

# RUSK COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Rusk 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 Rusk County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (10.8<sup>‡</sup> versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 218 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 260.8 for 2001-2006. This was less than the state rate (394.1 YPLL) for the same time period.
- ◆ The cost of inpatient hospitalizations and emergency department visits due to self-inflicted injury was over \$76,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Rusk County suicides (70%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate <sup>‡</sup>	Number	Rate <sup>‡</sup>	Number	Rate <sup>‡</sup>
5-14	0	--	4	34.1 <sup>‡</sup>	1	10.4 <sup>‡</sup>
15-24	1	8.2 <sup>‡</sup>	21	172.5	13	128.0 <sup>‡</sup>
25-34	1	10.9 <sup>‡</sup>	13	141.2 <sup>‡</sup>	3	39.1 <sup>‡</sup>
35-44	1	7.9 <sup>‡</sup>	23	182.5 <sup>‡</sup>	2	19.2 <sup>‡</sup>
45-54	2	14.5 <sup>‡</sup>	8	57.9 <sup>‡</sup>	3	25.8 <sup>‡</sup>
55-64	2	18.5 <sup>‡</sup>	0	--	0	--
65-74	1	12.0 <sup>‡</sup>	0	--	0	--
75-84	1	16.8 <sup>‡</sup>	0	--	0	--
85+	1	35.1 <sup>‡</sup>	0	--	0	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10.8<sup>‡</sup></b>	<b>69</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30.2</b>

\*Emergency department data are not available for 2001.

<sup>‡</sup>Rates based on numbers of 20 or less are considered unstable due to random chance and should be interpreted with caution.