

OCONTO COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Oconto 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 Oconto County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (11.1 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 805 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 384.2 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 \$336,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Oconto County suicides (60%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (24%) and poisoning (12%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	0	--	17	55.9‡	16	63.8‡
15-24	4	14.3‡	67	238.7	56	235.7
25-34	3	13.0‡	38	164.8	39	204.4
35-44	9	24.3‡	59	159.1	33	107.1
45-54	5	14.3‡	28	80.2	13	43.8‡
55-64	2	7.7‡	3	11.6‡	4	18.2‡
65-74	1	5.6‡	2	11.1‡	0	--
75-84	1	8.8‡	1	8.8‡	1	10.5‡
85+	0	--	0	--	1	26.9‡
Total	25	11.1	215	100.9	163	91.2

*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.