

# RICHLAND COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Richland 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 Richland County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (7.3 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 307 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 309.8 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 25-34 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 \$112,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Richland County suicides (50%) followed by sharp instruments (25%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	0	--	5	35.0‡	5	42.7‡
15-24	0	--	31	203.3	26	203.6
25-34	4	35.1‡	15	131.8‡	11	115.7‡
35-44	0	--	18	121.2‡	20	164.0
45-54	2	11.8‡	9	53.2‡	10	70.2‡
55-64	2	17.2‡	5	43.1‡	3	30.5‡
65-74	0	--	1	11.4‡	0	--
75-84	0	--	2	29.1‡	0	--
85+	0	--	1	34.2‡	0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7.3‡</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>87.5</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.