

ROCK COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Rock 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 Rock County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (4.9 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 2,862 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 326.0 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 35-44 and the greatest number of emergency department visits occurred in individuals aged 15-24. These findings are the same at the state level. However, the greatest number of hospitalizations occurred in those aged 25-34 in Rock County, while the greatest number of hospitalizations in the state was in individuals aged 15-24.
- ◆ The cost of inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to self-inflicted injury was over \$1.5 million in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Rock County suicides (61%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (22%) and poisoning (13%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†	Number	Rate†
5-14	2	1.5†	26	19.6	67	60.9
15-24	4	3.2†	185	146.4	271	256.2
25-34	3	2.4†	216	176.2	131	128.1
35-44	11	7.6†	201	138.1	123	102.0
45-54	9	6.6†	100	73.0	59	51.1
55-64	3	3.3†	22	24.1	4	5.2†
65-74	7	11.5†	8	13.1†	3	5.9†
75-84	5	12.1†	9	21.8†	2	6.0†
85+	2	11.7†	5	29.2†	1	6.9†
Total	46	4.9	772	88.2	661	90.4

*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.