

SAWYER COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Sawyer 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 Sawyer County for all years was higher than the state rate for all years (17.7‡ versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 456 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 486.8 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 55-64, while the greatest number of suicides for the state occurred in individuals aged 35-54. 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 \$186,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Sawyer County suicides (83%) followed by hanging, strangulation, or suffocation (11%) and poisoning (6%).

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

Age Group	Deaths		Inpatient Hospitalizations		Emergency Department Visit*	
	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡	Number	Rate‡
5-14	0	--	20	163.5	6	59.9‡
15-24	1	8.5‡	54	461.3	13	131.2‡
25-34	2	22.1‡	35	386.8	10	132.5‡
35-44	3	21.5‡	47	337.4	7	60.9‡
45-54	4	24.4‡	26	158.8	1	7.2‡
55-64	5	33.9‡	4	27.1‡	0	--
65-74	2	19.4‡	0	--	0	--
75-84	0	--	0	--	0	--
85+	1	46.0‡	0	--	0	--
Total	18	17.7‡	186	183.3	37	43.5

*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.