

PIERCE COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Pierce 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 Pierce County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (9.5 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 793 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 360.0 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 35-54, 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 \$136,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Pierce County suicides (55%) followed by poisoning (23%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (14%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	0	--	6	19.6†	7	27.4†
15-24	5	10.1†	44	88.6	18	43.3†
25-34	2	7.5†	23	85.6	8	35.7†
35-44	6	17.6†	16	46.9†	3	10.6†
45-54	6	17.7†	10	29.5†	3	10.4†
55-64	1	4.8†	6	28.5†	0	--
65-74	2	17.2†	1	8.6†	0	--
75-84	0	--	0	--	0	--
85+	0	--	0	--	0	--
Total	22	9.5	106	48.4	39	21.2

*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.