8%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	2	5.4†	12	32.5†	12	39.4†
15-24	7	19.7†	105	295.6	29	96.9
25-34	6	21.0†	54	188.7	7	29.3†
35-44	7	18.5†	63	166.9	3	9.6†
45-54	7	18.4†	44	115.9	6	18.8†
55-64	2	7.8†	12	45.6†	1	4.4†
65-74	1	6.0†	2	11.9†	0	--
75-84	3	23.8†	2	15.9†	0	--
85+	2	36.4†	1	18.2†	1	21.4†
Total	37	14.5	295	115.7	59	27.7

*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.