

SAUK COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Sauk 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 Sauk County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (16.4 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,437 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 446.7 for 2001-2006. This was more than the state rate (394.1 YPLL) for the same time period.
- ◆ The greatest number of suicides occurred in individuals aged 35-44, 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 \$917,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Sauk County suicides (61%) followed by poisoning (19%) and hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (12%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	0	--	10	21.3‡	12	30.9‡
15-24	3	6.7‡	109	243.4	84	222.2
25-34	10	23.5‡	62	145.8	38	107.0
35-44	20	37.2	60	111.7	16	35.9‡
45-54	9	17.1‡	27	51.3	10	22.5‡
55-64	6	16.8‡	10	28.0‡	1	3.3‡
65-74	6	25.4‡	3	12.7‡	2	10.1‡
75-84	2	11.3‡	2	11.3‡	1	6.8‡
85+	1	12.5‡	2	25.0‡	1	14.8‡
Total	57	16.4	285	87.5	165	60.4

*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.