

SHAWANO COUNTY

The information presented here represents data specific to Shawano 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 Shawano County for all years was lower than the state rate for all years (8.4 versus 11.8).
- ◆ Suicide represented a total of 1,155 years of potential life lost, at a rate of 505.5 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 45-54, 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 \$530,000 in 2006 alone.
- ◆ Firearms were the most frequently used method in Shawano County suicides (71%) followed by poisoning (19%).

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

| Age Group | Deaths | | Inpatient Hospitalizations | | Emergency Department Visit* | |
|--------------|-----------|------------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| | Number | Rate‡ | Number | Rate‡ | Number | Rate‡ |
| 5-14 | 0 | -- | 17 | 50.4‡ | 17 | 61.0‡ |
| 15-24 | 4 | 12.7‡ | 78 | 247.7 | 76 | 286.8 |
| 25-34 | 3 | 10.9‡ | 33 | 119.7 | 37 | 161.9 |
| 35-44 | 3 | 8.0‡ | 41 | 109.5 | 28 | 90.1 |
| 45-54 | 6 | 17.1‡ | 23 | 65.6 | 12 | 40.6‡ |
| 55-64 | 0 | -- | 12 | 42.4‡ | 3 | 12.5‡ |
| 65-74 | 2 | 9.7‡ | 4 | 19.7‡ | 2 | 11.9‡ |
| 75-84 | 3 | 20.1‡ | 1 | 6.7‡ | 0 | -- |
| 85+ | 0 | -- | 2 | 32.3‡ | 0 | -- |
| Total | 21 | 8.4 | 211 | 89.8 | 175 | 89.1 |

*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.